

compliance status and history. This information is used to insure all legal, financial and compliance requirements are satisfied prior to issuance or denial of a permit.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Surface coal mining permit applicants and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 420.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,261.

Dated: January 7, 1999.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-403]

In the Matter of Certain Acesulfame Potassium and Blends and Products Containing Same; Notice of Decision to Extend the Deadline for Determining Whether to Review an Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337 and an Order Denying a Motion for Sanctions

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend by seven (7) days, or until January 14, 1999, the deadline for determining whether to review an initial determination (ID) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) in the above-captioned investigation finding no violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 and ALJ Order No. 23, which denied a motion for sanctions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia P. Johnson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3098. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on November 14, 1997, based on a complaint filed by Nutrinova Nutrition Specialties and Food Ingredients GmbH

of Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany, and Nutrinova Inc., of Somerset, New Jersey (collectively referred to as "complainants"). 62 FR 62070 (1997). The complaint named four respondents—Hangzhou Sanhe Food Company Ltd., of Zhejiang, People's Republic of China; JRS International, Inc., of Garfield, New Jersey; Dingsheng, Inc., of Temple City, California; and WYZ Tech., of Chino, California. Hangzhou Sanhe Food Additives Factory, of Hangzhou, Zhejiang, Peoples Republic of China was subsequently added as a respondent.

Complainants alleged that respondents had violated section 337 by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and/or selling within the United States after importation certain acesulfame potassium or blends or products containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,695,629 ("the '629 patent'") or claims 1 or 2 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,158,068 ("the '068 patent'"). Acesulfame potassium is an artificial sweetener.

The ALJ held a tutorial on the technology of artificial sweeteners and the processes for their manufacture on June 5, 1998. The evidentiary hearing was held from June 29, 1998, to July 10, 1998.

On May 12, 1998, complainants filed a motion seeking the imposition of monetary and non-monetary sanctions against respondents for respondents' failure to provide timely discovery. The motion was supported in part and opposed in part by the Commission investigative attorney (IA) and opposed by respondents. On August 14, 1998, the ALJ issued Order No. 23, denying complainants' motion for sanctions, but offering complainants an opportunity to seek reopening of the record for the purpose of presenting additional facts and arguments relevant to respondents' belatedly-produced discovery. Complainants declined to seek reopening of the record.

On November 20, 1998, the ALJ issued his final ID, in which he concluded that there was no violation of section 337, based on the following findings: (a) claims 1-5 of the '629 patent are not infringed by respondents' accused process; (b) claims 1-2 of the '068 patent are invalid as obvious over the prior art; (c) claims 1-2 of the '068 patent are not infringed by respondents' accused product.

On December 3, 1998, complainants filed a petition for review of the ID and Order No. 23, arguing that the ALJ erred in all of his adverse findings relating to failure to impose sanctions and in his

infringement analysis of the '629 patent. Complainants did not petition for review of the findings in the ID with respect to the '068 patent. The IA also petitioned for review of Order No. 23 and the ID on policy grounds. On December 10, 1998, respondents filed a response to the petitions for review. The IA also filed a response to complainants' petition for review.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and section 210.42(h)(2) of the Commission of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.42(h)(2).

Copies of the nonconfidential version of Order No. 23 and the ID, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation, are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-127 (Review)]

Elemental Sulfur From Canada

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year review, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act), that revocation of the antidumping duty finding on elemental sulfur from Canada would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Background

The Commission instituted this review on August 3, 1998 (63 FR 41280) and determined on November 5, 1998

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

that it would conduct an expedited review (63 FR 64275, November 19, 1998). The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3152 (January 1999), entitled *Elemental Sulfur from Canada: Investigation No. AA1921-127 (Review)*.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-162 (Review)]

Antidumping: Melamine From Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of a full five-year review concerning the antidumping duty finding on melamine from Japan.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a full review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty finding on melamine from Japan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207). Recent amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure pertinent to five-year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 F.R. 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by

accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 5, 1998, the Commission determined that responses to its notice of institution of the subject five-year review were such that a full review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act should proceed (63 FR 63747, November 16, 1998). A record of the Commissioners' votes and statements of Chairman Lynn M. Bragg and Commissioner Carol T. Crawford are available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

Participation in the review and public service list

Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in this review as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, by 45 days after publication of this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the review need not file an additional notice of appearance. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the review.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list

Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this review available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the review, provided that the application is made by 45 days after publication of this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9), who are parties to the review. A party granted access to BPI following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the review need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff report

The prehearing staff report in the review will be placed in the nonpublic record on May 4, 1999, and a public version will be issued thereafter,

pursuant to section 207.64 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing

The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the review beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 20, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before May 12, 1999. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 17, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), 207.24, and 207.66 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written Submissions

Each party to the review may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.65 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is May 13, 1999. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.67 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is June 1, 1999; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the review may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the review on or before June 1, 1999. On June 23, 1999, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before June 28, 1999, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.68 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's