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The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are 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's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

On March 30, 1999, the Department received a request from Yancheng Haiteng Aquatic Products & Foods Co., Ltd. to conduct a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China. On May 6, 1999, the Department published its initiation of this new shipper review covering the period September 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999 (64 FR 24328). On March 15, 2000, the Department published the preliminary results of review (65 FR 13939). On May 1, 2000, the Department extended the time limit for the final results of this new shipper review to June 23, 2000 (65 FR 25309). On June 28, 2000, the Department extended the time limit for the final results of this new shipper review to July 14, 2000 (65 FR 39868).

Extension of Time Limits for Final Results

Because of the complexities enumerated in the *Memorandum from Edward C. Yang to Joseph A. Spetrini, Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of New Shipper Review of Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China*, dated July 13, 2000, we find this case is extraordinarily complicated and thus are unable to complete this review by the scheduled deadline. Therefore, in accordance with section 351.214(i)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time period for issuing the final results of review until July 24, 2000.

Dated: July 14, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Partial Rescission of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 2000.

SUMMARY: On November 15, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 61833) a notice announcing the initiation of six new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat (crawfish) from the People's Republic of China (PRC), covering the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. One new shipper review is now being rescinded as a result of the withdrawal of request for a new shipper antidumping duty review by Yixing Ban Chang Foods Co., Ltd. (Yixing).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 19, 1999, Yixing, an exporter of the subject merchandise, requested a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on crawfish from the PRC in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b). On November 14, 1999, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated a new shipper review of this order for the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. On February 25, 2000, Yixing withdrew its request for this review.

Rescission of Review

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.214(f)(1) provide that a party

may withdraw its request for review within 60 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Although Yixing's request for withdrawal was more than 60 days from the date of initiation, consistent with the Department's past practice in context of administrative reviews conducted under section 751(a) of the Act, the Department has discretion to extend the time period for withdrawal on a case-by-case basis. (See e.g. *Iron Construction Casings from Canada: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 63 FR 45797 (August 27, 1998).) Rescission of this review would not prejudice any party in this proceeding, as Yixing would continue to be included in the PRC-wide rate to which it was subject at the time of its request for this new shipper review. Yixing is the only party that requested a review of Yixing of its sales for the September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999 period and no other party has objected to its withdrawal of that request. Therefore, we are rescinding this review. This determination is issued and published in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675) and 19 CFR 351.214(f).

Dated: June 22, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Final Results of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of new shipper antidumping duty review.

SUMMARY: On March 15, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the new shipper review of sales to the United States by Yancheng Haiteng Aquatic Products & Foods Co., Ltd. (Yancheng Haiteng) of freshwater crawfish tail meat (crawfish) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (65 FR 13939). This review covers the period September 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999. We received no comments on our preliminary results, but we have made