

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD JULY 22, 2003–AUGUST 19, 2003

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Aircraft Precision Products, Inc	185 Industrial Parkway, Ithaca, MI 48847	08/11/03	Machined parts for aircraft turbine engines.
American Machining Services of Virginia, Inc.	198 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, VA 24084	08/11/03	Machined parts for the coal mining industry.
Best Manufacturers, Inc.	P.O. Box 20091, Portland, OR 97294	08/07/03	Kitchen whips (whisks).
C. F. Roark Welding and Engineering Co., Inc.	136 N. Green Street, Brownsburg, IN 46112.	08/12/03	Machined parts for aircraft gas turbine engines.
Cozzoli Machine Company	50 Schoolhouse Road, Somerset, NJ 08873.	08/12/03	Packaging machinery and systems for cleaning, sterilizing, filling and closing applications.
David S. Harsila dba F/V Excel	20103 23rd Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98160.	08/11/03	Salmon.
Die Cut Technologies, Inc	10943 Leroy Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233.	08/19/03	Gaskets.
LeBaron Foundry, Inc	14 East Union Street, Brockton, MA 02303.	08/04/03	Cast iron frames, covers, rings and grates.
Mack Engineering Corporation	3215 E. 26th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406.	08/07/03	Machined metal components for hydraulic systems.
North American Rubber Thread Co., Inc ..	106 Ferry Street, Fall River, MA 02722 ...	07/23/03	Extruded rubber monofilament thread.
Performance Products, Inc. dba ICO Corporation.	29370 Dinkins Drive, Lacombe, LA 70445	08/05/03	Electrical equipment for motorcycles, including odometers.
Rockford Products Corporation	707 Harrison Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104	08/12/03	Vehicle steering components.
Ski Country Imports, Inc. and Ouray Sportswear Wyoming, Inc. dba Ouray Sportswear.	3773 S. Jason Street, Englewood, CO 80110.	08/07/03	Men's T-shirts.
Western Pennsylvania Steel Fabricating, Inc.	RD#3 Wilmington Road, New Castle, PA 16105.	08/07/03	Steel storage containers.
Wrangell Seafoods, Inc	641 Shakes Street, Wrangell, AK 99929	08/07/03	Halibut.
XLI Corporation	950 Exchange Street, Rochester, NY 14608.	08/11/03	Cabinets, components and assemblies for processing data.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm. Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: August 21, 2003.

Brenda A. Johnson,

Technical Assistance Specialist, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-001]

Potassium Permanganate From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On February 18, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on

potassium permanganate from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The review covers potassium permanganate (subject merchandise) exported to the United States by Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd. (Groupstars Jinan) during the period from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Based on our analysis of the comments and additional factual information received after publication of the preliminary results of review, we have made changes in the margin calculation. Therefore, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margin for the reviewed firm is listed below in the section entitled Final Results of Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Conniff, Drew Jackson or Howard Smith, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230;

telephone (202) 482-1009, (202) 482-4406 or (202) 482-5193, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 18, 2003, the Department published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the PRC. See *Potassium Permanganate from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 7768 (February 18, 2003) (*Preliminary Results*). We invited parties to comment on our preliminary results of review.

Since the publication of the preliminary results, the following events have occurred. On March 10, 2003, Groupstars submitted publicly available surrogate value information regarding manganese ore.¹ In March, April and May of 2003 Groupstars and Carus Chemical Company, the petitioner, submitted new factual information. The Department accepted this information. See memorandum from John Conniff, International Trade Compliance Analyst, to the File concerning Submission of technical information by Carus Chemical Company dated April 16, 2003 and memorandum from John Conniff, International Trade Compliance Analyst, to Thomas F. Futtner, Acting Office Director, concerning Submission of Untimely Filed Factual Information by the Petitioner and the Respondent, dated July 30, 2003. The petitioner and the respondent submitted case briefs on May 7, 2003 and rebuttal briefs on May 12, 2003. On July 24, 2003, the Department held a public hearing that had been requested by the petitioner.

On June 11, 2003, the Department extended the time limit for completion of the final results until no later than August 17, 2003. See *Potassium Permanganate from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 34907 (June 11, 2003). The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of potassium permanganate, an inorganic chemical produced in free-flowing, technical, and pharmaceutical grades. During the review period, potassium permanganate was

classifiable under item 2841.61.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).² Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Period of Review

The POR is January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case briefs and the rebuttal briefs submitted by parties to this administrative review are contained in the *Issues and Decision Memorandum* from Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, to Jeffrey May, Acting Assistant Secretary (*Issues and Decision Memorandum*). The *Issues and Decision Memorandum* is dated concurrently with this notice and hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which the parties have raised is attached to this notice as an Appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this administrative review, and the corresponding recommendations, in the *Issues and Decision Memorandum* which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the *Issues and Decision Memorandum* can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov>. The paper copy and electronic version of the *Issues and Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results—Use of Total Adverse Facts Available

Section 776(a)(2) of the Act provides that, if an interested party (A) withholds information requested by the Department, (B) fails to provide such information by the deadline for submission of the information, or in the form and manner requested, (C) significantly impedes a proceeding under the antidumping statute, or (D) provides information that cannot be verified, the Department shall use, subject to section 782(d) of the Act, facts otherwise available in reaching the applicable determination. Because Groupstars was unable to support its response with accurate and reliable records, we have determined that Groupstars' response is not verifiable and the use of total facts available is appropriate. See section 776(a)(2)(D) of

the Act. For a complete discussion of our analysis, see the accompanying *Issues and Decision Memorandum* at Comment 1. Moreover, because Groupstars has never established its entitlement to a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, and the Department has determined that the record in the instant review is unreliable and thus not verifiable, we have not granted Groupstars a separate rate.

In selecting from among the facts otherwise available, section 776(b) of the Act provides that if the Department finds that an interested party failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to comply with a request for information, the Department may use an inference that is adverse to the interests of the party. The Act provides that an adverse inference may include reliance on information derived from the petition, a final determination in an antidumping investigation or review, or any other information placed on the record. See section 776(b)(1)–(4) of the Act. The Department's examination of the instant record shows that Groupstars has repeatedly submitted inconsistent, inaccurate and incomplete information in this review and has withheld information from the Department. This demonstrates that the respondent has failed to cooperate to the best of its ability pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act. Therefore, the use of adverse facts available is appropriate.

Because it is appropriate to assign Groupstars a dumping margin based on adverse facts available and deny the company a separate rate, for these final results, we have assigned the PRC entity, including Groupstars, a dumping margin of 128.94 percent, which is the highest margin calculated for any party in this proceeding and the current PRC-wide rate. For a complete discussion of our analysis, see the accompanying *Issues and Decision Memorandum* at Comment 1.

Final Results of Review

Exporter/Manufacturer	Margin (percent)
PRC-Wide Rate	128.94

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of potassium permanganate from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) For

¹ Groupstars refers to Groupstars Holding Inc. and the entities that it directly or indirectly owns (including Groupstars Jinan).

² The scope reflects the HTSUS subheading currently in effect which differs from the HTSUS subheading used in the prior segment of this proceeding.

previously reviewed or investigated companies that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (2) the cash deposit rate for all other PRC exporters will be 128.94 percent; and (3) the cash deposit rate for non-PRC exporters will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter that supplied that exporter.

These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Assessment

The Department will determine, and the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) will assess, antidumping duties on all entries of subject merchandise in accordance with these final results. The Department will issue the appropriate assessment instructions directly to the BCBP within 15 days of publication of these final results of review. The Department will direct the BCBP to assess the resulting assessment rate against the entered customs values of the subject merchandise on each of the entries during the review period.

Reimbursement of Duties

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

Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under an APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 of the Department's regulations. Timely written notification of the return/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.

We are issuing and publishing this determination and notice in accordance with sections section 751(a)(1) and 771(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 18, 2003.

Jeffrey May,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix—Issues in Decision Memorandum

- Comment 1: Whether the Department Should Base Groupstars Jinan's Dumping Margin on Total Adverse Facts Available
- Comment 2: Whether the Department Should "Collapse" Groupstars and JCC
- Comment 3: Surrogate Value for Manganese Dioxide
- Comment 4: Surrogate Value for Potassium Hydroxide
- Comment 5: Surrogate Value for Slaked Lime/Lime/Limestone
- Comment 6: Surrogate Value for Electricity and Water
- Comment 7: Surrogate Value for Coal
- Comment 8: Surrogate Value for Salt
- Comment 9: Surrogate Value for Silicon Dioxide
- Comment 10: Selection of Surrogate Financial Ratios
- Comment 11: Allegations of Ministerial Errors Related to the Calculation of Packing Materials
- Comment 12: Allegations of Ministerial Errors Related to the Calculation of Distance to the Port
- Comment 13: Whether the Department Should Have Included in its Calculations Additional Indirect Selling and Movement Expenses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Solicitation of Applications for Allocation of Tariff Rate Quotas on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics

August 22, 2003.

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: The Department of Commerce (Department) is soliciting applications for an allocation of the 2004 tariff rate quotas on certain worsted wool fabric.

SUMMARY: The Department hereby solicits applications from persons (including firms, corporations, or other legal entities) who cut and sew men's and boys' worsted wool suits and suit-like jackets and trousers for an allocation of the 2004 tariff rate quotas on certain worsted wool fabric. Interested persons must submit an application on the form provided to the address listed below by 5 p.m. on September 29, 2003.

The Department will cause to be published in the **Federal Register** its determination to allocate the 2004 tariff

rate quotas and will notify applicants of their respective allocation as soon as possible after that date. Promptly thereafter, the Department will issue licenses to eligible applicants.

DATES: To be considered, applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on September 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to the Industry Assessment Division, Office of Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods Industries, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230 (telephone: (202) 482-4058). Application forms may be obtained from that office (via facsimile or mail) or from the following Internet address: <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/wooltrq.nsf/TRQApp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Botero, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act) created two tariff rate quotas (TRQs), providing for temporary reductions in the import duties on limited quantities of two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers: (1) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11); and (2) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12).

On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which includes several amendments to Title V of the Act. These include the extension of the program through 2005; the reduction of the in-quota duty rate on HTS 9902.51.12 (average fiber diameter 18.5 microns or less) from 6 percent to zero, effective for goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2002; and an increase in the 2004 TRQ levels to 3,500,000 square meters for HTS 9902.51.12 and to 4,500,000 square meters for HTS 9902.51.11. These levels may be modified by the President. See 15 CFR 340.

The Act requires that the TRQs be allocated to persons who cut and sew men's and boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type jackets and trousers in the United States. On January 22, 2001 the Department published regulations establishing procedures for allocating the TRQs. 66 FR 6459, 15 CFR 335. In order to be eligible for an allocation, an