

include all items that are worn out during the production process and that physically touch the product (e.g., grinding wheels and drill bits) as well as items such as packing materials. However, it is the Department's position that the definition in Annex II is unambiguous, and therefore, the only duty exemptions that we find not countervailable are those on materials which are physically incorporated into the exported product and on oils used in the production process. The remaining duty exemptions received by the respondent companies on items such as drill bits and grinding wheels do not fit the definition in Annex II. They are not physically incorporated; nor are they energy, fuels, oils, or catalysts consumed in the course of their use. Accordingly, we continue to find those exemptions countervailable.

Final Results of Review

In accordance with section 355.22(c)(4)(ii) of the Department's *Interim Regulations*, we calculated an individual subsidy rate for each producer/exporter subject to this administrative review. As discussed above in the *Background* section, the Department considers the Minebea Group of Companies as one corporate entity. Therefore, we have calculated one subsidy rate for the Minebea Group of Companies in Thailand. For the period January 1 through December 1, 1994, we determine the net subsidy to be as follows:

Net subsidies—producer/exporter	Net subsidy rate
Minebea Group of Companies (NMB Thai, Pelmec Thai, NMB Hi-Tech, NMB Precision Ball, Ltd.)	5.25%.

We will instruct the U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") to assess countervailing duties as indicated above.

Because the URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies, the procedures for establishing countervailing duty rates, including those for non-reviewed companies, are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. See section 355.22(a) of the *Interim Regulations*. Pursuant to 19 CFR § 355.22(g), for all companies for which a review was not requested, duties must be assessed at

the cash deposit rate previously ordered. Accordingly, we will instruct Customs to liquidate at the cash deposit rate in effect at the time of entry all entries of subject merchandise from non-reviewed companies.

Pursuant to petitioner's statement of no further interest in the CVD order on ball bearings and parts thereof from Thailand for entries after December 31, 1994, the Department conducted a changed circumstances review and, effective January 1, 1995, revoked this countervailing duty order pursuant to section 782(h)(2) of the Act. *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from Thailand: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Countervailing Duty Review and Revocation of Countervailing Duty Order*, 61 FR 20799 (May 8, 1996). Accordingly, suspension of liquidation was terminated effective January 1, 1995, and the Department will not issue further instructions with respect to cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties.

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 § 355.34(d). Timely written notification of return/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 sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).

Dated: December 30, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

Scope of Review

Ball Bearings, Mounted or Unmounted, and Parts Thereof

The products covered by this review, ball bearings, mounted or unmounted, and parts thereof, include all antifriction bearings which employ balls as the rolling element. During the review period, imports of these products were classifiable under the following categories: antifriction balls; ball bearings with integral shafts; ball bearings (including radial ball bearings) and parts thereof; ball bearing type pillow blocks and parts thereof; ball bearing type flange, take-up, cartridge, and hanger units, and parts thereof; and other bearings (except tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof. Wheel hub

units which employ balls as the rolling element are subject to the review. Finished but unground or semiground balls are not included in the scope of this review.

Imports of these products are currently classifiable under the following HTS item numbers: 8482.10.10, 8482.10.50, 8482.80.00, 8482.91.00, 8482.99.10, 8482.99.70, 8483.20.40, 8483.20.80, 8483.30.40, 8483.30.80, 8483.90.20, 8483.90.30, 8483.90.70, 8708.50.50, 8708.60.50, and 8708.99.50. This review covers all of the subject bearings and parts thereof outlined above with certain limitations. With regard to finished parts (inner race, outer race, cage, rollers, balls, seals, shields, etc.), all such parts are included in the scope of this review. For unfinished parts (inner race, outer race, rollers, balls, etc.), such parts are included if (1) they have been heat treated, or (2) heat treatment is not required to be performed on the part. Thus, the only unfinished parts that are not covered by this review are those parts which will be subject to heat treatment after importation.

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Notice of Rescission of Expedited Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Pasta from Italy

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of rescission of expedited countervailing duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") rescinds its expedited countervailing duty administrative review of the order covering certain pasta from Italy initiated on October 10, 1996 (61 FR 53198).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristin Mowry, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3798.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 10, 1996, at the request of two exporters of pasta, Pastificio Oleificio Mangimificio Bianconi S.p.A ("Bianconi") and Pastificio Nuova Bettini S.p.A. ("Bettini"), we published

in the Federal Register a notice of initiation of an expedited administrative review of the countervailing duty order published in the Federal Register on July 24, 1996 (61 FR 38544) covering imports of certain pasta from Italy (61 FR 53198). On November 12 and 15, 1996, we received withdrawals of the requests for review from Bianconi and Bettini, respectively. These withdrawals are consistent with 19 CFR 351.214(f)(1) and (k)(3), found in *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments*, published in the Federal Register on February 27, 1996 (61 FR 7308, 7367-68). Accordingly, the Department is rescinding the expedited review.

This rescission and this notice are pursuant to section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification is sought and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A 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. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether a Certificate should be issued, and are encouraged to provide a nonconfidential version of their comments. An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of any nonconfidential version, should be submitted not later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 96-00008." A summary of the application follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: U.S. Rice Industry Coalition for Exports, Inc. ("US RICE"), 1615 L Street, N.W., 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036. Contact: M. Jean Anderson, counsel, Telephone: (202) 682-7217.

Application No: 96-00008.

Date Deemed Submitted: December 20, 1996.

Members (in addition to applicant): Continental Grain Company, New York, New York; Newfield Partners Ltd., Miami, Florida.

US RICE seeks a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation.

Export Trade Products

Semi-milled and wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.30) ("milled rice"), husked (brown) rice (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.20), broken rice (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.40), and paddy or rough rice (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.10).

Export Markets

For purposes of allocating through an open bidding procedure the European Union's tariff rate quota: The countries of the European Union.

For purposes of Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation paragraphs 2.-4. below: All parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. US RICE will administer a system for managing the U.S. share of the European Union ("EU") tariff-rate quotas ("TRQs") for milled, brown, and broken rice (roughly 38,000 tons of milled rice, 8,000 tons of brown rice and 7,000 tons of broken rice annually) agreed to as compensation to the United States for the enlargement of the EU to include Austria, Finland, and Sweden, as follows:

a. US RICE will allocate the TRQs exclusively through an open quota tender to the highest bidder(s). Any person incorporated or domiciled in the United States is eligible to bid. Bidders need not be members of US RICE and need not be included in the Certificate.

b. The quota tender system will be administered by an independent third party ("the TRQ Administrator"), who will be retained by US RICE. The TRQ Administrator may be an individual, partnership, corporation (for profit or non-profit), or any representative thereof that is not engaged in the production, milling, distribution, or sale of milled, brown, or broken rice.

c. Normally at least 45 days before the opening of each TRQ tranche, as defined by the EU, US RICE will publish notice of the bidding process for that tranche, specifying a bid date approximately 30 days before the opening of the tranche. Bidders will submit bids to the TRQ Administrator on the bid date, together with a bid deposit, initially set at \$25 per metric ton. The TRQ Administrator will retain the full bid deposit for tonnage on which bids are successful, and \$5 per metric ton of the deposit for unsuccessful bids, to cover costs of administering the TRQ system. The remainder will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders.

d. Following the close of the bidding, the TRQ Administrator will disclose the bids received to all bidders, and after further review of bids for conformity with bidding procedures, will notify the high bidders. High bidders will then have 48 hours to post a five percent performance bond. When all bonds have been posted, the TRQ Administrator will issue a list of winning bidders to all participants. Upon receipt of the full amounts bid, the TRQ Administrator will promptly issue Export Certificates of Quota ("ECQs") to the winning bidders. ECQs will be freely tradable. Each performance bond will be discharged on submission of export documentation demonstrating that the