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Dated: August 26, 1999.

**Bernard T. Carreau,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-580-839, A-583-833]

#### Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vincent Kane (Republic of Korea) or Alysia Wilson (Taiwan), AD/CVD Enforcement, Group I, Office 1, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0176 or 482-0108, respectively.

#### Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On April 29, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published its notice of initiation of antidumping investigations of certain polyester staple fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan. *See Initiation of Antidumping*

*Duty Investigations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan*, 64 FR 23053, 23055. The notice stated we would issue our preliminary determinations by September 9, 1999.

On August 16, 1999, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.; Artega Specialities S.a.r.l., d/b/a KoSa; Wellman, Inc.; and Intercontinental Polymers, Inc. (the petitioners)<sup>1</sup> requested that the Department postpone the issuance of the preliminary determinations in these investigations. The petitioners' request for postponement was timely, and the Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, we are postponing the deadline for issuing these determinations until no later than September 29, 1999.

This extension and notice are in accordance with section 733(c) of the Act.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

**Bernard T. Carreau,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-825]

#### Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Sebacic Acid From the People's Republic of China

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

**ACTION:** Notice of continuation of antidumping duty order: Sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China.

**SUMMARY:** On April 7, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (64 FR 16910 (April 7, 1999)). On May 19, 1999, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China would likely to lead to continuation or

<sup>1</sup> E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc. is not a petitioner in the Taiwan case.

recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (64 FR 27297 (May 19, 1999)). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 26, 1999.

#### Background

On December 2, 1998, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, a sunset review (63 FR 66527 and 63 FR 66567, respectively) of the antidumping duty order on sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of this review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order to be revoked (see Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Sebacic Acid from the People's Republic of China, 64 FR 16910 (April 7, 1999)).

On May 19, 1999, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (*see Sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 27297 (May 19, 1999) and USITC Pub. 3189, Inv. No. 731-TA-653 (Review) (May 1999)).

#### Scope

The merchandise covered by this antidumping duty order is all grades of sebacic acid, a dicarboxylic acid with the formula (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>(COOH)<sub>2</sub>, which include but are not limited to CP Grade (500ppm maximum ash, 25 maximum APHA color), Purified Grade (1000ppm maximum ash, 50 maximum APHA color), and Nylon Grade (500ppm maximum ash, 70 maximum ICV color), from the People's Republic of China. The principal difference between the grades is the quantity of ash and color. Sebacic acid contains a minimum of 85

percent dibasic acids of which the predominant species is the C10 dibasic acid. Sebacic acid is sold generally as a free-flowing powder/flake. Sebacic acid has numerous industrial uses, including the production of nylon 6/10 (a polymer used for paintbrush and toothbrush bristles and paper machine felts), plasticizers, esters, automotive coolants, polyamides, polyester castings and films, inks and adhesives, lubricants, and polyurethane castings and coatings. Sebacic acid is currently classifiable under subheading 2917.13.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). The HTS subheading/ item number is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written product description of the scope of this proceeding remains dispositive.

**Determination**

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of this antidumping duty order would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on sebacic acid from the People's Republic of China. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act, any subsequent five-year review of this order will be initiated not later than the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation of this order.

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indicated that the effective date of continuation of this order is May 26, 1999, seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination. As a result, pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than April 2004.

Dated: August 26, 1999.

**Bernard T. Carreau,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Export Council (PEC) will hold a full Council meeting to discuss topics related to export expansion. The meeting will include briefings on trade priorities and issues, the World Trade Organization, economic sanctions and Virtual Trade Mission activities. The PEC was established on December 20, 1973, and reconstituted May 4, 1979, to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. trade. It was most recently renewed by Executive Order 13062.

**DATES:** September 22, 1999.

**TIME:** 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Capitol, Room SC-5, Washington, DC, 20510. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted no later than September 8, 1999, to J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, DC, 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, DC, 20230 (Phone: 202-482-1124).

Dated August 25, 1999.

**J. Marc Chittum,**

*Staff Director and Executive Secretary, President's Export Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders or Investigations of Carbon Steel Plates and Flat Products**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of five-year ("Sunset") reviews.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating five-year ("Sunset") reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notices of *Institution of Five-Year Reviews* covering these same orders.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa G. Skinner, Scott E. Smith, or Martha V. Douthit, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-1560, (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-5050, respectively, or Vera Libeau, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, at (202) 205-3176.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Initiation of Reviews**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218 (see *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998)), we are initiating sunset reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations:

DOC case No.	ITC case No.	Country	Product
A-583-080 .....	AA-197	Taiwan .....	Carbon Steel Plate.
C-401-401 .....	C-231	Sweden .....	Carbon Steel Products.
C-423-806 .....	C-319	Belgium .....	Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate.
C-351-818 .....	C-320	Brazil .....	Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate.