During any administrative review covering all or part of a period falling between the first and second or third and fourth anniversary of the publication of an antidumping duty order under 19 CFR 351.211 or a determination under 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4) to continue an order or suspended investigation (after sunset review), the Secretary, if requested by a domestic interested party within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the review, will determine, consistent with FAG Italia v. United States, 291 F.3d 806 (Fed Cir. 2002), as appropriate, whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to the review if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer that is affiliated with such exporter or producer. The request must include the name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

For the first administrative review of any order, there will be no assessment of antidumping or countervailing duties on entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the relevant provisional-measures “gap” period, or if such a gap period is applicable to the period of review.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. On January 22, 2008, the Department published Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Documents Submission Procedures; APO Procedures, 73 FR 3634 (January 22, 2008). Those procedures apply to administrative reviews included in this notice of initiation. Parties wishing to participate in any of these administrative reviews should ensure that they meet the requirements of these procedures (e.g., the filing of separate letters of appearance as discussed at 19 CFR 351.103(d)).

Any party submitting factual information in an antidumping duty or countervailing duty proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information. See section 782(b) of the Act. Parties are hereby reminded that revised certification requirements are in effect for company/government officials as well as their representatives in all segments of any antidumping duty or countervailing duty proceedings initiated on or after March 14, 2011. See Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Interim Final Rule. 76 FR 7491 (February 10, 2011) (“Interim Final Rule”), amending 19 CFR 351.303(g)(1) and (2). The formats for the revised certifications are provided at the end of the Interim Final Rule. The Department intends to reject factual submissions in any proceeding segments initiated on or after March 14, 2011 if the submitting party does not comply with the revised certification requirements.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 USC 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: December 21, 2012

Christian Marsh,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration


Honey from Argentina; Final Results of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; Revocation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

DATES: Effective Date: December 31, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Edwards or Angelica Mendoza, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 482–8029 or (202) 482–3019, respectively.
SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is revoking the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on honey from Argentina because we have concluded that substantially all domestic producers lack interest in the relief provided by these orders.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 10, 2001, the Department published the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on honey from Argentina. On July 24, 2012, the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (collectively, petitioners) requested that the Department revoke the AD Order, effective December 1, 2010, based on the domestic U.S. industry’s lack of further interest.2 On August 22, 2012, the petitioners requested that the Department revoke the CVD Order, effective December 1, 2011, again based on their lack of further interest in these proceedings.3

On October 2, 2012, the Department published a notice of initiation of changed circumstances reviews of the Orders on honey from Argentina.4 In the Initiation Notice, we invited interested parties to comment on the Department’s initiation. We did not receive comments from any interested party expressing opposition to the changed circumstances reviews nor to the possible revocation of the Orders. On November 14, 2012, the Department published a notice of preliminary results of changed circumstances reviews of the Orders on honey from Argentina, and the preliminary intent to revoke the AD Order, effective December 1, 2010, and the CVD Order, effective December 1, 2011.5 In the Preliminary Revocation, we again invited interested parties to comment on the Department’s results by submitting case and rebuttal briefs. We received no comments or briefs from interested parties.

 Accordingly, we are notifying the public of the revocation of the antidumping duty order, in whole, with respect to products entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after December 1, 2010, and the countervailing duty order, in whole, with respect to products entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after December 1, 2011, because domestic parties have expressed no interest in the continuation of the Orders after these dates.

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by the Orders on honey from Argentina is currently classifiable under subheadings 0409.00.00, 1702.90.90, and 2106.90.99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department’s written description of the merchandise under the orders is dispositive.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Revocation, in Whole, of the Orders

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.222(g), the Department may revoke an antidumping or countervailing duty order, in whole or in part, based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (i.e., a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances review to be conducted upon receipt of a request which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act gives the Department the authority to revoke an order if producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the continuation of the order. Section 351.222(g) of the Department’s regulations provides that the Department shall conduct a changed circumstances review under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order (in whole or in part), if it concludes that (i) producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the order pertains have expressed a lack of interest in the relief provided by the order, in whole or in part, or (ii) if other changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation exist. Both the Act and the Department’s regulations require “substantially all” domestic producers express a lack of interest in the order(s) for the Department to revoke.6 The Department has interpreted “substantially all” to represent producers accounting for at least 85 percent of U.S. production of the domestic like product.

As noted in the Initiation Notice, and again in the Preliminary Revocation, the petitioners requested the revocation of these orders because they are no longer interested in maintaining the Orders or in the imposition of duties on the subject merchandise as of December 1, 2010, for the AD Order and December 1, 2011, for the CVD Order. Because the Department did not receive any comments during the period in which parties were permitted to submit briefs or other comments opposing the preliminary revocation of the Orders on honey from Argentina, we conclude that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product, to which these orders pertain, lack interest in the relief provided by the Orders.

Therefore, in accordance with sections 751(b), 751(d), and 782(h) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(g), the Department concludes that there is a reasonable basis to believe that changed circumstances exist sufficient to warrant revocation of the Orders. Thus, the Department is revoking the Orders on honey from Argentina, in whole, with regard to the products described above under the “Scope of the Orders” section.

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to terminate suspension of liquidation effective December 1, 2010, for the AD Order, and December 1, 2011, for the CVD Order. The Department will instruct CBP to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties and countervailing duties, all unliquidated

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1 See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Honey from Argentina, 66 FR 63672 (December 10, 2001) (AD Order) and Notice of Countervailing Duty Order: Honey from Argentina, 66 FR 63673 (December 10, 2001) (CVD Order), (collectively, Orders).
4 See Initiation Notice.
6 See section 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g).
7 See Certain Orange Juice from Brazil: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review and Intent Not to Revoke, In Part, 73 FR 60241, 60242 (October 10, 2008), unchanged in Certain Orange Juice From Brazil: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, 74 FR 4733 (January 27, 2009); see also 19 CFR 351.208(e).
entries of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after December 1, 2010, for the AD Order and January 1, 2012, for the CVD Order. In accordance with section 778 of the Act, we will also instruct CBP to pay interest on and refund any AD deposits with respect to the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after December 1, 2010, the first day of the tenth administrative review period, the review of which is now terminated by virtue of the effective date of the revocation of the AD Order. We will also instruct CBP to pay interest on and refund any CVD deposits with respect to the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 1, 2012, the earliest date on which entries remain suspended under the CVD Order.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), and 351.222.


Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

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Honey From Argentina; Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2010–2011

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding the 2010–2011 antidumping duty administrative review on honey from Argentina because all parties have withdrawn their requests for review and the antidumping duty order on imports of honey from Argentina is being revoked, effective December 1, 2010.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Edwards or Angelica Mendoza, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 482–8029 or (202) 482–5019, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 10, 2001, the Department published the antidumping duty order on honey from Argentina. On December 1, 2011, the Department published in the Federal Register the notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from Argentina for the period December 1, 2010, through November 30, 2011. Between December 29, 2011, and January 3, 2012, the Department received several requests from interested parties that the Department conduct an administrative review of certain producers/exporters of honey from Argentina. On January 31, 2012, the Department published in the Federal Register the notice of initiation of the 2010–2011 administrative review of honey from Argentina.

On February 23, 2012, the Department released the results of a data query to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding imports into the United States of honey from Argentina during the period of review (POR). We did not receive any comments from parties regarding the CBP entry data. On March 19, 2012, the Department selected mandatory respondents for this administrative review based on import volume figures (i.e., HoneyMax S.A. (Honeymax) and Nexco). On March 22, 2012, the Department issued the antidumping duty questionnaire to Honeymax and Nexco. On April 24, 2012, the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (collectively, petitioners) withdrew their request for review for ten of the original twenty-two companies for which they had made a review request, including Honeymax, a mandatory respondent. We received Nexco’s response to section A of the antidumping duty questionnaire on April 26, 2012. On April 27, 2012, petitioners additionally withdrew their request for TransHoney S.A. and we concurrently received a notice of withdrawal from TransHoney S.A. itself.

Because petitioners timely withdrew their request for review regarding HoneyMax, and because HoneyMax did not self-request a review, we issued a supplemental respondent selection memorandum, selecting CIPSA as the alternate mandatory respondents. We issued the antidumping duty questionnaire to CIPSA on May 16, 2012. We received Nexco’s responses to sections B and C of the Department’s questionnaire on May 22, 2012. We received CIPSA’s section A questionnaire response, and its section B and C questionnaire responses on June 18, 2012, and June 29, 2012, respectively.

On July 24, 2012, petitioners filed a submission withdrawing their review requests for the remaining companies for which they had requested a review and further indicated that they were simultaneously filing a request for the initiation of a “no interest” changed circumstances review, under which petitioners would be seeking the revocation of the Order on honey from Argentina. We received similar withdrawals of request for review from Nexco and CIPSA also on July 24, 2012.

1 See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Honey from Argentina, 66 FR 63672 (December 10, 2001) (Order).

2 See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity To Request Administrative Review, 76 FR 74773 (December 1, 2011).


8 See Nexco’s section A Questionnaire Response, dated April 26, 2012.


12 See CIPSA’s section A Questionnaire Response, dated June 18, 2012; see also CIPSA’s section B and C Questionnaire Response, dated June 29, 2012.