DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Hua Ko Electronics Co. Ltd.; Order

In the Matter of: Hua Ko Electronics Co. Ltd., 9 Dai Shun Street, Tai Po Ind. Estate, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong, Respondent.

On November 29, 1989, the then-Under Secretary for Export Administration, Dennis E. Koske, entered an Order (hereinafter ''the 1989 Order'') affirming the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) October 30, 1989 Recommended Decision and Order entered against Hua Ko Electronics Co., Ltd. (Hua Ko).[1] The ALJ found that Hua Ko had violated the Export Administration Regulations and recommended that Hua Ko's export privileges be denied for a period of 15 years, to run concurrently with an Order entered on July 29, 1988,[2] until the full 15-year period expired. The denial imposed against Hua Ko will expire, by its own terms, on November 28, 2004.

On November 4, 1999, BXA and Hua Ko entered into a Settlement Agreement to settle allegations that it violated the terms of the 1989 Order. In reaching that agreement, BXA agreed that certain portions of the sanctions agreed to would be suspended. BXA agreed to the suspension because of (1) Hua Ko's significant cooperation in a range of investigatory matters, including the transactions covered by the Settlement Agreement; (2) Significant changes in Hua Ko's senior management; (3) Hua Ko's implementation of an export compliance program, including its commitment to comply with U.S. and Hong Kong export control laws; and (4) The relatively low-level of the classification of the U.S.-origin goods obtained by Hua Ko, coupled with the types of consumer goods produced by Hua Ko. BXA also agreed to move that I suspend the remaining denial period of the 1989 Order, which would thereafter be waived, provided that Hua Ko has committed no violation of the Act or any regulations, order or license issued thereunder. BXA has moved that I so modify the 1989 Order.

Based on the factors enumerated by BXA, I hereby determine that it is appropriate to modify the 1989 Order and therefore grant BXA's motion.

Accordingly, it is therefore ordered,

First, that, as authorized by Section 766.17(c) of the Regulations, I hereby modify the 1989 Order affirming the ALJ's Recommended Decision and Order entered against Hua Ko by suspending the remaining period of denial imposed pursuant to that Order until November 28, 2004. The suspended denial period shall, thereafter be waived, provided that, during the period of suspension, Hua Ko has committed no violation of the Act or any regulation, order or license issued thereunder. This suspension shall take effect on the date that this Order is signed.

Second, that this Order shall be served on Hua Ko and on BXA, and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective immediately.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

William A. Reinsch,

Under Secretary for Export Administration.

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[1] The 1989 Order was entered affirming the ALJ's Recommended Decisions and Orders entered against Hua Ko and Ji Wai Sun on October 30, 1989. At the time of the 1989 Order was issued, the Regulations were found in the 1989 version of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR parts 768–799 (1989)).

[2] The July 29, 1988 Order was entered by the then-Under Secretary for Export Administration, Paul Freedenberg, affirming the ALJ's June 30, 1988 Recommended Decision and Order against various parties including Hua Ko.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–847]

Persulfates From the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sunkyu Kim or James Nunno, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Office II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2613 or (202) 482–0783, respectively.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

Amendment to Final Results

In accordance with section 751(a) of the Act, on December 13, 1999, the Department published the final results of the 1996–1998 administrative review of the antidumping order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China (PRC), in which we determined that sales of persulfates from the PRC were made at less than normal value. *See Persulfates from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,* 64 FR 69494 (December 13, 1999). On December 14, 1999, we received an allegation, timely filed pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(c)(2), from FMC Corporation (the petitioner) that the Department made a ministerial error in its final results. We did not receive comments from the respondents: Shanghai Ai Jian Import & Export Corporation (Ai Jian), and Sinochem Jiangsu Wuxi Import & Export Corporation (Wuxi).

After analyzing the submission, we have determined, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224, that a ministerial error was made in our final margin calculations for Ai Jian and Wuxi. Specifically, we found that in calculating the surrogate value ratios for factory overhead and selling, general, and administrative expenses, we incorrectly allocated certain depreciation expenses between the two cost categories. For a detailed discussion of the ministerial error allegation and the Department's analysis, see the memorandum to Louis Apple, Office Director, from the Team, dated December 27, 1999.

Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e), we are amending the final results of the 1996–1998 antidumping duty administrative review on persulfates from the PRC.

The revised weight-averaged dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/exporter	Original final margin percentage	Revised final margin percentage
Shanghai Ai Jian I/E Corp.	5.41	5.54
Sinochem Jiangsu Wuxi I/E Corp.	7.18	7.37

Scope of Review

The products covered by this review are persulfates, including ammonium, potassium, and sodium persulfates. The

chemical formula for these persulfates are, respectively, (NH sub4) sub2 S sub2 O sub8, K sub2 S sub2 O sub8, and Na sub2 S sub2 O sub8. Ammonium and potassium persulfates are currently classified under subheading 2833.40.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Sodium persulfate is classified under HTSUS subheading 2833.40.20. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

This administrative review is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Opportunity To Apply for Membership on the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications for membership on the U.S. side of the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation (CBC). The initial term of the CBC expired on October 1, 1999, but was reauthorized on December 17, 1999, and will expire on January 1, 2001. The purpose of the CBC is to make recommendations to the governments of the United States and South Korea on ways to facilitate stronger commercial ties between the U.S. and South Korea. This is accomplished by undertaking work programs, reporting on the results, and presenting written recommendations to the two governments. The CBC is co-chaired by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the South Korean Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy. Its activities are undertaken by an equal number of private sector representatives from the United States and South Korea.

Membership Opportunity

The CBC will expire January 1, 2001, but may be renewed upon the mutual agreement of the U.S. and Korea. Applications are now being sought for U.S. private sector members to serve beginning immediately and until January 1, 2001. Private sector members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. They are expected to participate fully in defining and implementing CBC work programs, reporting on the results, and presenting written recommendations to the two governments. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for the CBC will attend at least 75% of CBC meetings, which are held alternately in the U.S. and South Korea. It is expected that the next meeting will take place in Washington, DC.

It is further expected that the U.S. private sector members will provide a secretariat to support the activities of the U.S. side of the CBC. The tasks of the Secretariat shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. Maintain the membership list;

B. Perform organizational matters in connection with the meetings of the CBC and its working groups, if such are formed, including but not limited to, logistics, agendas and reports;

C. Perform other administrative duties that might arise between meetings; and

D. Prepare the written report to the Co-Chairs making recommendations on ways to enhance bilateral commercial relations.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in the CBC, and may be responsible for a pro rata share of administrative and communications costs relating to the CBC, including, as appropriate, the costs of a secretariat to manage administrative and logistical matters relating to the operation of the CBC. The private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate, not those of their individual firms. Private sector members are not special government employees.

Objectives

The objectives of the CBC are as follows:

A. Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments, and issues of concern to the business communities in the U.S. and Korea;

B. Improving the dissemination of appropriate commercial information on both markets; and

C. Adopting sectoral approaches to addressing specific problems, and making recommendations to decision-makers.

Membership Criteria

An applicant must be:

- a U.S. citizen residing in the United States; and
- not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA).

In reviewing eligible applicants, the Department of Commerce will consider:

- Experience in doing business in South Korea;
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the CBC will be active; and
- Contribution to CBC diversity (*i.e.*, company size, type, location, demographics and/or traditional under-representation in business).

The Department of Commerce will also give preference to primary companies involved in manufacturing and services.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: (1) Name and title of the individual requesting consideration; (2) name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; (3) company's product or service line; (4) size of the company; (5) export experience and major markets; (6) a brief statement of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the CBC; (7) the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; (8) a personal resume; and (9) a statement signed by the applicant that he or she is a U.S. citizen residing in the United States and not a registered foreign agent under FARA. Up to two applicants from the same organization can be considered.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Philip R. Agress, Director, Office of Korea and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2036, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, fax (202) 482–4760.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Droker, Director, Korea and Taiwan Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2323, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482–3876, fax (202) 482–3316.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

Philip R. Agress,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific.

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