exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: February 21, 2003.

Holly A. Kuga,

Senior Office Director, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–007]

Barium Chloride From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Drew Jackson of John Conniff at (202) 482–4406 or (202) 482–1009, respectively; AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 2, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on barium chorloride from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (67 FR 61849). Pursuant to a request made by Chemical Products Corporation (the petitioner), the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumpimg duty order on barium chloride from the PRC for the period October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, on November 18, 2002 (67 FR 70402); (November 22, 2002). On January 7, 2003, the petitioner withdrew its request for the administrative review of barium chloride from the PRC.

Rescission of Review

Section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations provides that a party that requests an administrative review may withdraw the request within 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested administrative review. The Department is rescinding the administrative review of the order on barium chloride from the PRC for the period October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, because the requesting party has withdrawn its request for this administrative review within the 90-day time limit and no other interested parties have requested a review of barium chloride from the PRC for this time period.

This notice is in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: February 20, 2003.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-489–805]

Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Pasta from Turkey

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

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On August 19, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain pasta (pasta) from Turkey, covering the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, and one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Filiz Gida Sanayi ve Ticaret (Filiz). *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 67 FR 55000 (August 27, 2002). This review has now been rescinded due to Filiz's withdrawal of its request for an administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyman Armstrong or Jim Neel, 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) 482–3601 or (202) 482–4161, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 31, 2002, the Department received a letter from Filiz requesting an administrative review of the antidumping order on pasta from Turkey. On August 19, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping order on pasta from Turkey for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. On August 29, 2002, Filiz submitted a letter requesting to withdraw from the above referenced administrative review.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of certain non-egg dry pasta in packages of five pounds (2.27 kilograms) or less, whether or not enriched or fortified or containing milk or other optional ingredients such as chopped vegetables, vegetable purees, milk, gluten, diastases, vitamins, coloring and flavorings, and up to two percent egg white. The pasta covered by this scope is typically sold in the retail market, in fiberboard or cardboard cartons, or polyethylene or polypropylene bags of varying dimensions.

Excluded from the scope of this review are refrigerated, frozen, or canned pastas, as well as all forms of egg pasta, with the exception of non-egg dry pasta containing up to two percent egg white.

The merchandise subject to review is currently classifiable under item 1902.19.20 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to the order is dispositive.

Rescission of Administrative Review

Within 90 days of the August 27, 2002 notice of initiation, Filiz requested to withdraw from the above referenced administrative review. *See* Letter from Filiz to the Department dated August 29, 2002 on file in the Central Records unit, Room B-099, Main Building of the Department of Commerce.

In accordance with the Department's regulations, and consistent with its practice, the Department hereby rescinds the administrative review of pasta from Turkey for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. *See* 19 CFR section 351.213(d)(1), which states in pertinent part: ''The Secretary will

rescind an administrative review under this section, in whole or in part, if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review.''

This notice is in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and section 351.213(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

Bernard Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–847]

Persulfates from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results in Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Strollo at (202) 482–0629, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 2002, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China. *See* Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part, 67 FR 55000 (Aug. 27, 2002). The period of review is July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The review covers one exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States.

In accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tarriff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an administrative review of an antidumping duty order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend the 245–day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. Due to the respondent's request for a partial revocation of the antidumping duty order, and the fact that the Department needs sufficient time to conduct a verification in this proceeding, it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limit mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we have fully extended the deadline until July 31, 2003.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

Susan Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretaryfor Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–351–837, A–533–828, A–580–852, A–201–831, A–549–820]

Notice of Initiation of antidumping duty investigations: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Brazil, India, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, and Thailand

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

ACTION: Initiation of antidumping duty investigations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magd Zalok (Brazil and Republic of Korea) at (202) 482–4162, Victoria Schepker (India and Thailand) at (202) 482–1756, and David Layton (Mexico) at (202) 482–0371, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Initiation of Investigations

The Petitions

On January 31, 2003, the Department received petitions filed in proper form by American Spring Wire Corp., Insteel Wire Products Company, and Sumiden Wire Products Corp. (collectively, the petitioners). The Department received supplemental information to the petitions from February 4 through February 14, 2003.

In accordance with section 732(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Brazil, India, the Republic of Korea (Korea), Mexico, and Thailand are, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that imports from Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand are materially injuring, or are threatening to materially injure an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed these petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because they are interested parties as defined in sections 771(9)(C) of the Act and they have demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to each of the antidumping investigations that they are requesting the Department to initiate. *See infra,* ''Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions.''

Period of Investigation

The anticipated period of investigation (POI) for Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand is January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002.

Scope of Investigations

For purposes of these investigations, prestressed concrete steel wire (PC strand) is steel strand produced from wire of non-stainless, non-galvanized steel, which is suitable for use in prestressed concrete (both pretensioned and post-tensioned) applications. The product definition encompasses covered and uncovered strand and all types, grades, and diameters of PC strand.

The merchandise under these investigations is currently classifiable under subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

As discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations (*Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule,* 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997)), we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all parties to submit such comments within 20 calendar days of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's Central Records Unit, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. The period of scope consultations is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments