Assessment Rates

The Department shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appropriate appraisement instructions for the company subject to this review directly to CBP within 15 days of publication of the final results of this review. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we will calculate importer- specific ad valorem duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of the dumping margins calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales. We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review if any importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above de minimis.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Upon completion of this review, we will require cash deposits at the rate established in the final results as further described below.

Bonding will no longer be permitted to fulfill security requirements for shipments of brake rotors from the PRC produced and exported by Shenyang Yinghao that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of the new shipper review. The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this review for all shipments of subject merchandise from Shenyang Yinghao entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date: (1) for subject merchandise manufactured and exported by Shenyang Yinghao, no cash deposit will be required if the cash deposit rate calculated in the final results is zero or de minimis; and (2) for subject merchandise exported by Shenyang Yinghao but not manufactured by Shenyang Yinghao, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the PRC-wide rate (i.e., 43.32 percent).

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

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) 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 double antidumping duties.

This new shipper review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-549-813

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Canned Pineapple Fruit From Thailand

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a letter from The Thai Pineapple Public Co., Ltd. notifying the Department of Commerce that its corporate name has changed to Tipco Foods (Thailand) Public Co., Ltd., the Department of Commerce is initiating a changed circumstances administrative review of the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit from Thailand (see Notice of Antidumping Duty Order and Amended Final Determination: Canned Pineapple Fruit From Thailand, 60 FR 36775 (July 18, 1995)). Based on information submitted with the April 26, 2004, letter, we preliminarily determine that Tipco Foods (Thailand) Public Co., Ltd. is the successor-ininterest to The Thai Pineapple Public Co., Ltd (TIPCO) and, as such, is entitled to TIPCO's cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristina Boughton or Charles Riggle at (202) 482-8173 or (202) 482-0650, respectively; AD/CVD Enforcement Office 5, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 26, 2004, Tipco Foods (Thailand) Public Co. Ltd. (Tipco Foods) requested that the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiate a changed circumstances review to confirm that Tipco Foods is the successor-in-interest to TIPCO for purposes of determining antidumping duty liabilities. This name change is relevant to the ongoing 2002–2003 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit (CPF) from Thailand because the Department has issued a preliminary determination to revoke the order with respect to this company. See Notice of Preliminary Results and Preliminary Determination To Revoke Order in Part: Canned Pineapple Fruit From Thailand, 69 FR 18524 (April 8, 2004).

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this order is CPF, defined as pineapple processed and/or prepared into various product forms, including rings, pieces, chunks, tidbits, and crushed pineapple, that is packed and cooked in metal cans with either pineapple juice or sugar syrup added. CPF is currently classifiable under subheadings 2008.20.0010 and 2008.20.0090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). HTSUS 2008.20.0010 covers CPF packed in a sugar-based syrup; HTSUS 2008.20.0090 covers CPF packed without added sugar (i.e., juice-packed). Although these HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216, the Department will conduct a changed circumstances review upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party for a review of, an antidumping duty finding which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. The information submitted by Tipco Foods claiming that it is the successor—ininterest to TIPCO demonstrates changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. See 19 CFR 351.216(d).

In accordance with the above referenced regulations, the Department is initiating a changed circumstances review to determine whether Tipco Foods is the successor—in-interest to TIPCO. In determining whether one company is the successor to another for purposes of applying the antidumping duty law, the Department examines a number of factors including, but not limited to, changes in (1) management, (2) production facilities, (3) suppliers, and (4) customer base. See, e.g., Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, 59 FR 6944 (February 14, 1994). While no one or several of these factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of succession, the Department will generally consider one company to be a successor to another company if its resulting operation is essentially the same as that of its predecessor. Thus, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the prior company, the Department will assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.

On April 26, 2004, Tipco Foods submitted information demonstrating that it is the successor to TIPCO. Specifically, Tipco Foods provided the minutes to its December 12, 2003, shareholders meeting at which the name change was approved. In addition, Tipco Foods provided a copy of the new company registration certificate filed with the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs on December 23, 2003, and the certificate issued by the Revenue Department of Thailand, which established that Tipco Foods would use the same taxpayer ID number used by TIPCO. Finally, Tipco Foods attached a copy of its December 22, 2003, letter to the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) notifying the SET of the name change, and a newsletter posted by the SET announcing the name change to investors.

We also obtained information in the context of the 2002-2003 review demonstrating that no major changes occurred with respect to TIPCO's management, plant facilities, customer base, or suppliers. Specifically, at verification in February 2004, we noted no difference in managers between TIPCO and Tipco Foods, as we interviewed the same managers at this verification whom we interviewed at the verification conducted in February 2003. See Attachment I of the Memorandum to the File: Changed Circumstances Review for the Thai Pineapple Public Co., Ltd. (TIPCO) (May 18, 2004) (Changed Circumstances Memo). We also noted that the headquarters and plant facilities remained the same and that Tipco Food's suppliers and customers were

consistent with the suppliers and customers it had in the previous review.

As part of our standard verification procedures, we examine the full range of merchandise produced during a review period. While on site we noted that the products Tipco Foods was producing and offering for sale were the same products that TIPCO reported and we verified in the current and previous reviews. Furthermore, we noted that the product catalog under the company's new name on its web site consists of the same products the company sold prior to its name change. See Attachment II of the Changed Circumstances Memo. Therefore, the change in name had no material effect on the operations of the company with respect to the production and sale of subject merchandise.

When it concludes that expedited action is warranted, the Department may publish the notice of initiation and preliminary results for a changed circumstances review concurrently. See 19 CFR 221(c)(3)(ii). Based on the information on the record, we preliminarily find that Tipco Foods is the successor—in-interest to TIPCO and, as such, is entitled to TIPCO's cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise.¹

Should our final results remain the same as these preliminary results, we would instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assign Tipco Foods the antidumping duty cash deposit rate applicable to TIPCO.

Public Comment

Any interested party may request a hearing within 14 days of publication of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 28 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, which must be limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed not later than 21 days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument with an electronic version included. Consistent with section 351.216(e) of the Department's

regulations, we will issue the final results of this changed circumstances review no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary finding. We are issuing and publishing this finding and notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and sections 351.216 and 351.221(c)(3) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretaryfor Import Administration. [FR Doc. 04–12295 Filed 5–28–04; 8:45 am]
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration A–570–863

Honey From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Second Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the People's Republic of China (PRC) until no later than November 19, 2004. The period of review is December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Nunno at (202) 482–0783 or Anya Naschak at (202) 482–6375; Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations require the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order or suspension agreement for which the administrative review was requested,

¹ See, e.g., Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Korea; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, 63 FR 20572 (April 27, 1998) where the Department found successorship where the company changed its name only and did not change its operations.