

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-831]

Fresh Garlic From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on fresh garlic from the People's Republic of China. The review covers three producers/exporters of subject merchandise. The period of review is November 1, 1997, through October 31, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Farah Naim, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4203, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3174.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department of Commerce (the Department) may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 120 days after the date on which the notice of preliminary results was published in the *Federal Register*. In the instant case, the preliminary results were published in the *Federal Register* on July 21, 1999 (64 FR 39115). The Department has determined that more time is needed to consider comments made by petitioners in their August 23, 1999, case brief. Therefore, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, because it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results to no later than March 15, 2000.

Dated: November 18, 1999.

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[A-549-601]

Final Results of Full Sunset Review: Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From Thailand

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of full sunset review: Malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Thailand.

SUMMARY: On July 29, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of preliminary results of the full sunset review of the antidumping duty order on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Thailand (64 FR 41082) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). We provided interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received comments from respondent interested parties and rebuttal comments from domestic interested parties. The Department did not receive a request for a public hearing and, therefore, no hearing was held. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 1999.

Statute and Regulations

This review was conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act. The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("*Sunset Regulations*") and in 19 CFR Part 351 (1998) in general. Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of

sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—*Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*; Policy Bulletin, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("*Sunset Policy Bulletin*").

Scope

Imports covered by this order are shipments of certain malleable cast iron pipe fittings, other than grooved, from Thailand. These products are currently classifiable under item numbers 7307.19.90.30, 7307.19.90.60, and 7307.19.90.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes.

Background

On May 28, 1999, the Department issued the *Preliminary Results of Full Sunset Review: Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from Thailand* (64 FR 41082) ("*Preliminary Results*"). In our *Preliminary Results*, we found that revocation of the order would likely result in continuation or recurrence of dumping. In addition, we preliminarily determined that the magnitude of the margin of dumping likely to prevail if the order were revoked was 1.70 percent for Siam Fittings Co., Ltd. ("Siam") as well as for all other producers and/or exporters.

On September 13, 1999, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i), we received comments on behalf of Siam, Thai Malleable Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., and BIS Pipe Fittings Industry Co., Ltd. (collectively, "the Thai respondents"). On September 20, 1999, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.309(d), the Department received rebuttal comments from the Cast Iron Pipe Fittings Committee and its individual members, Grinnell Corporation and Ward Manufacturing, Inc. (collectively, "CIPFC"). No public hearing was requested or held in this sunset review. We have addressed the comments received below.

Comments

Comment 1: The Thai respondents argue that the Department's preliminary determination concerning the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping fails to reflect congressional intent. They argue that the Statement of Administrative Action ("SAA") expressly states that increasing exports after the issuance of an antidumping duty order is indicative that dumping is not likely to continue or resume if the order were revoked. Specifically,