

NME cases. In addition, the Department welcomes comments on how combination rates might best be implemented.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

A-570-853

#### Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order: Bulk Aspirin from the People's Republic of China

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order.

**SUMMARY:** On June 24, 2004, the Department of Commerce published a notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review and intent to revoke the antidumping duty order on bulk aspirin from the People's Republic of China (69 FR 35286). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we intend to revoke this order effective July 1, 2003, the earliest date for which entries of bulk aspirin have not been subject to an administrative review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 28, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Holland, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1279.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On July 11, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published an antidumping duty order on bulk aspirin from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Bulk Aspirin from the People's Republic of China*, 65 FR 42673 (July 11, 2000). On April 30, 2004, Bimeda Inc. ("Bimeda"), a U.S. importer of bulk aspirin 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 bulk aspirin from the PRC. According to Bimeda, Rhodia, Inc. ("Rhodia"), the petitioner in the original

investigation, and the only U.S. producer at the time the order was issued, closed its sole production facility related to the manufacture of bulk aspirin in the United States on or about December 20, 2002. Bimeda provided a press release, a news article, an excerpt from Rhodia's 2001 annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a product datasheet posted on Rhodia's corporate website to support its contention. (See *Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent to Revoke the Antidumping Duty Order: Bulk Aspirin from the People's Republic of China*, 69 FR 35286 (June 24, 2004) ("Preliminary Results").)

In response to a request from the Department, on May 25, 2004, Rhodia stated that it had ceased production at its U.S. aspirin plant on February 28, 2003. Rhodia also indicated that it is still liquidating its inventory of bulk aspirin produced in the United States.

On June 17, 2004, Bimeda submitted additional information to support its request for a changed circumstances review. Bimeda asserted that it purchases only veterinary-grade bulk aspirin from Rhodia. According to Bimeda, Rhodia confirmed via a phone call to Bimeda's sales personnel that U.S.-produced subject merchandise was still being liquidated out of inventory, but not veterinary-grade aspirin. Bimeda further asserted that the changed circumstances review was still warranted and requested revocation of the order in full or alternatively, to exclude veterinary-grade bulk aspirin from the scope of the order.

Based on Bimeda's April 30, 2004, submission and Rhodia's May 25, 2004, submission, the Department initiated this changed circumstances review and issued preliminary results on June 24, 2004. Since the publication of the *Preliminary Results* of this review the following events have occurred:

We invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. On July 26, 2004, Perrigo Company ("Perrigo"), an importer of bulk aspirin from the PRC, Bimeda, Rhodia, and Shandong Xinhua Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Shandong"), a Chinese producer and exporter of bulk aspirin from the PRC and a respondent in the original investigation, submitted comments on the *Preliminary Results*. No rebuttal comments were submitted, nor was a public hearing held.

##### Scope of the Order

The product covered by this review is bulk acetylsalicylic acid, commonly referred to as bulk aspirin, whether or not in pharmaceutical or compound form, not put up in dosage form (tablet,

capsule, powders or similar form for direct human consumption). Bulk aspirin may be imported in two forms, as pure ortho-acetylsalicylic acid or as mixed ortho-acetylsalicylic acid. Pure ortho-acetylsalicylic acid can be either in crystal form or granulated into a fine powder (pharmaceutical form). This product has the chemical formula C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. It is defined by the official monograph of the United States Pharmacopoeia 23 ("USP"). It is currently classifiable under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS") subheading 2918.22.1000.

Mixed ortho-acetylsalicylic acid consists of ortho-acetylsalicylic acid combined with other inactive substances such as starch, lactose, cellulose, or coloring materials and/or other active substances. The presence of other active substances must be in concentrations less than that specified for particular nonprescription drug combinations of aspirin and active substances as published in the *Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs*, eighth edition, American Pharmaceutical Association. This product is currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 3003.90.0000.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

##### Analysis of Comments Received

We have addressed the comments of the parties in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" from Barbara E. Tillman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration to James J. Jochum, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, dated December 9, 2004 ("Decision Memorandum"), which is on file in the Department's Central Records Unit ("CRU") in room B-099 of the main Department building. In addition, a complete version of the *Decision Memorandum* can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>. The paper copy and electronic version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

##### Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order

Pursuant to sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), as well as 19 C.F.R. 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations, and consistent with the *Preliminary Results*, we determine that the continued relief provided by the order with respect to bulk aspirin from the PRC is no longer of interest to the

domestic interested party in this proceeding. See *Decision Memorandum* at Comment 1. The Department also determines that the effective date of revocation for this order is July 1, 2003, the earliest date for which entries of bulk aspirin have not been subject to an administrative review. See *Decision Memorandum* at Comment 2.

#### Instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection

In accordance with section 351.222 of the Department's regulations, the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to antidumping duties, all unliquidated entries of bulk aspirin from the PRC, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 1, 2003, the effective date of the revocation of the order. The Department will further instruct CBP to refund with interest any estimated duties collected with respect to unliquidated entries of bulk aspirin from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 1, 2003, in accordance with section 778 of the Act.

The Department will issue the appropriate instructions directly to CBP within 15 days of publication of these final results of review.

#### Notification Regarding APOs

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO's") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the 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 a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this finding and notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and section 351.216 of the Department's regulations.

Dated: December 15, 2004.

#### James J. Jochum,

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

A-423-808

#### Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 28, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toni Page or Thomas Gilgunn at (202) 482-1398 and (202) 482-4236, respectively; AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### Background

On June 30, 2004, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium with respect to Ugine & ALZ, NV Belgium (U&A Belgium). See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 69 FR 39409 (June 30, 2004). The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004.

#### Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department shall issue preliminary results 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 that 245-day period to 365 days if it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. Due to the complexity of issues related to determining the appropriate quantity and value of sales to be reported by U&A Belgium, the Department finds that it is not practicable to complete this review by the current deadline of January 31, 2005. Consequently, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results by 120 days, from January 31, 2005, until no later than May 31, 2005. The final results continue to be due 120 days after publication of the preliminary results. This notice is published

pursuant to sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### United States Travel and Tourism Promotion Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

*Date:* January 12, 2005.

*Time:* 9-10:30 a.m.

*Place:* U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5855, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

*Summary:* The United States Travel and Tourism Promotion Advisory Board ("Board") will hold a Board meeting on January 12, 2005 at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Board will discuss the implementation of an international advertising and promotional campaign, which seeks to encourage individuals to travel to the United States for the express purpose of engaging in tourism. The meeting will be open to the public. Time will be permitted for public comment. To sign up for public comment, please contact Julie Heizer at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

All non-U.S. Government visitors must be cleared into the Department of Commerce Building. Additionally, all foreign nationals must provide their full name, country of residence, passport number and date/place of birth to gain entry to the Department of Commerce Building. Please contact Julie Heizer so that you can be cleared by the Department of Commerce Office of Security.

Julie Heizer may be contacted at U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7025, Washington, DC 20230; via fax at (202) 482-2887; or, via e-mail at [promotion@tinnet.ita.doc.gov](mailto:promotion@tinnet.ita.doc.gov).

Written comments concerning Board affairs are welcome anytime before or after the meeting. Written comments should be directed to Julie Heizer. Minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

The Board is mandated by Public Law 108-7, Section 210. As directed by