Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to complete its preliminary determinations for these investigations no later than 140 days after the date of issuance of the initiation (i.e., September 7, 2011).

On July 13, 2011, the petitioners, Davis Wire Corporation, Johnstown Wire Technologies, Inc., Mid-South Wire Company, Inc., National Standard, LLC, and Oklahoma Steel & Wire Company, Inc. (collectively, the petitioners) made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) for a postponement of the preliminary determinations with respect to the PRC and Mexico. The petitioners requested postponement of the preliminary determinations of the antidumping duty investigations with respect to both the PRC and Mexico so that they have adequate time to analyze and comment upon the responses of the various companies which have been selected as respondents. See Letters from the Petitioners to the Department, titled “Request for Extension of Time for Preliminary Determination,” dated July 13, 2011.

For the reasons stated by the petitioners and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations with respect to the PRC and Mexico pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) by 50 days to October 27, 2011. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act, the deadline for the final determinations of these antidumping duty investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of these preliminary determinations, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 29, 2011.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Uncovered Innerspring Units From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Intent To Rescind New Shipper Review

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

SUMMARY: On February 19, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) published in the Federal Register the antidumping duty order on uncovered innerspring units (“innersprings”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). The Department is conducting a new shipper review (“NSR”) of the Order, covering the period of review (“POR”) of February 1, 2010–July 31, 2010. As discussed below, we preliminarily determine that Foshan Nanhai Jiujiang Quan Li Spring Hardware Factory’s (“Quan Li”) sale under review is not bona fide. As such, we are preliminarily rescinding the NSR for Quan Li.

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 4, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Walker, 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) 482–0413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 20, 2010, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”), and section 351.214(c) of the Department’s regulations, the Department received an NSR request from Quan Li and Foshan Yongnuo Import & Export Co., Ltd. (“Yongnuo”). Quan Li certified that it was the producer of the subject merchandise upon which the request was based. Yongnuo certified that it was the exporter of the subject merchandise upon which the request was based. On October 6, 2010, the Department issued its original antidumping duty questionnaire. On October 7, 2010, the Department published a notice of initiation of the NSR of the Order for Quan Li and Yongnuo. Between November 5, 2010, and April 29, 2011, Quan Li and Yongnuo submitted responses to the original and supplemental sections A, C, D and Importer antidumping duty questionnaires.

On January 18, 2011, the Department sent interested parties a letter requesting comments on surrogate country selection and information pertaining to valuing factors of production. On April 25, 2011, we received surrogate country comments and surrogate value data from Quan Li and Yongnuo, as well as from Petitioner. On March 28, 2011, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review to June 1, 2011. On June 13, 2011, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review to July 15, 2011. On July 20, 2011, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review to July 26, 2011.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the order is uncovered innerspring units, composed of a series of individual metal springs joined together in sizes corresponding to the sizes of adult mattresses (e.g., twin, twin long, full, full long, queen, California king and king) and units used in smaller constructions, such as crib and youth mattresses. All uncovered innerspring units are included in the scope regardless of width and length. Included within this definition are innersprings typically ranging from 30.5 inches to 76 inches in width and 68 inches to 84 inches in length. Innersprings for crib mattresses typically range from 22 inches to 27 inches in width and 50 inches to 52 inches in length.

Uncovered innerspring units are suitable for use as the innerspring component in the manufacture of innerspring mattresses, including mattresses that incorporate a foam encasement around the innerspring. Pocketed and non-pocketed innerspring units are included in this definition. Non-pocketed innersprings are typically joined together with helical wire and border rods. Non-pocketed innersprings are typically joined together with helical wire and border rods.


innersprings are included in this definition regardless of whether they have border rods attached to the perimeter of the innerspring. Pocketed innersprings are individual coils covered by a “pocket” or “sock” of a nonwoven synthetic material or woven material and then glued together in a linear fashion.

Uncovered innersprings are classified under subheading 9404.29.9005 and 9404.29.9011 and have also been classified under subheadings 7326.20.0070, 7326.20.0080, or 7320.90.5010 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

**Bona Fides Analysis**

Consistent with Department practice, we examined the bona fides of Quan Li’s sale. In evaluating whether a sale in an NSR is commercially reasonable or typical of normal business practices, and therefore bona fide, the Department considers, inter alia, such factors as (a) the timing of the sale, (b) the price and quantity, (c) the expenses arising from the transaction, (d) whether the goods were resold at a profit, and (e) whether the transaction was made on an arm’s length basis. Accordingly, the Department considers a number of factors in its bona fides analysis, “all of which may speak to the commercial realities surrounding an alleged sale of subject merchandise.”

Yee, the court also affirmed the Department’s decision that any factor which indicates that the sale under consideration is not likely to be typical of those which the producer will make in the future is relevant, and found that the weight given to each factor investigated will depend on the circumstances surrounding the sale. Finally, in New Donghua, the CIT affirmed the Department’s practice of evaluating the circumstances surrounding an NSR sale, so that a respondent does not unfairly benefit from an atypical sale and obtain a lower dumping margin than the producer’s usual commercial practice would dictate.

Where the Department finds that a sale is not bona fide, the Department will exclude the sale from its export price calculations.

Based on the totality of circumstances, we preliminarily find that the sale made by Quan Li during the POR was not a bona fide commercial transaction and should be excluded from the Department’s calculations. Quan Li’s POR quantity was atypical and its price was high. In addition, we sought information from the importer in order to evaluate the commercial reasonableness of the sale and to consider whether this sale is predictive of future commercial activity. The importer provided conflicting information, it has not substantiated its claims that the subject merchandise was resold for profit; and it has also said that it has no other purchases of subject merchandise. Because much of the factual information used in our analysis of the bona fides of the transaction involves business proprietary information, a full discussion of the basis for our preliminary finding that the sale is not bona fide is set forth in the Quan Li Bona Fides Memo.

Because we have found Quan Li’s sole sale to be not bona fide, we cannot rely on this sale to calculate a dumping margin and, therefore, there is no sale on which we can base this review and we are preliminarily rescinding Quan Li’s NSR.

**Preliminary Recission of NSR**

For the foregoing reasons, the Department preliminarily finds that Quan Li’s sale is not bona fide and that this sale does not provide a reasonable, or reliable, basis for calculating a dumping margin. Because this non-bona fide sale was the only sale of subject merchandise during the POR, the Department is preliminarily rescinding the NSR of Quan Li.

**Assessment Rates**

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. If we proceed to a final rescission of Quan Li’s NSR, Quan Li’s entry will be assessed at the rate entered.

If we do not proceed to a final rescission of Quan Li’s NSR, pursuant to section 351.212(b)(1) of the Department’s regulations, we will calculate importer-specific (or customer) *ad valorem* duty assessment rates. 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. In either case, the Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

**Cash Deposit Requirements**

Effective upon publication of the final results of this NSR, or the final result of this NSR, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the PRC-wide rate for Quan Li because the Department will not have determined an individual margin of dumping for Quan Li. If we issue final results for this NSR, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits, effective upon publication of the final results, at the rates established therein.

**Disclosure**

The Department intends to disclose to parties of this proceeding the calculation performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with section 351.224(b) of the Department’s regulations.

**Public Comment and FOP Data**

In accordance with section 351.301(c)(3)(ii) of the Department’s regulations, for the final results, interested parties may submit publicly available information to value factors of production (“FOP”) within 20 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results. Interested parties must provide the Department with supporting documentation for the
publicly available information to value each FOP. Additionally, in accordance with section 351.301(c)(1) of the Department’s regulations, for the final results of this NSR, interested parties may submit factual information to rebut, clarify, or correct factual information submitted by an interested party within ten days of the applicable deadline for submission of such factual information. However, the Department notes that section 351.301(c)(1) of the Department’s regulations permits new information only insofar as it rebuts, clarifies, or corrects information recently placed on the record.17

In accordance with section 351.309(c)(1)(ii) of the Department’s regulations, interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results of this NSR. In accordance with section 351.309(d) of the Department’s regulations, rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than five days after the deadline for submitting the case briefs. The Department requests that interested parties provide an executive summary of each argument contained within the case briefs and rebuttal briefs.

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results.18 Requests should contain the following information: (1) The party’s name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If we receive a request for a hearing, we intend to hold the hearing seven days after the deadline for submission of the rebuttal briefs at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Department intends to issue the final results of this NSR, which will include the results of its analysis raised in any such comments, within 90 days of publication of these preliminary results, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and section 351.214(i) of the Department’s regulations.

Notification to Importers
This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of its responsibility under section 351.402(f)(2) of the Department’s regulations to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. 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.

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i) of the Act, and sections 351.214(h) and 351.221(b)(4) of the Department’s regulations.

Dated: July 26, 2011.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Abstract
United States (U.S.) vessels that fish on the high seas (waters beyond the U.S. exclusive economic zone) are required to possess a permit issued under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA). Applicants for this permit must submit information to identify their vessels, owners and operators of the vessels, and intended fishing areas. The application information is used to process permits and to maintain a register of vessels authorized to fish on the high seas.

The HSFCA also requires vessels be marked for identification and enforcement purposes. Vessels must be marked in three locations (port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on a weather deck) with their official number or radio call sign.

Operators of vessels licensed under the HSFCA are required to report their catch and fishing effort when fishing on the high seas. The requirement is for fishery management purposes and to provide data to international organizations. Vessels already maintaining logbooks under other specific regulations are not required to maintain an additional logbook. These requirements apply to all vessels fishing on the high seas.

II. Method of Collection
Owners or operators of high seas fishing vessels must submit paper permit application forms and paper logbook pages to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). No information is submitted for the vessel marking requirement. The markings are only displayed on the vessel.

III. Data
OMB Control Number: 0648–0304.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.
Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes per application form; logbook reports, 6 minutes per day for days fish are caught, 1 minute per day for days when fish are not caught; 45 minutes (15 minutes for each of 3 locations) for vessel markings.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 948.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $19,795.

IV. Request for Comments
Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including