

countervailing duties required on those entries at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption and to continue to collect the cash deposit previously ordered.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: June 3, 1998.

Louis Apple,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-427-098]

Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate from France; Notice of Rescission 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 February 27, 1998, the Department of Commerce published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 10002) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France. This review covered the period from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. The Department of Commerce has now rescinded this review as a result of the absence of shipments and entries into the United States of subject merchandise during the period of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Ross or Richard Rimlinger, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 1998 (63 FR 1820) a "Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate (ASM) from France (46 FR 1667, January 7, 1981). On January 22, 1998, the PQ Corporation,

the petitioner, requested an administrative review of Rhone-Poulenc, a manufacturer/exporter of ASM. The Department initiated the review on February 27, 1998 (63 FR 10002). On March 16, 1998, Rhodia Chimie, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rhone-Poulenc that is responsible for Rhone-Poulenc's speciality chemical, fiber, and polymer businesses, submitted a letter explaining that the company did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of review (POR). On April 3, 1998, the Department sent a no-shipment inquiry regarding Rhone-Poulenc to the Customs Service. The purpose of this inquiry was to determine whether the Customs Service suspended liquidation of entry summaries of this merchandise during the POR. The Customs Service did not identify any suspended entry summaries of ASM manufactured and/or exported by Rhone-Poulenc during the POR. Therefore, we have determined that there were no entries of subject merchandise into the customs territory of the United States during the POR and we are rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3). The cash-deposit rate for Rhone-Poulenc will remain at 60 percent, the rate established in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding (61 FR 44038, August 27, 1996). This notice is being published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-808]

Chrome-Plated Lug Nuts From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of chrome-plated lug nuts from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on chrome-

plated lug nuts (lug nuts) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) in response to a request by petitioner, Consolidated International Automotive, Inc. (Consolidated). This review covers shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period of September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between export price and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Scheier or Maureen Flannery, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (62 FR 27379, May 19, 1997).

Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on lug nuts from the PRC on April 24, 1992 (57 FR 15052). On August 29, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 45794) a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping order on lug nuts from the PRC covering the period September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997.

On September 29, 1997, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), Consolidated requested that we conduct an administrative review of the following PRC firms:

China National Automotive Industry I/E Corp.
China National Machinery & Equipment I/E Corp., Jiangsu Branch