

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

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**Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From Japan and Greece: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Reviews**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limits for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on electrolytic manganese dioxide from Japan and Greece. The period of review is April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 8, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**The 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, as amended (the 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 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

**Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results**

The Department has received a request to conduct administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on electrolytic manganese dioxide from Japan and Greece. On May 20, 1999, and June 30, 1999, the Department initiated these administrative reviews covering the period April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999 (64 FR 28973 and 64 FR 35124, respectively).

On December 28, 1999, we extended the preliminary results for both cases from December 31, 1999, to February 14, 2000. Because it is not practicable to

complete these reviews by February 14, 2000, due to the complexity of the issues involved (see Memoranda from Laurie Parkhill to Richard W. Moreland, Extension of Time Limit for Administrative Reviews of Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Japan and Greece, February 1, 2000), the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results by 75 days from the current deadline of February 14, 2000. Thus, the extended deadline for issuance of the preliminary results is May 1, 2000. The Department intends to issue the final results of reviews 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results. This extension of the time limit is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: February 1, 2000.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** On November 8, 1999, the Department of Commerce published in the Federal Register the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. This review covers four manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States (Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd., Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd., and Rubfil Sdn. Bhd.). The period of review is October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998.

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We have based our analysis on the comments received and have changed the results from those presented in the preliminary results of review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 8, 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On November 8, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the 1997-1998 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia (64 FR 60766). The Department has now completed this administrative review, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

**Scope of the Review**

The product covered by this review is extruded rubber thread. Extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm, which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge, to 1.42 mm, which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge, in diameter. Extruded rubber thread is currently classifiable under subheading 4007.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

**Period of Review**

The period of review (POR) is October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998.

**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to 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 citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

**Facts Available**

*A. Use of Facts Available for Rubfil Sdn. Bhd. (Rubfil)*

In accordance with section 776(a)(2)(A) of the Act, we determine that the use of facts available is appropriate as the basis for Rubfil's dumping margin. Paragraphs 776(a)(2)(A) through (D) of the Act provide, respectively, that if an interested party: (A) withholds information that has been requested by the Department; (B) fails to provide such information in a timely manner or in the form or manner requested, subject to subsections 782(c)(1) and (e) of the Act; (C) significantly impedes a