

market price for imputed credit by deducting home market credit expenses. Petitioner also deducted home market indirect selling expenses as a CEP offset to NV. Finally, for comparison to CEP, petitioner converted the net home market price to U.S. dollars based on the average Federal Reserve exchange rate for the POI.

We are initiating this investigation based on actual U.S. prices of Allura Red from India obtained by petitioners. Based on the comparison of actual U.S. prices to NV, the estimated dumping margins range from 137.69 percent to 226.21 percent. To the extent necessary, we will consider the appropriateness of petitioner's alternative bases for determining U.S. price during the course of this proceeding. Should the need arise to use any of this information as facts available, under section 776 of the Act, in our preliminary or final determinations, we may re-examine the information and revise the margin calculations, if appropriate.

Fair Value Comparisons

Based on the data provided by petitioner, there is reason to believe that imports of Allura Red from India are being, or are likely to be, sold at less than fair value. See Petition.

Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

Petitioner alleges that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports from India of the subject merchandise sold at less than NV. Petitioner contends that the industry's injured condition is evident in the reduced levels of production and capacity utilization, decline in profits, decline in research and development, decreased U.S. market share, lost sales and revenue, and price suppression and depression. The allegations of injury and causation are supported by relevant evidence including lost sales and pricing information. We have assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation, and have determined that these allegations are properly supported by accurate and adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation. See *AD Initiation Checklist*.

Initiation of Antidumping Investigation

Based on our examination of the petition on Allura Red, and petitioner's responses to our requests for supplemental information clarifying the petition, we have found that the petition meets the requirements of section 732 of the Act. See *AD Initiation Checklist*.

Therefore, we are initiating an antidumping duty investigation to determine whether imports of Allura Red from India are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the deadline is extended, we will make our preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the representatives of the government of India. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as provided for under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

International Trade Commission Notification

Pursuant to section 732(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our initiation.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine, no later than April 18, 2003, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of Allura Red from India are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, this investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

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

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Department of Agriculture—Albany, CA, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Suite 4100W, Franklin Court Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 03-007. *Applicant:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Albany, CA 94710. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G² TWIN, G² Upgrade, and Accessories. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* See notice at 68 FR 9984, March 3, 2003. *Order Date:* September 27, 2002.

Docket Number: 03-008. *Applicant:* The Rockefeller University, New York, NY 10021. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G² 12 BioTWIN. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* See notice at 68 FR 9984, March 3, 2003. *Order Date:* February 22, 2002.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. *Reasons:* Each foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of each instrument.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Allura Red from India

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 31, 2003.

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Initiation of Investigation

The Petition

On March 4, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a petition filed in proper form by Sensient