

this notice.¹⁵ Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 20, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-863]

Honey From the People's Republic of China: Final Results and Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Jiangsu Runchen Agricultural/Sideline Foodstuff Co., Ltd. (Runchen) did not make a *bona fide* sale during the period of review (POR) of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. Therefore, we are rescinding this administrative review.

DATES: Applicable July 27, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jasun Moy, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-8194.

Background

On December 4, 2019, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* and invited interested parties to comment.¹ On January 3, 2020, we received a case brief from Runchen.² On January 15, 2020, we received a rebuttal brief from the American Honey Producers Association and Sioux Honey Association (collectively, the petitioner).³

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to this order is natural honey, artificial honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, preparations of natural honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, and flavored honey. For a full description of the scope, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁴

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in Runchen's case brief are listed in the appendix to this notice and are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The Issues

¹ See *Honey from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Preliminary Intent to Rescind of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018*, 84 FR 66374 (December 4, 2019) (*Preliminary Results*).

² See Runchen's Letter, "Honey from the PRC—Administrative Case Brief of Jiangsu Runchen Agricultural/Sideline Foodstuff Co., Ltd.," dated January 3, 2020. On January 9, 2020, Runchen timely refiled its case brief to remove new factual information. See Runchen's Letter, "Honey from the PRC—Administrative Case Brief of Jiangsu Runchen Agricultural/Sideline Foodstuff Co., Ltd.," dated January 9, 2020; see also Memorandum, "Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Honey from the People's Republic of China: Rejection of Case Brief," dated January 8, 2020.

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Honey from China: Petitioners' Rebuttal Brief," dated January 15, 2020.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Honey from the People's Republic of China; 2017-2018," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum is available at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Bona Fides Analysis

In the *Preliminary Results*, we found that Runchen's sale of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR was not a *bona fide* sale. After analyzing interested parties' comments, we continue to find that Runchen's sale is not a *bona fide* sale. We reached this conclusion based on multiple factors, including: (1) The atypical nature of the price and quantity of the sale; (2) the profit, or lack thereof, made by Runchen's customer on the resale; and (3) other considerations, such as the timing of the payment from Runchen's customer, the fact that Runchen made only a single sale made during the POR, the lack of experience of the importer in the honey industry, and the lack of experience of Runchen in exporting honey to the United States. Our analysis led us to conclude that Runchen's POR sale is unlikely to be representative of its future sales.

Because we have determined that Runchen had no *bona fide* sales during the POR, we are rescinding this administrative review.

Assessment Rates

Because Commerce is rescinding this administrative review, we have not calculated a company-specific dumping margin for Runchen. Runchen remains part of the China-wide entity and the entry of its subject merchandise during the POR will be assessed antidumping duties at the China-wide entity rate. The China-wide entity rate is \$2.63 per kilogram.⁵

Cash Deposit Requirements

As noted above, Commerce is rescinding this administrative review. Thus, we have not calculated a company-specific dumping margin for Runchen. Therefore, entries of Runchen's subject merchandise continue to be subject to the China-wide entity cash deposit rate of \$2.63 per

⁵ See *Honey from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2012-2013*, 80 FR 27633-34 (May 14, 2015).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

kilogram. This cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during the POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties has occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1) and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: July 21, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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 - Comment 3: Whether Sale Price and Quantity Weigh in Favor of Finding Runchen's Sale Not *Bona Fide*
 - Comment 4: Whether the Goods Were Resold at a Profit
 - Comment 5: Other Relevant Factors
- V. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-132]

Twist Ties From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable July 16, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darla Brown or Ajay Menon, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1791 or (202) 482-1993, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On June 26, 2020, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of twist ties from the People's Republic of China (China) filed in proper form on behalf of Bedford Industries, Inc. (the petitioner).¹ The Petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) petition concerning imports of twist ties from China.

Between June 30 and July 13, 2020, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition,² to which the petitioner filed responses between July 2 and 13, 2020.³

¹ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Twist Ties from China," dated June 26, 2020 (the Petition).

² See Commerce's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions," dated June 30, 2020; see also Commerce's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions," dated July 2, 2020; Commerce's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions," dated July 7, 2020; Memorandum, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Phone Call with Counsel to the Petitioner," dated July 7, 2020 (Phone Call Memorandum); and Memorandum, "Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China Countervailing Duty Petition: Placing Document on the Record," dated July 13, 2020.

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Twist Ties from China: Response of Bedford Industries, Inc. to Supplemental Questionnaire," dated July 2, 2020 (First CVD Petition Supplement); see also Petitioner's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of China (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of twist ties in China and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing twist ties in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition is supported 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)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested CVD investigation.⁴

Period of Investigation

Because the Petition was filed on June 26, 2020, the period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.⁵

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is twist ties from China. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see the appendix to this notice.

Comments on Scope of the Investigation

On June 30 and July 7, 2020, Commerce requested further information from the petitioner regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petition is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.⁶ On July 6 and 9, 2020, the petitioner revised the scope.⁷ The description of the merchandise covered by this investigation, as described in the

Countervailing Duties on Twist Ties from China: Response of Bedford Industries, Inc. to Supplemental Questionnaire," dated July 7, 2020 (Second CVD Petition Supplement); Petitioner's Letter, "Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China," dated July 9, 2020 (Second General Issues Supplement); and Petitioner's Letter, "Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China," dated July 13, 2020 (General Issues Supplement).

⁴ See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" section, *infra*.

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

⁶ See General Issues Supplemental at 3-4; see also Phone Call Memorandum.

⁷ See Second General Issues Supplement at 3-4; see also Second General Issues Supplement at 3-4.