

the People's Republic of China; *Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 65 FR 18059, 18061 (April 6, 2000). In addition, the rate selected was corroborated, to the extent practicable, in an earlier review (see *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Termination of Administrative Review*, 61 FR 68229 (December 27, 1996)). We have no new information that would lead us to reconsider the reliability of that rate. Further, with respect to the relevance aspect of corroboration, the Department will consider information reasonably at its disposal as to whether there are circumstances that would render a margin not relevant. Where circumstances indicate that the selected margin may not be relevant, the Department will attempt to find a more appropriate basis for facts available. See, e.g., *Fresh Cut Flowers from Mexico; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 61 FR 6812, 6814 (February 22, 1996) (where the Department disregarded the highest margin as best information available because the margin was based on another company's uncharacteristic business expense resulting in an unusually high margin).

In the less-than-fair-value investigation, we received no responses to requests for information on behalf of the respondent-companies. We therefore assigned a best-information-available margin of 376.67 percent for all manufacturers and producers of the subject merchandise. See *Antidumping Duty Order: Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 59209 (November 16, 1994). We selected the rate of 376.67 from the petition because it was the highest rate provided in that document. We assigned this margin in all subsequent reviews, where the respondents likewise did not respond to our requests for information. See *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Termination of Administrative Review*, 62 FR 23758 (May 1, 1997); *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Termination of Administrative Review*, 62 FR 51082 (September 30, 1997); *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 65 FR 33295 (May 23, 2000). There is no other information reasonably at our disposal that would render the rate not relevant.

In the current review, we are assigning the PRC-wide rate of 376.67

percent since the respondents did not respond to our requests for information. We find that this rate is of probative value. Therefore, we find that the rate is an appropriate basis for adverse facts otherwise available.

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of our review, we preliminarily determine that a margin of 376.67 percent exists for all producers/exporters of the subject merchandise as the PRC-entity for the period November 1, 1998, through October 31, 1999.

Interested parties may request a hearing not later than 30 days after publication of this notice. Interested parties may also submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with each argument a statement of the issue and a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held three days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs.

The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including a discussion of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing. The Department will issue final results of this review within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results.

Upon completion of the final results in this review, the Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

Furthermore, the following deposit rate will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of fresh garlic from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(c) of the Act: for all PRC exporters and for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate established in the final results of this review.

This deposit rate, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) 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.

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

Dated: August 1, 2000.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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International Trade Administration

Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of New Shipper Antidumping Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Postponement of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Gilgunn or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0648 and (202) 482-3020, respectively.

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 September 19, 1999 and September 30, 1999 the Department of Commerce (the Department) received timely requests from Yixing Ban Chang Foods Co., Ltd. (Yixing), Fujian Pelagic Fishery Group Company (Fujian Pelagic), Yangzhou Lakebest Foods Co., Ltd. (Yangzhou Lakebest), Suqian Foreign Trade Co., Ltd. (Suqian), Qingdao Zhengri Seafood Co., Ltd. (Qingdao Zhengri), and Shantou SEZ

Yangfeng Marine Products Company (Shantou Yangfeng) to conduct new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China (PRC). On November 15, 1999 (64 FR 61833), the Department initiated these new-shipper antidumping reviews covering the period September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. On February 25, 2000, Yixing withdrew its request for a new shipper review.

Postponement of New Shipper Review

On May 22, 2000 and May 24, 2000, Fujian Pelagic, Qingdao Zhengri, Shantou Yangfeng, Suqian, and Yangzhou Lakebest, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(j)(3), agreed to waive the applicable new shipper time limits to their new shipper reviews so that the Department might conduct their new shipper reviews concurrently with the 1998/99 administrative review of crawfish tail meat from the PRC. Therefore, pursuant to respondents' request and in accordance with the Departments' regulations, we are conducting these reviews concurrently with the 1998/99 administrative review of freshwater crawfish tail meat from the PRC. As a result, the date of preliminary antidumping duty results in these new shipper reviews is September 29, 2000.

This notice is published in accordance with Section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(j)(3).

Dated: August 2, 2000.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Preliminary Results and Partial Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Intent To Revoke Antidumping Duty Order in Part: Certain Pasta From Italy

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results and Partial Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Intent to Revoke the Antidumping Duty Order in Part.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain pasta

("pasta") from Italy in response to requests by the following companies: Commercio-Rappresentanze-Export S.r.l. ("Corex"); F.lli De Cecco di Filippo Fara S. Martino S.p.A. ("De Cecco"); La Molisana Industrie Alimentari S.p.A. ("La Molisana"); Pastificio Fratelli Pagani S.p.A. ("Pagani"); Pastificio Antonio Pallante ("Pallante"); P.A.M. S.r.l. ("PAM"); Pastificio Maltagliati S.p.A. ("Maltagliati"); N. Puglisi & F. Industria Paste Alimentare S.p.A. ("Puglisi"); and Rummo S.p.A. Molino e Pastificio ("Rummo"). The review covers exports of pasta to the United States for the period of review ("POR") July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

We preliminarily determine that during the POR, La Molisana and PAM sold subject merchandise at less than normal value ("NV"). If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties equal to the difference between the export price ("EP") or constructed export price ("CEP") and NV.

We preliminarily determine that during the POR, Corex, De Cecco, Pallante, Pagani and Puglisi did not make sales of the subject merchandise at less than NV (*i.e.*, "zero" or *de minimis* dumping margins). If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. Also, if these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this administrative review, we intend to revoke the antidumping order with respect to De Cecco, based on three years of sales at not less than NV. See "*Intent to Revoke*" section of this notice.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments in this proceeding should also submit with them: (1) A statement of the issues; (2) a brief summary of the comments; and (3) a table of authorities. Further, we would appreciate it if parties submitting written comments would provide the Department with an additional copy of the public version of any such comments on diskette.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brinkmann or Jarrod Goldfeder, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 6, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,

DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4126 or (202) 482-2305, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The 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 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to Department regulations refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1999).

Background

On July 24, 1996, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on pasta from Italy (61 FR 38547). On July 15, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** the notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of this order, for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 (64 FR 38181).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2) the following producers and/or exporters of pasta from Italy requested an administrative review of their sales: Corex; De Cecco; La Molisana; Maltagliati; Pagani; Pallante; PAM; Puglisi; and Rummo. On July 28, 2000, De Cecco also requested revocation of the order with respect to its sales of subject merchandise. On August 30, 1999, we published the notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review covering the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 for all nine companies. *Notice of Initiation*, 64 FR 47167 (August 30, 1999).¹

For De Cecco, La Molisana, Pagani, PAM, Puglisi and Rummo, the Department disregarded sales that failed the cost test during the most recently completed segment of the proceeding in which each company participated. Therefore, pursuant to section 773(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Act, we had reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales by these companies of the foreign like product under consideration for the determination of NV in this review were made at prices below the cost of production ("COP"). Therefore, we initiated cost investigations on these six companies at the time we initiated the antidumping review. During the course of this review, we completed the administrative review for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. See

¹ Puglisi was inadvertently omitted from the August 30, 1999 initiation notice. The *Notice of Initiation* was amended on September 8, 1999 to include Puglisi (64 FR 48897).