Subsequent Administrative Reviews

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Act, may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that the Department conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

Subsequent to the Revocation Notice, two anniversary months for these orders have passed (May 2012 and May 2013). Therefore, we intend to provide interested parties an opportunity to request administrative reviews of these Orders. We intend to provide interested parties with this opportunity simultaneously with the next anniversary month for these Orders (May 2014). If any reviews are requested, we intend to conduct the reviews simultaneously.

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

Every five years, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, the Department and the ITC automatically initiate and conduct a review to determine whether revocation of a countervailing or antidumping duty order or termination of an investigation suspended under section 704 or 734 of the Act would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable subsidy (as the case may be) and of material injury. The third sunset reviews of these orders were scheduled for initiation in August 2011 but were obviated by the Revocation Notice. This notice constitutes advance notification for the sunset reviews of these orders which we intend to initiate on January 2, 2014.21

This notice is published consistent with section 777(f) of the Act.

Dated: December 9, 2013.

Paul Piquardo,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
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Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Final Reconsideration of Changed Circumstances Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) has received information sufficient to warrant reconsideration of a completed changed circumstances review (“CCR”) of the antidumping duty order on certain frozen warmwater shrimp from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) originally conducted in 2007.1 Based on evidence uncovered in the sixth administrative review (“AR6”) of this proceeding,2 we find the information submitted by Hilltop International (“Hilltop”),3 the PRC’s CCR, contains material misrepresentations and, consequently, is unusable for any purposes. Accordingly, our original determination that Hilltop is the successor-in-interest to Yelin Enterprise Co. Hong Kong (“Yelin”) is reversed such that Hilltop should properly be considered part of the PRC-wide entity, absent a determination of its own rate separate from the PRC-wide entity.4

DATES: Effective Date: December 16, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Yelin was formally dissolved on December 12, 2006.5 On March 16, 2007, Hilltop filed a submission requesting that the Department conduct a CCR of the antidumping duty order on certain frozen warmwater shrimp from the PRC to confirm that Hilltop is the successor-in-interest to Yelin.6 On May 2, 2007, the Department published a combined initiation and preliminary results finding that Hilltop was the successor-in-interest to Yelin.7 On June 18, 2007, this finding was confirmed in the final results of this CCR.8

On December 5, 2012, the Department reopened the record of this CCR to reconsider our determination in light of the evidence discovered in AR6 regarding Hilltop’s affiliation with Ocean King (Cambodia) Co. Ltd.9 On February 27, 2013, the Department published in the Federal Register its Preliminary Reconsideration of this CCR, wherein the original finding that Hilltop was the successor-in-interest to Yelin was preliminarily reversed and Hilltop was preliminarily found to be part of the PRC-wide entity.10 Hilltop and Petitioner11 submitted comments on the Preliminary Reconsideration on

1 See Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review, 72 FR 33447 (June 18, 2007).
3 In the final results of the recently completed seventh administrative review, the Department noted that Hilltop, as in prior reviews, has reported that it is affiliated with Yangjiang City Yelin Hoitat Quick Frozen Seafood Co., Ltd., Fuqing Yihua Aquatic Food Co., Ltd., Yelin Enterprise Co., Ltd., Ocean Beauty Corporation, Ever Hope International Co., Ltd., Ocean Duke Corporation and Kingston Foods Corporation. See Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Administrative Review, 2011–2012, 78 FR 56209, 56210 (September 12, 2013) ("PRC Shrimp AR7 Final").
5 See Letter from Hilltop to the Secretary of Commerce “Request for Expedited Changed Circumstances Determination” (March 16, 2007).
6 See id.
9 See Letter to All Interested Parties from Catherine Bertrand, Program Manager, Office 9, “Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People’s Republic of China: Reopening the Record of Changed Circumstances Review” (December 5, 2012).
11 Petitioner is the Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee and its members.
March 27, 2013, and rebuttal comments on April 1, 2013. As explained in the memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013. Therefore, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 16 days. The revised deadline for the final reconsideration of this CCR is now December 11, 2013.

Scope of Order

The merchandise that is subject to the order is certain frozen warmwater shrimp from the PRC. The products subject to the order at the time of this CCR was originally conducted and were classified under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (“HTSUS”) subheadings 0306.13.00.03, 0306.13.00.06, 0306.13.00.09, 0306.13.00.12, 0306.13.00.15, 0306.13.00.18, 0306.13.00.21, 0306.13.00.24, 0306.13.00.27, 0306.13.00.40, 1605.20.10.10, and 1605.20.10.30. Although the HTSUS subheadings are subject to the order at the time of this CCR, they were not the scope that was in effect when the Department published the initial determination in the Federal Register (70 FR 5149, February 1, 2005). See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Orders: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the People’s Republic of China (April 1, 2013).

We note that the original deadline for this final reconsideration was November 24, 2013, which was a Sunday. Accordingly, this final reconsideration has been extended 16 days from the following business day, November 25, 2013.

We note that on April 26, 2011, the Department amended the antidumping duty order to include duxed shrimp, pursuant to the U.S. Court of International Trade (“CIT”) decision in Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee v. United States, 703 F. Supp. 2d 1330 (CIT 2010) and the U.S. International Trade Commission determination, which found the domestic like product to include duxed shrimp. See Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Brazil, India, the People’s Republic of China, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Amended Antidumping Duty Orders in Accordance with Final Court Decision, 76 FR 23277 (April 26, 2011). The scope referenced here is the scope that was in effect when the Department conducted this original CCR proceeding.

purposes, the written description of the merchandise remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the Final Reconsideration Memorandum. A list of the issues which parties have raised, and to which we have responded in the Final Reconsideration Memorandum, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. The Final Reconsideration Memorandum is a public document on file electronically via the Department’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (“IA ACCESS”). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov and in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Final Reconsideration Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Final Reconsideration Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Final Reconsideration Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Reconsideration

For the reasons detailed in the Final Reconsideration Memorandum, we continue to find that Hilltop is not the successor-in-interest to Yelin and is considered part of the PRC-wide entity. In making this determination we have relied on adverse facts available, in accordance with section 775(a) and (b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”).

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As a result of this determination, we reverse our previous successor-in-interest determination and find that Hilltop is not the successor-in-interest to Yelin. Although the reconsidered CCR precedes several administrative reviews in which Hilltop was involved, we note that this finding is consistent with the most recently completed seventh administrative review, in which Hilltop was determined to be part of the PRC-wide entity. Hilltop is currently subject to the cash deposit requirements applicable to the PRC-wide entity, which is 112.81 percent. We also note that this finding is consistent with the Department’s most recent findings in the fourth, fifth, and sixth administrative reviews, in which Hilltop was found to be part of the PRC-wide entity. Thus, Hilltop’s current cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification

This notice serves as a 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 351.306. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: December 6, 2013.

Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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