

cash-deposit rate will continue to be the most recent rate published in the final determination or final results for which the producer or exporter received an individual rate; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered by these amended final results of review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash-deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the subject merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered by these amended final results of review, the cash deposit rate will be 17.60 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Silicomanganese from Brazil*, 59 FR 55432, (November 7, 1994). These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

We are issuing and publishing these amended final results in accordance with section 751(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224.

Dated: May 14, 2004.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-557-809]

#### **Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Malaysia: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of rescission of the antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** On March 26, 2004, in response to a request made by Schulz (Mfg.) Sdn. Bhd. ("Schulz"), a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise in Malaysia, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published a notice of initiation of an antidumping duty administrative review on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings ("SSBWPF") from Malaysia, for the period February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004. Because Schulz has withdrawn its request for review, and there were no other requests for review

for this time period, the Department is rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 24, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laurel LaCivita, Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-4243.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 29, 2004, Schulz, a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise in Malaysia, requested the Department to conduct an administrative review of its sales for the period February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004. Schultz was the only interested party to request a review for this time period. On March 26, 2004, the Department published a notice of initiation of the antidumping administrative review on SSBWPF from Malaysia, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i). See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocations in Part*, 69 FR 15788 (March 26, 2004). On March 31, 2004, Schulz withdrew its request for review.

**Rescission of Review**

Pursuant to the Department's regulations, the Department will rescind an administrative review "if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review." See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). Schultz, the only interested party to request an administrative review for this time period, withdrew its request for this review within the 90-day time limit; accordingly, we are rescinding the administrative review for the period February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004, and will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("Customs").

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation. This

determination is issued in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4) and section 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: May 17, 2004.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-357-813]

#### **Honey from Argentina: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** On December 15, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary results of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on honey from Argentina for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. We are now issuing the final results.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made no changes to the net countervailable subsidy rates for 2001 and 2002. Therefore, the final results do not differ from the preliminary results. The final net countervailable subsidy rates are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Administrative Review."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 24, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Gilgunn or Addilyn Chams-Eddine, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VII, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4236 or (202) 482-0648, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

In response to requests for an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on honey from Argentina from the Government of Argentina (GOA) and the American Honey Producers Association and Sioux Honey Association (petitioners), the Department initiated an administrative review for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative*

*Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 3009 (January 22, 2003) (*Initiation Notice*).

In its request for review, the GOA requested "that the period of review be extended to include calendar year 2002." Based on our analysis of the GOA's request and the comments received from the petitioners and the GOA on this issue, the Department expanded the period of review to include 2002. Accordingly, this administrative review covers calendar years January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 and January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.<sup>1</sup> (See memorandum from Thomas Gilgunn to Joseph A. Spetrini "Honey from Argentina: Expansion of the Period of Review in the First Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order," dated February 21, 2003, on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU) located in room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building.)

On December 15, 2003, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on honey from Argentina. See *Honey from Argentina: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 69660 (December 15, 2003) (Preliminary Results). On January 14, 2004, the Government of Argentina (GOA) and petitioners submitted case briefs regarding the Department's Preliminary Results. Both the GOA and petitioners filed rebuttal briefs on January 20, 2004. On March 31, 2004, the Department extended the deadline for completion of the final results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on honey from Argentina to May 17, 2004. See *Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Honey from Argentina*, 69 FR 16895 (March 31, 2004).

#### Scope of the Countervailing Duty Order

The merchandise covered by this order is artificial honey containing more than 50 percent natural honeys by weight, preparations of natural honey containing more than 50 percent natural honeys by weight, and flavored honey. The subject merchandise includes all

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of these final results, we have analyzed data for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 to determine the countervailable subsidy rate for exports of subject merchandise made during the periods in 2001 when liquidation of entries was suspended. In addition, we have analyzed data for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 to determine the countervailable subsidy rate for exports during that period and to establish the cash deposit rate for subsequent exports of subject merchandise.

grades and colors of honey whether in liquid, creamed, combs, cut comb, or chunk form, and whether packaged for retail or in bulk form.

The merchandise subject to this order is currently classifiable under subheadings 0409.00.00, 1702.90, and 2106.90.99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise covered by this order is dispositive.

#### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised by the interested parties in their case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (*Decision Memorandum*) dated May 17, 2004, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised is attached to this notice as Appendix I. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building. In addition, a complete version of the *Decision Memorandum* can be accessed directly on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov> under the heading "Federal Register Notices." The paper copy and the electronic version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

#### Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made no changes to the net countervailable subsidy rates for 2001 and 2002, or to the rate of cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties which will apply to entries of honey from Argentina made on or after the date of publication of these final results of review. For a complete discussion of the Department's determination with respect to the programs under review as well as of the methodologies applied in analyzing these programs please see the memorandum "Honey From Argentina: Issues and Decision Memorandum in the Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated May 17, 2004 (*Decision Memo*).

#### Final Results of Administrative Review

In accordance with section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act, we have calculated the net countervailable subsidy rates on an aggregate or industry-wide basis for exports of subject merchandise in this administrative review. We have

calculated separate rates for 2001 and for 2002. Accordingly, we determine the total net countervailable subsidy rate to be 5.77 percent *ad valorem* for 2001 and 0.57 percent *ad valorem* for 2002.

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate shipments of honey from Argentina entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 13, 2001 and on or before July 10, 2001, and on or after December 10, 2001 and on or before December 31, 2001 at 5.77 percent *ad valorem*. Shipments of honey from Argentina entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 1, 2002 and on or before December 31, 2002 will be liquidated at 0.57 percent *ad valorem*. The Department will also instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at 0.57 percent *ad valorem* for all shipments of honey from Argentina entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of these final results of administrative review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to the CBP within 15 days of publication of these final results of review.

#### Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR § 351.305. Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and 19 U.S.C. 1677(f)(1)).

Dated: May 17, 2004.

**James J. Jochum**,  
Assistant Secretary for Import  
Administration.

#### Appendix 1

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology; Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, June 8, 2004, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include updates on NIST and the Baldrige National Quality Program, Revision of NIST 2010 Strategic Plan, Implementation of NIST Strategic Plan, Communicating the Value of NIST, as well as tours of laboratories in the Biosystems and Health areas. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. and to end at 9:15 a.m. on June 8, on the NIST budget and planning information will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, June 3, 2004, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's e-mail address is [carolyn.peters@nist.gov](mailto:carolyn.peters@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on June 8 at 8:15 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg,

Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 24, 2004, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

Dated: May 17, 2004.

**Hratch G. Semerjian,**  
*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051704C]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings to solicit comments on draft Amendment 23 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (draft Amendment 23) that contains alternatives for the vermilion snapper rebuilding plan. Scoping hearings for a charter vessel permit moratorium extension will also be held.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held in June 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times. Public comments on draft Amendment 23 that are received in the Council office by 5 p.m., July 1, 2004, will be presented to the Council.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Stu Kennedy, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of