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Dated: September 10, 2003.

**Roberto Salazar,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on October 7, 2003, in Crescent City, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the selection of Title II projects under Public Law 106-393, H.R. 2389, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called the "Payments to States" Act.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Del Norte County Unified School District Board Room, 301 West Washington, Crescent City, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Chapman, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501. Phone: (707) 441-3549. e-mail: [lchapman@fs.fed.us](mailto:lchapman@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to finalize the lists of Title II projects for fiscal year 2004. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the committee at that time.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

**S.E. 'Lou' Woltering,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-827]

#### Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review and Intent to Revoke Order in Part: Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation and preliminary results of antidumping duty changed circumstances review and intent to revoke order in part.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and section 351.216(b) of the Department of Commerce's (the Department) regulations, Accoutrements filed a request for a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China (PRC). Specifically, Accoutrements requests that the Department revoke the AD order with respect to a large novelty pencil, which is described below. The domestic industry has affirmatively expressed a lack of interest in the continuation of the order with respect to this product. In response to the request, the Department is initiating a changed circumstances review and issuing a notice of preliminary intent to revoke, in part, the AD order on certain cased pencils from the PRC. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 22, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Crystal Crittenden or Howard Smith AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0989 and (202) 482-5193, respectively.

#### Background

On July 30, 2003, Accoutrements, a U.S. importer, filed a request with the Department to revoke the AD order on certain cased pencils from the PRC with respect to a large novelty pencil. See Accoutrements letter to the Secretary, dated July 25, 2003 (Accoutrements Request Letter). Specifically, Accoutrements requests that the Department revoke the AD order with respect to imports meeting the following description: novelty jumbo pencil that is

octagonal in shape, approximately fourteen inches long, one-and-one quarter inches in diameter, and three-and-three quarter inches in circumference, composed of turned wood imprinted with the word, ACCOUTREMENTS, and the number 2, on one side, encasing one-and-one half inches of sharpened lead on one end and a rubber eraser on the other end. See Accoutrements Request Letter at 1.

On August 11, 2003, the petitioner in the pencils AD proceeding<sup>1</sup> submitted a letter to the Department stating that it "would not support inclusion in the referenced antidumping duty order of a jumbo novelty pencil (approximately 1 foot long and 1 inch in diameter) that a company called Accoutrements is considering importing." On September 8, 2003, the petitioner submitted a letter to the Department clarifying its August 11, 2003 submission. In its September 8, 2003, letter, the petitioner submitted the following proposed scope language with respect to the above-mentioned jumbo novelty pencil: "Also excluded from the scope of the order are pencils with all of the following physical characteristics: 1) length: 14 or more inches; 2) sheath diameter: not less than one-and-one quarter inches at any point (before sharpening); and 3) core length: not more than 15 percent of the length of the pencil."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Scope of the Order

Imports covered by this order are shipments of certain cased pencils of any shape or dimension which are writing and/or drawing instruments that feature cores of graphite or other materials, encased in wood and/or man-made materials, whether or not decorated and whether or not tipped (e.g., with erasers, etc.) in any fashion, and either sharpened or unsharpened. The pencils subject to this order are classified under item number 9609.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Specifically excluded from the scope of this order are mechanical pencils, cosmetic pencils, pens, non-cased crayons (wax), pastels, charcoals, chalks, and pencils produced under U.S. patent number 6,217,242, from paper infused with scents by the means covered in the above-referenced patent, thereby having odors distinct from those that may emanate from pencils lacking the scent infusion.

<sup>1</sup> The petitioner is the Pencil Section of the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association, a trade association composed of domestic pencil producers, and Sanford Corporation, Musgrave Pencil Company, Mood Products, Inc., and General Pencil Company (collectively, the petitioner).