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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DECs sponsor and participate in numerous trade promotion activities, as well as supply specialized expertise to small and medium-sized businesses that are interested in exporting.

**Selection Process:** About half of the approximately 30 positions on each of the 60 DECs are open for nominations for the term that ends December 31, 2011. Nominees are recommended by the local U.S. Export Assistance Center Director, in consultation with the DEC and other local export promotion partners. After a review process, nominees are selected and appointed to a DEC by the Secretary of Commerce.

**Membership Criteria:** Each DEC is interested in nominating highly-motivated people. Appointment is based upon an individual's energetic leadership, position in the local business community, knowledge of day-to-day international operations, interest in export development, and willingness and ability to devote time to council activities. Members include exporters, export service providers and others whose profession supports U.S. export promotion efforts.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*, 15 U.S.C. 4721.

Dated: October 2, 2007.

**Andy Karellas,**

*Office of Domestic Operations, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-533-825]

#### **Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From India: Final Results of Expedited Five-Year (Sunset) Review of the Countervailing Duty Order**

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

**SUMMARY:** On June 1, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the notice of initiation of the first five-year sunset review of the countervailing duty order on polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film from India, pursuant to section 751(c) of

the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). *See Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 72 FR 30544 (June 1, 2007) (*Initiation*). On the basis of notices of intent to participate and adequate substantive responses filed on behalf of domestic interested parties, and inadequate responses from respondent interested parties (in this case, neither the Government of India nor any of the respondent companies covered by the order provided a response), the Department conducted an expedited sunset review of these orders pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(B) and (C). As a result of this sunset review, the Department finds that revocation of the countervailing duty order is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

**DATES:** *Effective Dates:* October 9, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elfi Blum or Dana Mermelstein, AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0197 or (202) 482-1391, respectively.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On June 1, 2007, the Department initiated the first sunset review of the countervailing duty order on PET film from India, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. *See Initiation*, 72 FR 30544. The Department received notices of intent to participate from DuPont Teijin Films (DuPont), Mitsubishi Polyester Film of America (MFA), SKC, Inc. (SKC), and Toray Plastics (America), Inc. (TPA) (collectively, domestic interested parties), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). Domestic interested parties claimed interested party status as U.S. producers engaged in the manufacture, production, or wholesale of PET film in the United States, pursuant to section 771(9)(C) of the Act. On June 15, 2007, respondent, Garware Polyester Ltd. (Garware) notified the Department of its interest in participating in this sunset review.

On July 2, 2007, the Department received a substantive response from domestic interested parties within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). The Department did not receive any substantive responses from any respondent interested party to this proceeding. Although Garware notified the Department of its interest in participating in the review, it did not

file a substantive response. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(1), the Department notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) that respondent interested parties to the CVD order on PET film from India, provided inadequate responses to the *Initiation*, 72 FR 30544. The Department, therefore, has conducted an expedited sunset review of the countervailing duty order, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(B) and (C)(2).

Since the publication of the countervailing duty order, there have been three completed administrative reviews of this order. *See Notice of Countervailing Duty Order: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip (PET Film) from India*, 67 FR 44179 (July 1, 2002). There have been no requests for scope clarifications and no changed circumstances reviews.

#### **Scope of the Order**

The products covered by this order are all gauges of raw, pretreated, or primed polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet and strip (PET film), whether extruded or coextruded. Excluded are metallized films and other finished films that have had at least one of their surfaces modified by the application of a performance-enhancing resinous or inorganic layer of more than 0.00001 inches thick. Imports of PET film were classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item number 3920.62.00. Effective July 1, 2003, the HTSUS subheading 3920.62.00.00 was divided into 3920.62.00.10 (metallized PET film) and 3920.62.00.90 (non-metallized PET film). HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

#### **Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised, in the substantive responses, by parties to this sunset review are addressed in the *Issues and Decision Memorandum for Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Orders on Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from India*, from Stephen J. Claeys, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated concurrently with this notice (*Decision Memorandum*), which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the *Decision Memorandum* include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy, the net countervailable subsidy rate likely to prevail if the order were

revoked and the nature of the subsidy. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in these sunset reviews and the corresponding recommendation in this public memorandum, which is on file in the Import Administration Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the *Decision Memo* can be accessed directly on the Department's Web page at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>. The paper copy and electronic version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

### Final Results of Review

The Department determines that revocation of the countervailing duty order on PET Film from India would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the following subsidy rates:

Manufacturers/exporters	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Ester Industries Ltd .....	27.39
Garware Polyester Ltd ....	33.44
Polyplex Corporation Ltd	22.71
All Others .....	29.36

### International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 752(b)(3) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of the final results of this expedited sunset review.

### Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely 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 violation that is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing this determination and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 1, 2007.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[Docket No.: 070926537-7538-01]

### Effect on Propane Consumers of the Propane Education and Research Council's Operations, Market Changes and Federal Programs

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is seeking public comment on whether the operation of the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC), in conjunction with the cumulative effects of market changes and Federal programs, has had an effect on residential, agricultural, process and nonfuel users of propane. This notice of inquiry is part of an effort to collect information to fulfill requirements under the Propane Education and Research Act of 1996 that established PERC and requires the Secretary of Commerce to assess the impact of PERC's activities on propane consumers.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be submitted on or before November 8, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: [Frank.Caliva@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Frank.Caliva@mail.doc.gov). Include the phrase "Propane Price Impacts on Consumers" in the subject line;

Fax: (202) 482-5665 (Attn: Frank Caliva);

Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier: Frank Caliva, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Ave., NW., Suite 4053, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on the submission of comments or to request copies of submitted comments, contact Frank Caliva by telephone at 202-482-8245, or e-mail at [Frank.Caliva@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Frank.Caliva@mail.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Propane Education and Research Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-284) established the Propane Education and Research Council to enhance consumer and employee safety and training, to provide for research and development of clean and efficient propane utilization equipment, and to inform and educate the public about safety and other issues associated with the use of propane.

Section 12 of the Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to prepare and submit to Congress and the Secretary of Energy a report examining whether

operation of the Council, in conjunction with the cumulative effects of market changes and Federal programs, has had an effect on propane consumers, including residential, agriculture, process, and nonfuel users of propane. The Secretary of Commerce shall consider and, to the extent practicable, shall include in the report submissions by propane consumers, and shall consider whether: (1) There have been long-term and short-term effects on propane prices as a result of the Council's activities and Federal programs; and (2) whether there have been changes in the proportion of propane demand attributable to various market segments. If the report demonstrates that there has been an adverse effect related to the Council's activities, the Secretary of Commerce shall make recommendations for correcting the situation.

In order to assist in the preparation of this study, the Department is seeking public comment on the effect of PERC's operation, market changes and Federal programs on propane consumers. For information on the operation and programs of PERC, you may visit PERC's Web site at <http://www.propanecouncil.org> or call PERC at (202) 452-8975.

The Department encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on November 8, 2007. The Department will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured. The Department will not accept comments accompanied by a request that a part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. The Department will return such comments and materials to the persons submitting the comments and will not consider them. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying. All comments must be submitted to the Department through one of the methods listed under **ADDRESSES**.

The office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you would like to view any comments received in response to this solicitation,