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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review: Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary results of the new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China until no later than February 13, 2003. The period of review is September 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Kirby or Thomas Gilgunn, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3782 or (202) 482-4236, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351(2002).

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of a new shipper review within 180 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated, and final results of review within 90 days after the date on which

the preliminary results were issued. However, if the Department determines the issues are extraordinarily complicated, section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act allows the Department to extend the deadline for the preliminary results to up to 300 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated.

Background

On March 29, 2002 the Department received a timely request from Weishan Zhenyu Foodstuff Co., Ltd. (Zhenyu), in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and section 351.214(c) of the regulations, for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), which has a September anniversary date. On April 23, 2002 the Department initiated this new shipper review covering the period September 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002. See *Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Review* (67 FR 21218). On September 26, 2002, the Department extended the preliminary results of this review by 33 days until November 22, 2002. See *Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review* (67 FR 60640).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a new shipper review if it determines that the case is extraordinarily complicated. The Department has determined that this case is extraordinarily complicated, and the preliminary results of this new shipper review cannot be completed within the statutory time limit of 180 days. The Department finds that this new shipper review is extraordinarily complicated because of the issues that must be addressed. The Department is now analyzing the respondent's supplemental questionnaire response containing additional information concerning affiliation, date of sale, and factor value data. Given the issues in this case, the Department may find it necessary to request further information in this new shipper review. Therefore, in accordance with section 351.214(i)(2) of the regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of preliminary results for an additional 83 days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than February 13, 2003.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 25, 2002.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-810]

Mechanical Transfer Presses from Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of mechanical transfer presses (MTPs) from Japan until no later than February 28, 2003. The period of review is February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Arrowsmith, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VII, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2001).

Background

On February 19, 2001, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a timely request for administrative review of the antidumping duty order on MTPs from Japan from respondent Hitachi Zosen Corporation (HZC), and its subsidiary Hitachi Zosen Fukui Corporation d/b/a H&F Corporation (H&F). See *Antidumping Duty Order: Mechanical Transfer Presses from*

Japan, 55 FR 5642 (February 16, 1990). On February 28, 2001, the Department received a timely request from the petitioner, IHI-Verson Press Technology, LLC, for an administrative review of HZC, H&F, Komatsu, Ltd., and Komatsu American Industries, LLC. On March 27, 2002, the Department published a notice of initiation of this administrative review, covering the period of February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002 (*see* 67 FR 14696), for HZC and its subsidiary H&F, and Komatsu, Ltd. On May 22, 2002, we published *Mechanical Transfer Presses from Japan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Revocation, in-Part*, in which we revoked this antidumping duty order, in part, with respect to Komatsu, Ltd. The revocation was effective for subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after February 1, 2001. *See* 67 FR 35958. Therefore, we are preliminarily rescinding this review with respect to Komatsu, Ltd. The preliminary results for HZC/H&F are currently due no later than October 31, 2002.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Due to several complex issues involving normal value, it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The Department is therefore extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review by 120 days, from October 31, 2002, until no later than February 28, 2003, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results. This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 25, 2002.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-501]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results of Administrative Review: Natural Bristle Paint Brushes From the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from the People's Republic of China until no later than January 23, 2003. The period of review is February 1, 2001, through January 31, 2002. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Kirby or Sean Carey, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3782 or (202) 482-3964, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2002).

Statutory Time Limits

Section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order or suspension agreement for which the administrative review was requested, and final results of review within 120 days after the date on which notice of the preliminary results was published in the Federal Register. However, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 351.213(h)(2) of the Regulations allows the Department to extend the 245-day period to 365 days and may extend the 120-day period to 180 days.

Background

On February 1, 2002, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (67 FR 4945). On February 28, 2002, the Department received a timely request from petitioner for administrative reviews of Hunan Provincial Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import and Export

Corporation (Hunan) and Hebei Founder Import and Export Company (Hebei). On March 27, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads, for the period from February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002, in order to determine whether merchandise imported into the United States is being sold at less than fair value with respect to these two companies. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocations in Part* (67 FR 14696).

On May 1, 2002 the Department issued antidumping questionnaires to Hebei and Hunan. In its reply to Section A of the questionnaire, Hebei stated that it had made no sales or shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. The Department also performed a U.S. Customs Service (Customs) query for entries of natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads, classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item number 9603.40.40.40, from the PRC during the POR. We found no entries or shipments from Hebei during the POR. Thus, the Department rescinded the review with respect to Hebei. *See Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Brush Heads From the People's Republic of China; Notice of Rescission, In Part, of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 67 FR 58018 (September 13, 2002). The Department's preliminary results in the review of Hunan are currently due October 31, 2002.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the time specified in section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations. The Department has determined that the preliminary results of this administrative review cannot be completed within the statutory time limit of 245 days. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this administrative review because there are a number of issues that must be addressed. For example, the Department has prepared a supplemental questionnaire requesting additional information on the respondent's questionnaire responses concerning affiliation and date of sale. Given the issues in this case, the Department may find it necessary to request even more information in this administrative