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Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room
4008, U.S. Department of Commerce,
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Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-046]

Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of
antidumping duty administrative
review.

SUMMARY: On January 26, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the **Federal Register** the notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan for Denki Kagaku Kogyo K.K. ("Denka") and Tosoh Corporation ("Tosoh"). See 65 FR 4228. This review was requested by the petitioner, DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C. ("DuPont"), and covers the period December 1, 1998, through November 30, 1999. We are now rescinding this review as a result of DuPont's timely withdrawal of its request for an administrative review for Denka and the non-shipper status of Tosoh.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nova Daly or Ron Trentham, Group II, Office 4, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0989 or 482-6320, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations

are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1999).

Background

On December 28, 1999, the petitioner, DuPont, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan for the period December 1, 1998, through November 30, 1999, covering two producers and/or exporters: Denka and Tosoh. No other interested party requested that the Department conduct an administrative review. On January 26, 2000, the Department initiated an administrative review (65 FR 4228).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of polychloroprene rubber, an oil resistant synthetic rubber also known as polymerized chlorobutadiene or neoprene, currently classifiable under items 4002.42.00, 4002.49.00, 4003.00.00, 4462.15.21 and 4462.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS"). HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and for the U.S. Customs Service purposes. The written descriptions remain dispositive.

Rescission of 1998/1999 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

On February 10, 2000, in response to the Department's questionnaire, Tosoh stated that it had made no shipments to the United States of the subject merchandise during the period of review ("POR"). The Department independently confirmed with the U.S. Customs Service that there were no shipments from Tosoh during the POR. Therefore, in accordance with section 351.213(d)(3) of the Department's regulations, and consistent with our practice, we are treating this firm as a non-shipper for purposes of this review. Moreover, the Department invited interested parties to comment on our intent to rescind this review with respect to Tosoh. See Rescission Memorandum from Ron Trentham to Holly A. Kuga, dated August 4, 2000 ("Rescission Memo"). Interested parties were given until the close of business on August 18, 2000, to submit their comments. No parties submitted comments. Therefore, we are rescinding this review with respect to Tosoh (see, e.g. *Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube from Turkey: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 63 FR 35190, 35191 (June 29, 1998)).

On February 23, 2000, the petitioner filed a letter with the Department withdrawing its request that the

Department conduct an administrative review of Denka's sales. This withdrawal complies with section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations which grants parties 90 days from the publication of the notice of initiation of review to withdraw their request for review. Because of the non-shipper status of Tosoh, DuPont's timely request for the termination of the review for Denka, and the fact that there were no responses to the Rescission Memo, the Department is rescinding this review in its entirety in accordance with section 351.213(d) of our regulations.

This notice is in accordance with section 751 of the Act and section 351.213(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-804]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Sparklers from the People's Republic of China

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

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

SUMMARY: On February 3, 2000, 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 sparklers from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. See 65 FR 5312 (February 3, 2000).

On July 6, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See 65 FR 41728 (July 6, 2000). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted sunset reviews (64 FR 35588 and 64 FR 35689) of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its review the Department found on February 3, 2000, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the order revoked. See Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Sparklers From the People's Republic of China, 65 FR 5312 (February 3, 2000).

On July 6, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See Sparklers from China, 65 FR 41728 (July 6, 2000) and USITC Publication 3317 (July 2000), Investigation No. 731-TA-464 (Review).

Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is sparklers from the PRC. Sparklers are fireworks each comprising a cut-to-length wire, one end of which is coated with a chemical mix that emits bright sparks while burning. Sparklers are currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") of the United States subheading 3604.10.00. The HTS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determination by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would be 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 sparklers from the PRC.

The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

Normally, the effective date of continuation of a finding, order, or suspension agreement will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Continuation. As provided in 19 CFR 351.218.(f)(4), the Department will issue its determination to continue a finding, order, or suspended investigation not later than seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination concluding the sunset review and immediately thereafter will publish its notice of continuation in the **Federal Register**. In this instant case, however, the Department's publication of the Notice of Continuation was delayed. The Department has explicitly indicated that the effective date of continuation of this order is July 13, 2000, seven days after the publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five year review of this order not later than June 2005.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a closed meeting of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Thursday, September 21, 2000. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the consensus process, determine possible conflict of interest for site visited companies, select applicants for site visits, begin stage III of the judging process, review feedback to first stage

applicants, a debriefing on the State and Local Workshop, and an update on 2001 criteria. The application under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 21, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 2000. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Red Training Room, Chemistry Building, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 31, 2000, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 522b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082500B]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000,