Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 22, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to January 5, 1997).

A company of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:

Gregg County Courthouse 101 E. Methvin Street, Suite 300 Longview, Texas 75601

Office of the Executive Secretary Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716 U.S. Department of Commerce 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20230

Dated: October 15, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–588–707]

Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From Japan; Notice of Rescission of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On September 25, 1997, the Department of Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on granular polytetrafluoroethylene from Japan, covering one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Mitsui-DuPont Polychemical, for the period August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1997. On September 17, 1997, we received a request for withdrawal from this review from Mitsui. Because Mitsui submitted a timely request for withdrawal and because no other interested party requested a review, we are rescinding this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Davina Hashmi or Gregory Thompson, AD/CVD Enforcement, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5760 or (202) 482–0410, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department) regulations are to the regulations published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27296).

Background

On August 28, 1997, Mitsui-DuPont Polychemical (Mitsui) requested an administrative review with respect to its entries or sales of granular polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin. On September 25, 1997, in accordance with section 351.221(b) of our regulations, we initiated an administrative review of this order for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997 (62 FR 50292). On September 17 and 25, 1997, Mitsui withdrew of its request for review.

Pursuant to section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations, a party may withdraw its request for an administrative review not later than 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the administrative review. The Department may extend this time limit if the Department decides it is reasonable to do so.

Because Mitsui submitted a timely withdrawal of its request for review and because no other party requested a review, the Department is rescinding this initiation.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Dated: October 14, 1997.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–588–706]

Nitrile Rubber From Japan: Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On August 1, 1997, the Department of Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Nitrile Rubber from Japan for one manufacturer or producer of nitrile rubber from Japan, Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd., covering the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997. The Department of Commerce is terminating the review after receiving a withdrawal of its request for a review from Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Forbes or Irene Darzenta, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0065 and (202) 482–6320, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR Part 353 (1997).

Background

On June 30, 1997, Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd., a manufacturer and exporter of merchandise subject to this order, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on nitrile rubber from Japan for the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

On August 1, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 41339) a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd. for the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997. On August 13, 1997, Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd. requested that it be allowed to withdraw its request for a review and that the review be terminated.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 353.22(a)(5) of the Department's regulations, the Department may allow a party that requests an administrative review to withdraw such request not later than 90

days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the administrative review. In light of the fact that Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd.'s request for termination was submitted within the 90-day time limit and there were no requests for review from other interested parties, we are terminating this review for Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd. *See Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea, Termination of Antidumping Duty Administration Review*, 62 FR 47460, (September 9, 1997). We will issue appraisement instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(a)(5).

Dated: October 15, 1997.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–583–824]

Notice of Termination of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polyvinyl Alcohol From Taiwan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Everett Kelly or Brian Smith, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4194 or (202) 482–1766, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department's regulations are to those codified at 19 CFR part 353, as they existed on April 1, 1996.

Background

On December 18, 1996, the Department published in the **Federal Register** notice the initiation of a new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyvinyl alcohol from Taiwan covering the exporter Perry Chemical Corporation (''Perry'') and the period May 1, 1996, through October 31, 1996 (61 FR 68237, December 28, 1996).

Under Section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Act, the Department will conduct an administrative review to establish an individual weighted average dumping margin if the Department receives a request from an exporter or producer that establishes (1) it did not export the merchandise that was the subject of the antidumping duty order to the United States during the period of investigation and (2) it is not affiliated within the meaning of section 771(33), any exporter or producer who exported the merchandise to the United States during that period of investigation.

In the less than fair value (LTFV) investigation, the Department investigated the sales of Chang Chun Petrochemicals, Ltd. (Chang Chun), the only exporter of PVA from Taiwan during the period of investigation, including sales to Perry, a U.S. importer. The record indicates that Perry has had a longstanding business relationship as an importer of PVA produced by Chang Chun and imported the subject merchandise produced and exported by Chang Chun during the period of the LTFV investigation. The Department found Chang Chun to be dumping at a rate of 19.21 percent during the LTFV investigation. In this review, the business relationship remains essentially unchanged. As shown by proprietary information on the record in this review, Perry continues to be the importer and Chang Chun continues to undertake the entire production of PVA.

For the sales in question in this review, Perry states that in addition to being the importer, it is now also the ''manufacturer/exporter'' of the subject merchandise, and that as a new exporter, it is entitled to a new shipper rate. Perry indicates that to produce the subject merchandise, Perry purchased the primary input of PVA, vinyl acetate monomer (VAM) from a Taiwan producer of VAM through an unaffiliated U.S. trading company. Perry contracted with Chang Chun to produce PVA utilizing Perry's VAM under a tolling arrangement. Perry then sold the PVA to unaffiliated customers in the United States and Canada during the period of review (POR).

In most past cases involving tolling arrangements the Department considered the manufacturer of the product exported to the United States to be the processor or toller, and not the party which controlled the production process, set the prices of the finished product in all markets, and held title to both the inputs and the subject merchandise (*see, e.g., Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Small Diameter Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Phillippines*, 51 FR 33099, September 18, 1986).

Within the last few years, the Department has reconsidered its position of deeming the toller the manufacturer. A toller has no control over the price charged to U.S. and domestic buyers of the finished product, nor does a toller set the price in either market. Moreover, because the Department only considered the price or cost of the tolling in making comparisons between U.S. prices and prices of sales of the foreign like product, the Department did not capture all of the costs of manufacturing the subject merchandise, *e.g.*, cost of inputs, as required by the statute section 773. Therefore, this approach did not allow for analysis of price comparisons between the finished products.

To resolve this situation, the Department revised its tolling practice. Rather than treat the toller as the producer, the Department now will treat the party who keeps title to the inputs and the finished product, controls the entire production process, and sets the price of the finished product in each market as the producer and, hence, the proper respondent (*see Discussion Memorandum: A Proposed Alternative to Current Tolling Methodology in the Current Antidumping (AD) Reviews of Carbon Steel Flat Products*, Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance, to Susan G. Esserman, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated December 12, 1994).

This approach is also reflected in the Department's preamble to its new regulations (*Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27295 (May 19,1997). Under section 351.401(h) of the new regulations, which, although not legally in effect for this new shipper review, are, at the time of this request for review, an expression of the Department's practice, the Department will not consider a toller or subcontractor to be a manufacturer or producer where the toller or subcontractor does not acquire ownership of the finished product and does not control the relevant sale of the subject merchandise and the foreign like product. *See also Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27411 (legally effective only for segments of the proceeding initiated based on requests filed after June 18,