

publication of the preliminary results. The Department has determined that it is not practicable to issue its final results within the original 120-day time limit (See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert LaRussa dated October 21, 1999). We are therefore extending the deadline for the final results in this review to 180 days from the date on which the notice of preliminary results was published. The fully extended deadline for the final results is March 6, 2000.

Dated: October 28, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of New-Shipper Antidumping Review: Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Ellerman or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4106 and (202) 482-3020, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On March 30, 1999, the Department of Commerce received a request from Yancheng Haiteng Aquatic Products & Foods Co., Ltd., to conduct a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China. On April 30, 1999, the Department initiated this new shipper antidumping review covering the period September 1, 1998,

through February 28, 1999 (64 FR 24328, published May 6, 1999).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

The Department has determined that the issues are extraordinarily complicated and it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 (i)(2) of the Department's regulations. Therefore, in accordance with these sections, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results to February 24, 2000. The final results continue to be due 90 days after the issuance of the preliminary results. This extension of time limits is in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: October 25, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Large Newspaper Printing Presses and Components Thereof, Whether Assembled or Unassembled, From Japan: Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Intent To Revoke Antidumping Order, In Part

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of changed circumstances and intent to revoke antidumping duty order, in part.

SUMMARY: At the request of Goss Graphic Systems, Inc., the petitioner and a U.S. producer of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce is conducting a changed circumstances administrative review of the antidumping duty order on large newspaper printing presses and components thereof, whether assembled or unassembled, from Japan to determine whether to revoke in part the order with respect to large newspaper printing presses and components thereof, whether assembled or unassembled. Goss states that it has no interest in maintaining the antidumping duty order on subject merchandise from Japan with respect to the specific

category of large newspaper printing presses and components thereof, whether assembled or unassembled, identified in its request. We preliminarily determine to revoke the order, in part, with respect to these specific systems, as described below under "Scope of Review." We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David J. Goldberger or Dinah McDougall, Office 2, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, Room B099, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4136 or (202) 482-3773, respectively.

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("Department's") regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (1999).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 4, 1996, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 46621) the antidumping duty order on large newspaper printing presses ("LNPP") and components thereof, whether assembled or unassembled, from Japan. On May 28, 1999, Goss Graphic Systems, Inc. ("Goss") requested that the Department conduct a changed circumstances administrative review to determine, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.216(b), whether to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on LNPPs from Japan with regard to imports of the elements and components of LNPP systems, and additions thereto, imported to fulfill a contract for one or more complete LNPP systems, as described in detail below under "Scope of Review." Goss states that it is no longer interested in maintaining the order as applied to the category of merchandise described in the request.

KBA North America ("KBA"), a U.S. producer and an affiliate of the German respondent Koenig & Bauer-Albert AG in the German less-than-fair-value ("LTFV") investigation of LNPP from Germany, Tokyo Kikai Seisakusho, Ltd.

("TKS"), a respondent in the current administrative review of the order on LNPPs from Japan, and MAN Roland, Inc. ("MAN Roland"), a U.S. producer and an affiliate of the other respondent in the German LTFV investigation, MAN Roland Druckmaschinen AG, submitted comments in opposition to Goss' request, which they note, among other things, is limited to a very specific product covered by the antidumping duty order. KBA has also questioned Goss' claim that it represents "substantially all" of the U.S. industry. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. ("MHI"), the other respondent in the current administrative review of the order on LNPPs from Japan, supports Goss' request.

Scope of Review

The products covered by this changed circumstances review are elements and components of LNPP systems, and additions thereto, imported to fulfill a contract for one or more complete LNPP systems which feature a 22 inch cut-off, 50 inch web width and a rated speed no greater than 75,000 copies per hour. In addition to the specifications set out in this paragraph, all of which must be met in order for the product to fall within this changed circumstances review, the product must also possess all of the specifications detailed in the five (5) numbered sections following this paragraph and in any figures referenced below. If one or more of these criteria is not fulfilled, the product is not within the scope of this changed circumstances review:

1. *Printing Unit*: A printing unit which is a color keyless blanket-to-blanket tower unit with a fixed gain infeed and fixed gain outfeed, with a rated speed no greater than 75,000 copies per hour, which includes the following features:

- Each tower consisting of four levels, one or more of which must be populated.
- Plate cylinders which contain slot lock-ups and blanket cylinders which contain reel rod lock-ups both of which are of solid carbon steel with nickel plating and with bearers at both ends which are configured in-line with bearers of other cylinders.
- Keyless inking system which consists of a passive feed ink delivery system, an eight roller ink train, and a non-anilox and non-porous metering roller.
- The dampener system which consists of a two nozzle per page spraybar and two roller dampener with one chrome drum and one form roller.
- The equipment contained in the color keyless ink delivery system is

designed to achieve a constant, uniform feed of ink film across the cylinder without ink keys. This system requires use of keyless ink which accepts greater water content.

2. *Folder*: A module which is a double 3:2 rotary folder with 160 pages collect capability and double (over and under) delivery, with a cut-off length of 22 inches. The upper section consists of three-high double formers (total of 6) with six sets of nipping rollers.

3. *RTP*: A component which is of the two-arm design with core drives and core brakes, designed for 50 inch diameter rolls; and arranged in the press line in the back-to-back configuration (left and right hand load pairs).

4. *Conveyance and Access Apparatus*: Conveyance and access apparatus capable of manipulating a roll of paper more than two newspaper broadsheets across through the production process, and a drive system which is of conventional shafted design.

5. *Computerized Control System*: A computerized control system, which is any computer equipment and/or software designed specifically to control, monitor, adjust, and coordinate the functions and operations of large newspaper printing presses or press components.

The order with regard to imports of other LNPPs is not affected by this request.

Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

Pursuant to section 751(d) of the Act, the Department may partially revoke an antidumping duty order based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and § 351.222(g)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations provide that the Department may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part. The Department interprets "substantially all" production to mean at least 85 percent of production of the domestic like product (*i.e.*, the merchandise produced in the United States that corresponds to the scope of the proceeding) (*see, e.g., Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Oil Country Tubular Goods From Mexico*, 64 FR 14213-14214, March 24, 1999).

In order to determine whether "substantially all" of the domestic producers supported revocation in part of the order, the Department requested domestic production information from

Goss and KBA (MAN Roland did not identify any domestic production). Based on their responses, we have preliminarily determined that Goss represents at least 85 percent of the domestic production of the domestic like product and thus accounts for "substantially all" of the production of the domestic like product. This lack of interest by the domestic industry constitutes sufficient changed circumstances to warrant partial revocation of the order (*see, e.g., Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Reviews, and Revocation of Orders in Part: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Finland, Germany and the United Kingdom*, 64 FR 46343, August 25, 1999). The objections raised by other interested parties do not provide a basis for rejecting Goss' request. Therefore, the Department is notifying the public of its intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on LNPP from Japan with respect to the import of the elements and components of LNPP systems and additions thereto as described above.

If final revocation in part occurs, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all entries, of the merchandise described above, made on or after September 4, 1996, as requested by the petitioner. Further, we intend to issue instructions to Customs requiring that a party importing the merchandise described above submit a certification to Customs certifying that the imported merchandise meets the specifications of the merchandise covered by the revocation in part. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on LNPP from Japan with regard to the specified merchandise will continue unless and until we publish a final determination to revoke in part.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of the date of publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than 25 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs may be submitted by interested parties not later than 15 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal

briefs, limited to the issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 20 days after the date of publication of this notice. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing. The Department will publish the final results of this changed circumstances review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written comments.

This notice is in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: October 28, 1999.

Richard Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review: Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads From the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Nulman or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4052 and (202) 482-3020, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act") are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

Background

On February 23, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a request from Hebei Animal By-Products Import and Export Corporation

(HACO) to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China (PRC). On February 26, 1999, the Department received a request from petitioner, the Paint Applicator Division of the American Brush Manufacturers Association, to conduct an administrative review of Hunan Provincial Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import and Export Corporation. On March 19, 1999, the Department initiated an antidumping administrative review of these firms covering the period February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999 (64 FR 14860, published March 29, 1999).

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Under Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. Due to the complexity of certain issues in this case, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. See Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, *Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads from the PRC*, dated October 27, 1999, on file in Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of this review to February 28, 2000. This extension of the time limit is in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Commerce Advisory Committee on Africa: Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of committee establishment and membership opportunity.

SUMMARY: A committee comprised of U.S. businesses active in Sub-Saharan

Africa is to be established to advise the Secretary on issues of U.S. commercial policy in Africa. This action is taken to ensure regular consultation with the U.S. business community and to reflect its views in the Clinton Administration's Africa Initiative. The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly, or more often as determined by the Secretary.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than November 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Mrs. S.K. Miller, Director, Office of Africa by fax on 202/482-5198 or by mail at Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. S.K. Miller, Director, Office of Africa, Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202/482-4227.

Notice of Committee Establishment

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR Part 101-6, and, after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Africa is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law.

In furtherance of the President's Africa Initiative, the Committee will advise the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for International Trade, on U.S. commercial policy on trade with Sub-Saharan Africa.

The ACA will be composed of not more than 21 individuals representing companies, and will be chaired by Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley. To assure a balanced representation of interests, members will be selected based on the criteria set forth below, to obtain a balance in industry sectors, company size, location, gender and ethnic representation.

The Committee will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Charter will be filed under the Act, fifteen days from the publication of this notice.

The inaugural meeting of the ACA is expected to take place during the first quarter of the year 2000. Meetings will be scheduled quarterly throughout the year at the Department's headquarters. Additional meetings may be called as determined by the Secretary.