

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Utah Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a planning meeting with briefing of the Utah State Advisory Committee will convene at 5:30 p.m. (MDT) and adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (MDT), Thursday, February 5, 2004, at the Horizonte School, 1234 S. Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The purpose of the meeting with briefing is to plan future activities including the consideration of a regional project concerning discrimination against Native Americans in reservation border towns and to discuss other civil rights issues in the state.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, (303) 866-1040 (TDD 303-866-1049). Hearing impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 13, 2004.

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Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Coumarin From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent To Revoke the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on coumarin from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The preliminary results of this review indicate that Rhodia, Inc., the successor-in-interest to Rhone-Poulenc and the sole U.S. producer of coumarin, ceased production during 2002.

Consequently, we have preliminarily determined to revoke the antidumping duty order on coumarin from the Peoples Republic of China effective February 1, 2003, the earliest date for which there are entries which have not been subject to an administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Lindsay or Dana Mermelstein, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 482-0780 or (202) 482-1391, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On February 9, 1995, the Department published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty order on coumarin from the PRC. *See Notice of Antidumping Order: Coumarin From the People's Republic of China*, 60 FR 7751. On June 23, 2003, Berjé Incorporated (Berjé), a U.S. importer of subject merchandise and an interested party in this proceeding, requested that the Department conduct a changed circumstances review for the purpose of revoking the antidumping duty order on coumarin from the PRC. According to Berjé, Rhone-Poulenc Specialty Chemicals Company (Rhone-Poulenc), the petitioner, was the only domestic coumarin producer at the time of the original investigation. Berjé also indicated that since the original investigation, Rhone-Poulenc has changed its company name and now does business under the name Rhodia, Inc. (Rhodia) and that Rhodia remained the only producer of coumarin in the United States. Berjé informed the Department that Rhodia, in a press release dated November 28, 2001, announced its intent to cease production of coumarin in 2002. Berjé provided further information obtained from Rhodia indicating that Rhodia no longer produces coumarin in the United States.

Based on Berjé's June 23, 2003 submission, the Department initiated this changed circumstances review on July 31, 2003. *See Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review and Consideration of Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order: Coumarin From the Peoples's Republic of China*, 68 FR 46579. On August 26, 2003, Rhodia submitted comments on the initiation of this changed circumstances review. Rhodia stated that while it had produced and distributed coumarin in the United States during the most recent

administrative review period, February 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003, it no longer produces coumarin in the United States. Rhodia further stated that it did not oppose the revocation of the order on a prospective basis.

Also on August 26, 2003, H. Reynaud & Fils USA Co. (HRF), an importer of the subject merchandise, submitted comments regarding the effective date of the revocation of the order. HRF claimed to have confirmed via a telephone call to Rhodia that the factory had actually shut down in May 2002. HRF then noted that, since it takes approximately 2 months to actually close down a factory, Rhodia probably ceased production in March 2002. Therefore, HRF requested that the revocation of the order be made retroactive to March 2002. On September 5, 2003, Berjé submitted a response to Rhodia's August 26, 2003 comments. Berjé argued that the effective date of the revocation of the order should be July 1, 2002. Berjé reasoned that because Rhodia had not requested an administrative review during the most recent anniversary month, February 2003, the most recent review period before Rhodia ceased production was the administrative review that would have covered February 2001 through January 2002. In addition, Berjé stated that Rhodia was vague about when its production actually ceased, referring only to mid-2002. As such, Berjé stated that mid-2002 should be considered June 30, 2002, and, as a result, the effective date of the revocation of the order should be July 1, 2002, the day after Rhodia stopped production. No other parties commented on our *Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review and Consideration of Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order: Coumarin From the Peoples's Republic of China*, 68 FR 46579.

Scope of the Antidumping Duty Order

The product covered by this order is coumarin. Coumarin is an aroma chemical with the chemical formula (C₉H₆O₂) that is also known by other names, including 2H-1-benzopyran-2-one, 1, 2-benzopyrone, cis-o-coumaric acid lactone, coumarinic anhydride, 2-Oxo-1, 2-benzopyran, 5, 6-benzo-alpha-pyrone, ortho-hydroxycinnamic acid lactone, cis-ortho-coumaric acid anhydride, and tonka bean camphor.

All forms and variations of coumarin are included within the scope of the order, such as coumarin in crystal, flake, or powder form, and "crude" or unrefined coumarin (*i.e.*, prior to purification or crystallization). Excluded from the scope of this order