review within 120 days from the publication of these preliminary results, in accordance with section 751(a)(3) of the Act.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 24, 2012.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) has determined that a request for a new shipper review (“NSR”) of the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings (“TRBs”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for initiation. The period of review (“POR”) for this NSR is June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012.

DATES: Effective Date: August 1, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice announcing the antidumping duty order on TRBs from the PRC was published in the Federal Register on June 15, 1987. On June 28, 2012, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“Act”), and 19 CFR 351.214(b), the Department received an NSR request from Zhejiang Zhengda Bearing Co., Ltd. (“Zhejiang Zhengda”). Zhejiang Zhengda’s request was made in June 2012, which is the anniversary month of the Order.

In its submission, Zhejiang Zhengda certified that it is the exporter and producer of the subject merchandise upon which the request was based. Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2), Zhejiang Zhengda certified that it did not export TRBs to the United States during the period of investigation (“POI”). In addition, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2), Zhejiang Zhengda certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, it has not been affiliated with a PRC exporter or producer who exported TRBs to the United States during the POI, including those not individually examined during the investigation. As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), Zhejiang Zhengda also certified that its export activities were not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In addition to the certifications described above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Zhejiang Zhengda submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) The date on which Zhejiang Zhengda first shipped TRBs for export to the United States and the date on which the TRBs were first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption; (2) the volume of its first shipment; and (3) the date of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

The Department conducted U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) database queries in an attempt to confirm that Zhejiang Zhengda’s shipments of subject merchandise had entered the United States for consumption and that liquidation of such entries had been properly suspended for antidumping duties. The Department also examined whether the CBP data confirm that such entries were made during the NSR POR. The Department has identified some inconsistencies between the information provided by Zhejiang Zhengda and the CBP data currently on the record. After the initiation of this NSR, the Department intends to place additional CBP data on the record, and, if necessary, request additional information from Zhejiang Zhengda. Due to the proprietary nature of this information, please refer to the Memorandum to the File from John Ditore, “Initiation of AD New Shipper Review: Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, from the People’s Republic of China, 52 FR 22667 (June 15, 1987) (“Order”).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice announcing the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings from the PRC was published in the Federal Register on June 15, 1987. On June 28, 2012, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (‘‘Act’’), and 19 CFR 351.214(b), this Department received a request from Haining Automann Parts Co., Ltd. (‘‘Haining Automann’’). Haining Automann’s request was made in June 2012, which is the anniversary month of the Order.2

In its submission, Haining Automann certified that it is the exporter and producer of the subject merchandise upon which the request was based. Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i), Haining Automann certified that it did not export tapered roller bearings to the United States during the period of investigation (‘‘POI’’). In addition, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(ii)(A), Haining Automann certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, it has not been affiliated with a PRC exporter or producer who exported tapered roller bearings to the United States during the POI, including those not individually examined during the investigation. As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), Haining Automann also certified that its export activities were not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In addition to the certifications described above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(3)(iv), Haining Automann submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) The date on which Haining Automann first shipped tapered roller bearings for export to the United States and the date on which the tapered roller bearings were first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption; (2) the volume of its first shipment; and (3) the date of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

The Department conducted U.S. Customs and Border Protection (‘‘CBP’’) database queries in an attempt to confirm that Haining Automann’s shipments of subject merchandise had

1 See Antidumping Duty Order; Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People’s Republic of China, 52 FR 22667 (June 15, 1987) (‘‘Order’’).
2 See 19 CFR 351.214(d).