

initiating antidumping duty investigations to determine whether imports of LEU from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless extended, we will make our preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of these initiations.

#### Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of each petition has been provided to the representatives of the governments of France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of each petition to each exporter named in the petition, as appropriate.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiations, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

#### Preliminary Determinations by the ITC

The ITC will determine, no later than January 22, 2001, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of LEU from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination for any country will result in the investigation being terminated with respect to that country; otherwise, these investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: December 27, 2000.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-504]

#### Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 5, 2001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Renkey or Abdelali Elouaradia, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2312 and (202) 482-1374, 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 August 13, 1999, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), counsel for three PRC companies requested that we conduct an administrative review. These three companies were Shanghai Gift and Travel Products Import and Export Corporation, Liaoning Native Product Import and Export Corporation, and Tianjin Native Produce Import and Export Group Corporation, Ltd. On August 31, 1999, the National Candle Association (petitioner), requested that we conduct an administrative review of twenty-two specific producers/exporters. On October 1, 1999, the Department published its initiation of this administrative review for the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999 (64 FR 53318). On September 7, 2000, the Department published the preliminary results of this review (65 FR 54224).

#### Extension of Time Limits for Final Results

Due to the complexities involved with this particular case, including whether a respondent is eligible for a separate rate and the choice of adverse facts available, we find that it is not practicable to make a final determination by the current deadline of January 5, 2001. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time period for issuing the final results of this review until no later than March 6, 2001.

Dated: December 29, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-427-001]

#### Sorbitol From France; Time Limits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the 1999-2000 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on sorbitol from France. This review covers one exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Amylum France and Amylum SPI Europe (collectively, Amylum). The period of review is April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 5, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Baker at (202) 482-2924 or Robert James at (202) 482-0649, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department initiated this administrative review on June 2, 2000 (65 FR 35320). Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. Because of the complexity of researching whether or not Amylum entries during the period of review (POR), and the need to allow parties the opportunity to comment on the results of our research prior to issuing preliminary results of review, we are extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until April 30, 2001. See Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph Spetrini, titled, "Extension of Time Limit for the April 1999 through March 2000 Administrative Review," dated the same date as the publication of this notice, on file in room B-099 of the main Commerce building. The deadline for the final results will continue to be 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.