

with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

**Yvette Springer,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

A-570-904

#### **Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 26, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Hancock, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1394.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On June 4, 2008, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain activated carbon from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") covering the period October 11, 2006, through March 31, 2008. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 73 FR 31813 (June 4, 2008).

On August 5, 2008, the Department selected three mandatory respondents in the above-referenced administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). See Memorandum to James C. Doyle, Director, Office 9, from Paul Walker, Senior Case Analyst, RE: Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Selection of Respondents for Individual Review (August 5, 2008).

On October 14, 2008, because one of the three original mandatory respondents notified the Department that it would not participate in the above-referenced administrative review, the Department selected an additional company as a voluntary respondent pursuant to section 782(a) of the Act. See Memorandum to James C. Doyle, Director, Office 9, from Julia Hancock, Senior Case Analyst, RE: Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Selection of Voluntary Respondent (October 14, 2008). The preliminary results of this administrative review are currently due on December 31, 2008.

#### **Statutory Time Limits**

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. Consistent with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the 245-day period to 365 days if it is not practicable to complete the review within a 245-day period.

#### **Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results**

The Department determines that completion of the preliminary results of the administrative review within the original time period is not practicable. This administrative review covers two mandatory respondents and one voluntary respondent, and to conduct the sales and factor analyses for each company and their numerous suppliers requires the Department to gather and analyze a significant amount of information pertaining to each respondent's sales practices and manufacturing methods. Moreover, the Department requires additional time to analyze complicated affiliation issues.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for issuing the preliminary results by 120 days until April 30, 2009. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: October 24, 2008.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-834]

#### **Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Mexico: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** On August 7, 2008, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on purified carboxymethylcellulose from Mexico. See *Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Mexico: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 73 FR 45937 (August 7, 2008) (*Preliminary Results*). The review covers one producer/exporter, Quimica Amtex S.A. de C.V. The period of review (POR) is July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. We invited interested parties to comment on our Preliminary Results. The Department received no comments concerning our Preliminary Results; therefore, our final results remain unchanged from our *Preliminary Results*. The final results are listed in the section "Final Results of Review" below.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 26, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Flessner or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6312 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On August 7, 2008, the Department published the preliminary results of this review in the **Federal Register**. See *Preliminary Results*. We invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. We received no comments or requests for a hearing.

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

The merchandise covered by the order is all purified carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), sometimes also referred to as purified sodium CMC, polyanionic cellulose, or cellulose gum, which is a white to off-white, non-toxic, odorless, biodegradable powder, comprising sodium CMC that has been refined and purified to a minimum assay of 90 percent. Purified CMC does not include unpurified or crude CMC, CMC

Fluidized Polymer Suspensions, and CMC that is cross-linked through heat treatment. Purified CMC is CMC that has undergone one or more purification operations which, at a minimum, reduce the remaining salt and other by-product portion of the product to less than ten percent. The merchandise subject to this order is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at subheading 3912.31.00. This tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

#### Final Results of Review

As noted above, the Department received no comments concerning the *Preliminary Results*. As there have been no changes from or comments on the *Preliminary Results*, there is no decision memorandum accompanying this **Federal Register** notice. For further details of the issues addressed in this proceeding, see *Preliminary Results*. The final weighted-average dumping margin for the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, is as follows:

Producer/Exporter	Weighted-Average Margin (Percentage)
Quimica Amtex, S.A. de C.V. ....	1.44

#### Assessment

The Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of these final results of review.

We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review if any importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above *de minimis* (i.e., at or above 0.50 percent). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we will instruct CBP to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties any entries for which the assessment rate is *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.50 percent).

The Department clarified its "automatic assessment" regulation on May 6, 2003. See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003). This clarification will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by companies included in these final results of review for which the reviewed companies did not know

their merchandise was destined for the United States. This clarification will also apply to POR entries of subject merchandise produced by companies for which we rescind the review based on certifications of no shipments, because these companies certify that they made no POR shipments of subject merchandise for which they had knowledge of U.S. destination. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the "all-others" rate established in the LTFV investigation if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of purified CMC from Mexico entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act): (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate shown above; (2) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the 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 merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 12.61 percent, the "all-others" rate established in the LTFV investigation. These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility, under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2), to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as the only 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 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.

This administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 18, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XL99

#### Endangered Species; File No. 1506

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for modification

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Blair E. Witherington, Ph.D., Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Melbourne Beach Field Laboratory, 9700 South A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951, has requested an modification to scientific research Permit No. 1506-01.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before December 26, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/index.cfm>, and then selecting File No. 1506-02 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources,