The Department will disclose the calculations performed to parties to the proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit case briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issues; and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will issue a notice of the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at the hearing, within 120 days from the publication of these preliminary results.

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the determination. For Kumho and Jinyang, for duty assessment purposes, we calculated importer-specific assessment rates by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales to each importer and dividing this amount by the total entered value of total sales. In order to estimate the entered value, we subtracted international movement, expenses from the gross sales value. The rate calculated for each importer will be used for the assessment of antidumping duties on the relevant entries of subject merchandise during the POR. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we will instruct the Customs Service to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties all entries for any importer for whom the assessment rate is de minimis (i.e., less than 0.50 percent).

As a result of a Sunset Review of steel wire rope from Korea, the Department has revoked the antidumping duty order for this case, effective January 1, 2000. See 65 FR 3205 (January 20, 2000). Therefore, we have instructed the Customs Service to terminate suspension of liquidation for all entries of subject merchandise made after January 1, 2000. We will issue additional instructions directing the Customs Service to liquidate all entries of steel wire rope made after January 1, 2000, without regard to antidumping duties.

Entries of subject merchandise made prior to January 1, 2000, will continue to be subject to suspension of liquidation and antidumping duty deposit requirements. The Department will complete any pending reviews of this order and will conduct administrative reviews of subject merchandise entered prior to the effective date of revocation in response to appropriately filed requests for review.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.


Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
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Sulfanilic Acid From the People’s Republic of China: Amendment of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of amendment of final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On March 13, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the final results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on sulfanilic acid from the People’s Republic of China covering the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998 (65 FR 13366). This review covers two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise, Zhenxing/Mancheng (Zhenxing) and Yude/Xinyu (Yude), for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998. After publication of our final results, we received timely allegations from respondents that we had made a ministerial error in calculating the final results. No other party commented on the final results. We agree that we made a ministerial error and have corrected our calculations in accordance with section 751 (h) of the Tariff Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Carey or Robert James, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–3964, or (202) 482–0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department’s regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

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Analysis of Ministerial Error

Allegations Received From Interested Parties

We received one ministerial error allegation from respondents stating that the Department neglected to revise the surrogate value for electricity in its final calculations of normal value. As defined by section 751 (h) of the Tariff Act, the term “ministerial error” includes errors “in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical errors resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other type of unintentional error which the [Department] considers ministerial.”

We agree with respondents that the correct surrogate value for electricity in our calculation of normal value should be the non-inflated value of 2.922 rupees per kilowatt-hour. We are amending six of the Department’s Analysis Memorandum for the Final
Results of the 1997/98 Administrative Review of Sulfanilic Acid from the People’s Republic of China, dated March 6, 2000. In the final results, we inadvertently used a higher figure of 3.039 rupees. This type of unintentional error meets the definition of ministerial error contained in the Tariff Act. We have made the suggested correction for the amended final results.

Amended Final Results of Review

We determine that the following percentage weighted-average margins exist for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998:

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<td>Yude (Yude/Xinyu) Chemical Industry, Co. and Zhenxing (Zhenxing/Mancheng) Chemical Industry, Co1</td>
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1 Exporters Yude (Yude/Xinya) and Zhenxing (Zhenxing/Mancheng) have been collapsed for the purposes of this administrative review. See Sulfanilic Acid from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review, 64 FR 48788 (September 8, 1999); Decision Memo, Affiliation/Collapsing section.

2 This rate will be applied to all firms other than Yude (Yude/Xinyu) and Zhenxing (Zhenxing/Mancheng), including all firms which did not respond to our questionnaire.

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b), we have calculated exporter/importer-specific assessment rates. With respect to both price and constructed export price sales, we divided the total dumping margins for the reviewed sales by the total entered value of those reviewed sales for each importer. We will direct Customs to assess the resulting percentage margins against the entered Customs values for the subject merchandise on each of that importer’s entries under the relevant order during the review period.

Amended Cash Deposit Requirements

The following amended deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of amended final results of administrative review for all shipments of sulfanilic acid from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act. This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with section 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.


Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–549–502]

Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review: Certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand.

SUMMARY: In response to requests by a Thai manufacturer, Saha Thai Steel Company, Ltd. (“Saha Thai”), a Thai manufacturer of the subject merchandise to the United States. The period of review (POR) is March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999.

We have preliminarily determined that the respondent sold subject merchandise at less than normal value (“NV”) during the POR. If those preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties based on the differences between the export price and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding should also submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Ludwig or Javier Barrientos, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Room 7866, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3833 and (202) 482–2243, respectively.

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 (“URAA”). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department’s regulations are to those codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).