Initiation of Antidumping Investigations

Based upon our examination of the Petitions on diamond sawblades and parts thereof from the PRC and Korea, we find that these Petitions meet the requirements of section 732 of the Act. Therefore, we are initiating antidumping duty investigations to determine whether imports of diamond sawblades from the PRC and Korea are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless postponed, we will make our preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of these initiations.

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 Government of the PRC and the Government of Korea.

International Trade Commission Notification

We have notified the International Trade Commission (“ITC”) of our initiations, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will preliminarily determine, within 25 days after the date on which it receives notice of these initiations, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China and Korea are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. See section 733(a)(2) of the Act. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigations being terminated; otherwise, these investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

Dated: June 13, 2005.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) and the International Trade Commission (“ITC”) that revocation of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the People’s Republic of China (“China”) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of this antidumping duty order.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit or Dana Mermelstein, AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5050 or (202) 482–1391, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 1, 2004, the Department initiated and the ITC instituted a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from China, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”).1 As a result of its review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the order to be revoked.2 On June 2, 2005, the ITC determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from China would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.3

Scope of the Order

Imports covered by this antidumping duty order are shipments of potassium permanganate, an inorganic chemical produced in free–flowing, technical, and pharmaceutical grades. Potassium permanganate is currently classifiable under item 2841.61.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). The HTS item number is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the ITC that revocation of this antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from China.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of this order will be the date of publication in the Federal Register of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than May 2010. This five-year (sunset) review and notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act.

Dated: June 9, 2005.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

ENDNOTES:

1 See Initiation of Five-year (“Sunset”) Reviews, 69 FR 58890 (October 1, 2004), and ITC Investigation No. 731-TA-125 (Second Review), 69 FR 58955 (October 1, 2004).


3 See Investigation No. 731-TA-125 (Second Review), 70 FR 32372 (June 2, 2005).