DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–552–801]


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

DATES: Effective September 30, 2013.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) has received a timely request for a new shipper review (“NSR”) of the antidumping duty (“AD”) order on certain frozen fish fillets (“fish fillets”) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (“Vietnam”) that meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for initiation. The period of review (“POR”) for this NSR is August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The AD order on fish fillets from Vietnam was published on August 12, 2003. 1 On September 3, 2013, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), and 19 CFR 351.214(b), the Department received an NSR request from Thanh Hung Co., Ltd. D/B/A Thanh Hung Frozen Seafood Processing Import Export Co., Ltd. (“Thanh Hung”). 2 Thanh Hung certified that it is a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise and that it exported, or has sold for export, subject merchandise to the United States.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(ii)(I) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i), Thanh Hung certified that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (“POI”). 4 In addition, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(ii)(II) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(ii)(A), Thanh Hung certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, it has never been affiliated with any Vietnamese exporter or producer who exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI, including those respondents not individually examined during the investigation. 5 As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), Thanh Hung also certified that its export activities were not controlled by the central government of Vietnam. 6

In addition to the certifications described above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Thanh Hung submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) the date on which it first shipped subject merchandise for export to the United States; (2) the volume of its first shipment; and (3) the date of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States. 7 Finally, the Department conducted a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) database query and confirmed the price, quantity, date of sale, and date of entry of the sale at issue. In addition, the Department confirmed that the data on any subsequent shipments corresponds with the information provided by Thanh Hung. 8

3 Id. at 2 and Exhibit 1.
4 Id.
5 Id.
6 Id.
7 Id. at Exhibits 2, 3, and 4; see also Memorandum to the File, from Susan Pulongbarit, “Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Placing CBP Data on the Record” (“CBP Memo”), dated concurrently with this notice and herein incorporated by reference.
8 Id. See Memorandum to the File from Scot Fullerton, Program Manager, “Certain Frozen Fish

Initiation of New Shipper Review

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), and based on the documentation provided by Thanh Hung, we find that the request submitted by Thanh Hung meets the requirements for initiation of the NSR for shipments of fish fillets from Vietnam. 9 The POR is August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013. 10 Absent a determination that the case is extraordinarily complicated, the Department intends to issue the preliminary results of this NSR within 180 days from the date of initiation and the final results within 270 days from the date of initiation. 11

It is the Department’s usual practice, in cases involving non-market economies, to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an AD rate separate from the country-wide rate provide evidence of de jure and de facto absence of government control over the company’s export activities. Accordingly, we will issue a questionnaire to Thanh Hung that will include a separate-rate section. The review of Thanh Hung will proceed if the response provides sufficient indication that it is not subject to either de jure or de facto government control with respect to its exports of fish fillets.

We will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the subject merchandise from the requesting company in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e). Because Thanh Hung certified that it both produced and exported the subject merchandise, the sale of which is the basis for the new-shipper request for review, we will instruct CBP to permit the use of a bond only for subject merchandise which Thanh Hung both produced and exported.

Interested parties requiring access to proprietary information in this NSR should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 19 CFR 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.214, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: New Shipper Initiative Checklists” (“Initiation Checklist”), dated concurrently with this notice and herein incorporated by reference: see also CBP Memo.

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Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–599, 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before October 21, 2013. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 13–028. Applicant: University of Minnesota, Dept. of Chemical Engineering & Material Science, 421 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to study chemical bonds between atoms in bulk crystals and defects near those, which requires aberration-corrected ADF–STEM imaging with sub-0.2 eV resolution EELS, as well as the study of the magnetic and electronic properties of heterostructured magnetic materials, which also requires atomic-resolution EDS. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 23, 2013.

Docket Number: 13–035. Applicant: Colorado State University, Department of Chemistry, 1872 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO 80523–1872. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to determine the uniformity of particle formation, bulk transport and absorption properties of Cu2ZnSnS4 nanoparticles in photovoltaics, the elemental composition of CuSi nanowires, accurate measure of pore structures in plasma formed tubule structures that are less than 50nm, characterization of plasma induced damage to multi-walled carbon nanotubes, grain size and filing mechanisms in PbTiO3 nanotubes, structure and chemical makeup of nanoclusters of iridium or cobalt atoms used industrially as hydrogenation catalysts and structure of gold nanoparticles with a variable number and variety of attached thiolate ligands. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 13, 2013.

Docket Number: 13–040. Applicant: Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, RM 3000, Atlanta, GA 3041–5539. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Czech Republic. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to expand the understanding of impacts of tobacco use on individuals as part of U.S. Public Health studies, including how the particle size and composition in the smoke affects the change in type and pulmonary location of cancers prevalent in smokers. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 12, 2013.


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