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Dated: February 14, 2018.

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Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-905]

Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order on certain polyester staple fiber (PSF) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable February 23, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Walker, Enforcement and Compliance, Office V, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 6, 2017, Commerce initiated the second sunset review of the antidumping duty order¹ on PSF from China, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On February 16, 2016, Commerce received a timely notice of intent to participate in the sunset review from the domestic producers, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).³ The domestic producers in this sunset review claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as producers of the

domestic like product.⁴ On October 6, 2017, the domestic producers filed a substantive response in the sunset review within the 30-day deadline, as specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁵ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party in the sunset review. On November 15, 2017, Commerce made its adequacy determination in the sunset review finding that Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party.⁶

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the order is synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more in diameter. This merchandise is cut to lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUS) subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.⁷

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The issues discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail if the Order were revoked. Parties may find a complete discussion of all issues raised in the review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file electronically via Enforcement & Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Services System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov> and to all parties in the Central Records Unit

⁴ The domestic producers in this sunset review are DAK Americas, LLC, Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America and Auriga Polymers Inc.

⁵ See Substantive Response.

⁶ See Letter to the ITC from Commerce, "Sunset Reviews Initiated in September 2017," dated November 15, 2017. In this letter, we stated that based on the lack of an adequate response in the sunset review from any respondent party, {Commerce} is conducting an expedited (120-day) sunset review consistent with section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2). See also *Procedures for Conducting Five-year (Sunset) Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516, 13519 (March 20, 1998) (Commerce normally will conduct an expedited sunset review where respondent interested parties provide an inadequate response).

⁷ See "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the web at <http://trade.gov/enforcement>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Review

Pursuant to sections 752(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the antidumping duty order on PSF from China would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at weighted-average margins up to 44.30 percent.

Notice Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely 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 terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This sunset review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: February 16, 2018.

Prentiss Lee Smith,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 99-12A05]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to California Almond Export Association, LLC (CAEA), Application No. 99-12A05.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to CAEA on February 9, 2018. A previous amended Export Trade Certificate of Review was issued to CAEA on June 12, 2017, and a notice of its issuance was published in the

¹ See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 30545 (June 1, 2007) (Order).

² See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews*, 82 FR 42078 (September 6, 2017).

³ See letter from the domestic producers, "Polyester Staple Fiber from China—Petitioners' Notice of Intent to Participate," dated September 21, 2017.

Federal Register on June 26, 2017 (82 FR 28826).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Flynn, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at *etca@trade.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2015). OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

CAEA's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

- Add Stewart & Jasper Marketing, Inc. as a Member

CAEA's Export Trade Certificate of Review Membership, as amended, is listed below:

Almonds California Pride, Inc.,
Caruthers, CA
Baldwin-Minkler Farms, Orland, CA
Blue Diamond Growers, Sacramento, CA
Campos Brothers, Caruthers, CA
Chico Nut Company, Chico, CA
Del Rio Nut Company, Livingston, CA
Fair Trade Corner, Inc., Chico, CA
Fisher Nut Company, Modesto, CA
Hilltop Ranch, Inc., Ballico, CA
Hughson Nut, Inc., Hughson, CA
Mariani Nut Company, Winters, CA
Nutco, LLC d.b.a. Spycher Brothers,
Turlock, CA
P-R Farms, Inc., Clovis, CA
Roche Brothers International Family
Nut Co., Escalon, CA
RPAC, LLC, Los Banos, CA
South Valley Almond Company, LLC,
Wasco, CA
Stewart & Jasper Marketing, Inc.,
Newman, CA

SunnyGem, LLC, Wasco, CA
Western Nut Company, Chico, CA
Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds, LLC,
Los Angeles, CA

The effective date of the amended certificate is November 14, 2017, the date on which CAEA's application to amend was deemed submitted.

Dated: February 20, 2018.

Joseph E. Flynn,

Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-079]

Cast Iron Soil Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable February 15, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Javier Barrientos at (202) 482-2243, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement & Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On January 26, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) received an antidumping duty (AD) petition concerning imports of cast iron soil pipe (soil pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form, on behalf of the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (the petitioner).¹ The petitioner is a trade association, whose members are all domestic producers of soil pipe.² The AD petition was accompanied by a countervailing duty (CVD) petition for soil pipe from China.³

On January 31, 2018, Commerce requested additional information and clarification of certain areas of the

¹ See Letter to the Secretary of Commerce from the petitioner re: Cast Iron Pipe from the People's Republic of China—Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties, dated January 26, 2018 (Petition).

² See Volume I of the Petition at 2. The individual members of the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute are AB&I Foundry, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry, and Tyler Pipe.

³ See Volume III of the Petition.

Petition.⁴ The petitioner filed responses to these requests on February 2, 2018.⁵

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that imports of soil pipe from China are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less-than-fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that, such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, an industry in the United States. Also, consistent with section 732(b)(1) of the Act, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(E) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the AD investigation that the petitioner is requesting.⁶

Period of Investigation

Because the Petition was filed on January 26, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1), the period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is soil pipe from China. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see the "Scope of the Investigation," in the Appendix to this notice.

Comments on the Scope of the Investigation

On February 2, 2018, in response to a question from Commerce, the petitioner filed a revision to the scope language.⁷

⁴ See Letters from Commerce, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions," dated January 31, 2018, and "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: General Issues Supplemental Questions," dated January 31, 2018.

⁵ See Letters from the petitioner, "Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Response to Supplemental Questions—General Issues," dated February 2, 2018 (General Issues Supplement), and "Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Response to Supplemental Questions—Antidumping Duties," dated February 2, 2018 (AD Supplemental Response).

⁶ See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" section, below.

⁷ See General Issues Supplement at Exhibit 1.