FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis McClure or Elizabeth Eastwood at (202) 482–5973 and (202) 482–3874, respectively; AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 22, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of antidumping duty investigation of hydrofluorocarbon blends and components thereof from the People’s Republic of China. The notice of initiation stated that the Department, in accordance with section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1), would issue its preliminary determination for this investigation, unless postponed, no later than 140 days after the date of the initiation. The preliminary determination of this antidumping duty investigation is currently due no later than December 2, 2015.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is October 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act permits the Department to postpone the time limit for the preliminary determination if it receives a timely request from the petitioner for postponement. The Department may postpone the preliminary determination under section 733(c)(1) of the Act no later than the 300th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation.

On October 28, 2015, American HFC Coalition and its individual members, as well as District Lodge 154 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (collectively, the petitioners), made a timely request pursuant to section 733(c)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) for postponement of the preliminary determination in this investigation. The petitioners requested a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determination in order to allow the petitioners additional time to review and comment on the questionnaire responses submitted in this case, as well as to consider the Department’s recent inclusion of Mexico and Romania on the list of potential surrogate countries. The petitioners submitted a request for postponement of the preliminary determination more than 25 days before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination.

Because the petitioners’ request was timely and provided reasons for the request, and since the Department finds no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2) and (e) by 50 days to January 21, 2016. The deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: November 4, 2015.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–970]

Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

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

SUMMARY: On September 24, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) published its preliminary results of a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty (“AD”) order on multilayered wood flooring (“MLWF”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). The Department preliminarily determined that Sino-Maple (JiangSu) Co., Ltd. (“Sino-Maple”) is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng Wood (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (“Jiafeng”) for purposes of the AD order on MLWF from the PRC and, as such, is entitled to Jiafeng’s cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise. We invited interested parties to comment on the Preliminary Results. As no parties submitted comments, and there is no other information or evidence on the record calling into question our Preliminary Results, the Department is making no changes to the Preliminary Results.

DATES: Effective Date: November 16, 2015.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 13, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) initiated a changed circumstance review to determine whether Sino-Maple, an exporter of subject merchandise to the United States, is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng for purposes of the AD order on MLWF from the PRC. On September 24, 2015, the Department made a preliminary finding that Sino-Maple is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng, and is entitled to Jiafeng’s cash deposit rate with respect to entries of merchandise subject to the AD order on MLWF from the PRC. We also provided interested parties 30 days from the date of publication of the Preliminary Results to submit case briefs in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii). No interested parties submitted case briefs or requested a hearing. On October 19, 2015, the Department issued to interested parties draft customs instructions and solicited comments. No comments were received.

Scope of the Order

Multilayered wood flooring is composed of an assembly of two or
more layers or plies of wood veneer(s) in combination with a core. The several layers, along with the core, are glued or otherwise bonded together to form a final assembled product. Multilayered wood flooring is often referred to by other terms, e.g., “engineered wood flooring” or “plywood flooring.”

Regardless of the particular terminology, all products that meet the description set forth herein are intended for inclusion within the definition of subject merchandise.

All multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of subject merchandise, without regard to:

Dimension (overall thickness, thickness of face ply, thickness of back ply, thickness of core, and thickness of inner plies; width; and length); wood species used for the face, back and inner veneers; core composition; and face grade. Multilayered wood flooring included within the definition of subject merchandise may be unfinished (i.e., without a finally finished surface to protect the face veneer from wear and tear) or “prefinished” (i.e., a coating applied to the face veneer, including, but not exclusively, oil or oil-modified or water-based polyurethanes, ultraviolet light cured polyurethanes, wax, epoxy-ester finishes, moisture-cured urethanes and acid-curing formaldehyde finishes). The veneers may be also soaked in an acrylic-impregnated formaldehyde finish. All multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of subject merchandise regardless of whether the face (or back) of the product is smooth, wire brushed, distressed by any method or multiple methods, or hand-scraped.

In addition, all multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of subject merchandise regardless of whether or not it is manufactured with any interlocking or connecting mechanism (for example, tongue-and-groove construction or locking joints). All multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of the subject merchandise regardless of whether the product meets a particular industry or similar standard.

The core of multilayered wood flooring may be composed of a range of materials, including but not limited to hardwood or softwood veneer, particleboard, medium-density fiberboard, high-density fiberboard (“HDF”), stone and/or plastic composite, or strips of lumber placed edge-to-edge. Multilayered wood flooring products generally, but not exclusively, may be in the form of a strip, plank, or other geometrical patterns (e.g., circular, hexagonal). All multilayered wood flooring products are included within this definition regardless of the actual or nominal dimensions or form of the product. Specifically excluded from the scope are cork flooring and bamboo flooring, regardless of whether any of the sub-surface layers of either flooring are made from wood. Also excluded is laminate flooring. Laminate flooring consists of a top wear layer sheet not made of wood, a decorative paper layer, a core-layer of HDF, and a stabilizing bottom layer.

Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”): 4412.31.0520; 4412.31.0540; 4412.31.0560; 4412.31.2510; 4412.31.2520; 4412.31.3175; 4412.31.4040; 4412.31.4050; 4412.31.4060; 4412.31.4070; 4412.31.4075; 4412.31.5125; 4412.31.5135; 4412.31.5155; 4412.31.5165; 4412.31.5175; 4412.31.6000; 4412.31.9100; 4412.32.0520; 4412.32.0540; 4412.32.0560; 4412.32.0565; 4412.32.0570; 4412.32.2510; 4412.32.2520; 4412.32.3125; 4412.32.3135; 4412.32.3155; 4412.32.3165; 4412.32.3175; 4412.32.3185; 4412.32.3560; 4412.39.1000; 4412.39.3000; 4412.39.4011; 4412.39.4012; 4412.39.4019; 4412.39.4031; 4412.39.4032; 4412.39.4039; 4412.39.4051; 4412.39.4052; 4412.39.4061; 4412.39.4062; 4412.39.4069; 4412.39.5010; 4412.39.5030; 4412.39.5050; 4412.94.1050; 4412.94.3111; 4412.94.3121; 4412.94.3131; 4412.94.3141; 4412.94.3160; 4412.94.3171; 4412.94.4010; 4412.94.5100; 4412.94.6000; 4412.94.7000; 4412.94.8000; 4412.94.9000; 4412.94.9050; 4412.94.9060; 4412.99.1020; 4412.99.1040; 4412.99.2110; 4412.99.3120; 4412.99.3130; 4412.99.3140; 4412.99.3150; 4412.99.3160; 4412.99.3170; 4412.99.4100; 4412.99.5100; 4412.99.5105; 4412.99.5115; 4412.99.5710; 4412.99.6000; 4412.99.7000; 4412.99.8000; 4412.99.9000; 4412.99.9500; 4418.71.2000; 4418.71.9000; 4418.72.2000; 4418.72.9500; and 9801.00.2500.

While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Because no party submitted a case brief in response to the Department’s Preliminary Results, and because the record contains no other information or evidence that calls into question the Preliminary Results, the Department continues to find that Sino-Maple is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng, and is entitled to Jiafeng’s cash deposit rate with respect to entries of merchandise subject to the AD order on MLWF from the PRC.

Instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Based on these final results, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect estimated ADs for all shipments of subject merchandise exported by Sino-Maple and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of this notice in the Federal Register at the current AD cash deposit rate for Jiafeng (i.e., 13.74 percent). This cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as a final 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/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 final results notice in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.216.

Dated: November 9, 2015.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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* For a complete discussion of the Department’s findings, which remain unchanged in these final results and which are herein incorporated by reference and adopted by this notice, see generally the Preliminary Decision Memorandum accompanying the Preliminary Results.