

Ajinomoto North America Inc. (collectively, AJINA, or Petitioner). The letter notified the Department that Petitioner was withdrawing the petition filed on September 16, 2013 with respect to the countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of monosodium glutamate (MSG) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia). In this instance, because producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product expressed a lack of interest in issuance of an order, the Department is terminating these CVD investigations in accordance with section 782(h)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 7, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jun Jack Zhao or Nicholas Czajkowski, Office VII, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1396 and (202) 482-1395, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 16, 2013, AJINA filed a petition alleging that countervailable subsidies were being provided to producers and exporters of MSG from Indonesia and the PRC.¹ On October 23, 2013, the Department initiated CVD investigations with respect to imports of MSG from Indonesia and the PRC.² On March 4, 2014, the Department reached its preliminary affirmative determination that countervailable subsidies were being provided to producers and exporters of MSG in the PRC; the Department also preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for imports of MSG from the PRC.³ On that same date, the Department made a preliminary determination that countervailable subsidies were not being provided to producers and exporters of MSG in Indonesia; the Department also preliminarily determined that critical circumstances

¹ See Letter from Petitioner, "Petition for Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Indonesia," dated September 16, 2013 (the petition).

² See *Monosodium Glutamate From the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Indonesia: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 78 FR 65269 (October 31, 2013).

³ See *Monosodium Glutamate From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination; and Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 79 FR 13615 (March 11, 2014).

did not exist for imports of MSG from Indonesia.⁴ On March 7, 2014, Petitioner withdrew its petition with respect to the CVD investigations on imports of MSG from Indonesia and the PRC.⁵

Scope of the Investigations

The scope of these investigations covers monosodium glutamate, whether or not blended or in solution with other products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of MSG by dry weight. Products with which MSG may be blended include, but are not limited to, salts, sugars, starches, maltodextrins, and various seasonings. Further, MSG is included in these investigations regardless of physical form (including, but not limited to, substrates, solutions, dry powders of any particle size, or unfinished forms such as MSG slurry), end-use application, or packaging.

MSG has a molecular formula of C₅H₈NO₄Na, a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6106-04-3, and a Unique Ingredient Identifier (UNII) number of W81N5U6R6U.

Merchandise covered by the scope of these investigations is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States at subheading 2922.42.10.00. Merchandise subject to these investigations may also enter under HTS subheadings 2922.42.50.00, 2103.90.72.00, 2103.90.74.00, 2103.90.78.00, 2103.90.80.00, and 2103.90.90.91. The tariff classifications, CAS registry number, and UNII number are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Termination of the Countervailing Duty Investigations

Pursuant to section 782(h)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.207(c), the Department may terminate an investigation based upon a lack of interest if the Department determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of that domestic like product expressed a lack of interest in issuance of an order. In these CVD investigations, AJINA represents 100 percent of the industry producing the domestic like product.⁶

⁴ See *Monosodium Glutamate From the Republic of Indonesia: Preliminary Negative Countervailing Duty Determination; and Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 79 FR 13614 (March 11, 2014).

⁵ See Letter from Petitioner, "Withdrawal of Countervailing Duty Petition," dated March 7, 2014.

⁶ See the petition at Exhibit I-1.A.

As such, because AJINA withdrew its CVD petition regarding MSG from Indonesia and the PRC and because AJINA constitutes 100 percent of the production of the domestic like product, the Department finds that producers accounting for substantially all—in this case, all—of the production of the domestic like product expressed a lack of interest in CVD orders, within the meaning of section 782(h)(1) of the Act. Consequently, we are terminating these CVD investigations and will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to terminate the suspension of liquidation of entries of subject merchandise imported from the PRC. Because we have not directed CBP to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise imported from Indonesia, we will not direct CBP to take any action regarding entries of subject merchandise imported from Indonesia.

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 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a violation that is subject to sanction.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 782(h)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.207(c).

Dated: March 31, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Scope Rulings

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

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 7, 2014.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations made between October 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013. We intend to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda E. Waters, AD/CVD Operations,

Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-4735.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department's regulations provide that the Secretary will publish in the **Federal Register** a list of scope rulings on a quarterly basis.¹ Our most recent notification of scope rulings was published on February 3, 2014.² This current notice covers all scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations made by Enforcement and Compliance between October 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013, inclusive. Subsequent lists will follow after the close of each calendar quarter.

Scope Rulings Made Between October 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013

People's Republic of China

A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Kam Kiu Aluminum Products Sdn. Bhd. and Taishan City Kam Kiu Aluminum Extrusion Co. Ltd. (collectively, Kam Kiu); Kam Kiu's subparts for elastomeric metal bushings for automotive vehicles are within the scope of the order because they meet the description of merchandise subject to the orders and none of the enumerated exceptions applies; November 21, 2013.

A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Traffic Brick Network, LLC; Traffic Brick's aluminum event décor parts and kits, specifically Pipe Kits and Pipe and Drape Kits, are not within the scope of the order because they are finished goods kits that contain at the time of importation all parts necessary to fully assemble a complete display structure, while the individual Gorilla Pipes (upright and crossbar aluminum extrusion tubes of varying models) are within the scope of the order because they are not kits that contain all parts necessary to fully assemble a complete display structure; December 2, 2013.

A-570-941 and C-570-942: Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Thermo Fisher Scientific (Asheville) LLC; Thermo Fisher's wire

racks used in laboratory equipment are within the scope of the orders because they fit the written description and dimensions of the scope language; December 19, 2013.

A-570-932: Certain Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: IMSS, LLC; IMSS's threaded rod is not within scope of the antidumping duty order because the threaded rod meets the specific exclusion requirements identified in the scope language of the order; October 22, 2013.

A-570-835: Furfuryl Alcohol From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: PennAKem LLC; The blending of 0.3 percent of silane coupling compound additive into furfuryl alcohol is insufficient to exclude a product from the scope of the order, as such, furfuryl alcohol to which up to 0.3 percent of silane by volume has been added prior to importation (*i.e.*, a mixture of furfuryl alcohol and silane, of which the silane component comprises no more than 0.3 percent of the total volume of the blend), including but not limited to products with the trade name "Faint S," is within the scope of the order; November 14, 2013.

A-570-970 and C-570-971: Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Real Wood Floors, LLC; multilayered wood flooring imported by Real Wood Floors, LLC is within the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders because the physical properties, the essential characteristic, and the end use of Real Wood Floors' rough lumber are significantly altered in the People's Republic of China, such that the imported product meets the physical description of merchandise covered by the antidumping and countervailing duty orders after being processed in the People's Republic of China; December 3, 2013.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: HSE USA, Inc.; HSE's set of 10 candles is not within the scope of the antidumping duty order because the candles meet the definition for utility candles using the criteria set forth in 19 CFR 351.225(k)(2), as determined by the Department; December 13, 2013 (preliminary).

A-570-890: Wooden Bedroom From the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Whalen Furniture Manufacturing Inc.; Upholstered

headboards are not within the scope of the antidumping duty order because they are completely upholstered and designed to work with metal bed frames; October 28, 2013.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this list of completed scope and anticircumvention inquiries. Any comments should be submitted to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., APO/Dockets Unit, Room 1870, Washington, DC 20230.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(o).

Dated: March 26, 2014.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would exempt commercial fishing vessels from the scallop trawl mesh size restriction to test an experimental trawl net as a means to reduce finfish bycatch in the southern New England and Mid-Atlantic scallop trawl fishery. The research is being conducted by Coonamessett Farm Foundation, Inc., under contract with the NMFS's Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

¹ See 19 CFR 351.225(o).

² See *Notice of Scope Rulings*, 79 FR 6165 (February 3, 2014).