

new shipper review within the foregoing time period. Specifically, the Department must issue supplemental questionnaires to obtain additional information about (1) Xingda's complex methodology for allocating consumption rates of factors of production, and (2) the *bona fides* of its U.S. sale.

Accordingly, the Department finds that additional time is needed in order to complete these preliminary results.

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2) allow the Department to extend the deadline for the preliminary results to a maximum of 300 days from the date of initiation of the new shipper review. The current deadline for the preliminary results is March 19, 2008. For the reasons noted above, we are extending the 180-day deadline for the completion of the preliminary results of this new shipper review by an additional 60 days, to 240 days from September 21, 2007, the date of initiation, until no later than May 19, 2008.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for the final results of this new shipper review continues to be 90 days after the date on which the preliminary results were issued.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2).

Dated: March 13, 2008.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-908]

### Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Sodium Hexametaphosphate From the People's Republic of China

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

**SUMMARY:** Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (the "Department") and the International Trade Commission ("ITC"), the Department is issuing an antidumping duty order on sodium hexametaphosphate ("SHMP") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). On March 12, 2008, the ITC notified the Department of its affirmative

determination of material injury to a U.S. industry. *See Sodium Hexametaphosphate from China* (Investigation No. 731-TA-1110 (Final), USITC Publication 3984, March 2008).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 19, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Bernal or Scot Fullerton, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1442, or (202) 482-1386, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

In accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act"), on February 4, 2008, the Department published the *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sodium Hexametaphosphate From the People's Republic of China*, 73 FR 6479 (February 4, 2008) ("*Final Determination*").

#### Scope of Order

The merchandise subject to this investigation is sodium hexametaphosphate ("SHMP"). SHMP is a water-soluble polyphosphate glass that consists of a distribution of polyphosphate chain lengths. It is a collection of sodium polyphosphate polymers built on repeating NaPO<sub>3</sub> units. SHMP has a P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> content from 60 to 71 percent. Alternate names for SHMP include the following: Calgon; Calgon S; Glassy Sodium Phosphate; Sodium Polyphosphate, Glassy; Metaphosphoric Acid; Sodium Salt; Sodium Acid Metaphosphate; Graham's Salt; Sodium Hex; Polyphosphoric Acid, Sodium Salt; Glass H; Hexaphos; Sodaphos; Vitrafos; and BAC-N-FOS. SHMP is typically sold as a white powder or granule (crushed) and may also be sold in the form of sheets (glass) or as a liquid solution. It is imported under heading 2835.39.5000, HTSUS. It may also be imported as a blend or mixture under heading 3824.90.3900, HTSUS. The American Chemical Society, Chemical Abstract Service ("CAS") has assigned the name "Polyphosphoric Acid, Sodium Salt" to SHMP. The CAS registry number is 68915-31-1. However, SHMP is commonly identified by CAS No. 10124-56-8 in the market. For purposes of the investigation, the narrative description is dispositive, not the tariff heading, CAS registry number or CAS name.

The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP in all grades, whether food grade or technical grade. The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP without regard to chain length i.e., whether regular or long chain. The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP without regard to physical form, whether glass, sheet, crushed, granule, powder, fines, or other form, and whether or not in solution.

However, the product covered by this investigation does not include SHMP when imported in a blend with other materials in which the SHMP accounts for less than 50 percent by volume of the finished product.

#### Antidumping Duty Order

On March 12, 2008, in accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, the ITC notified the Department of its final determination, pursuant to section 735(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of less-than-fair-value imports of subject merchandise from the PRC. Therefore, in accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to assess, upon further instruction by the Department, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the normal value of the merchandise exceeds the export price (or constructed export price) of the merchandise for all relevant entries of SHMP from the PRC. These antidumping duties will be assessed on all unliquidated entries of SHMP from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from the warehouse, for consumption on or after September 14, 2007, the date on which the Department published its preliminary determination. *See Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 52544 (September 14, 2007) ("*Preliminary Determination*").

Section 733(d) of the Act states that instructions issued pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months except where exporters representing a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise request the Department to extend that four-month period to no more than six months. At the request of exporters that account for a significant proportion of SHMP, we extended the four-month period to no more than six months. *See Postponement of Final Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the*

<sup>1</sup> Because 240 days from September 21, 2007, falls on May 18, 2008, which is a Sunday, the deadline for completing the preliminary results of this new shipper review shall be the next business day, May 19, 2008.

*People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 55176 (September 28, 2007); *see also* *Postponement of Final Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Sodium Hexametaphosphate From the People's Republic of China*, 73 FR 5176 (January 29, 2008). In this investigation, the six-month period beginning on the date of the publication of the preliminary determination ends on March 11, 2008. Furthermore, section 737 of the Act states that definitive duties are to begin on the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act and our practice, we will instruct CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to antidumping duties, unliquidated entries of SHMP from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 11, 2008, and before the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination in the **Federal Register**. Suspension of liquidation will continue on or after this date.

Effective on the date of publication of the ITC's final affirmative injury determination, CBP, pursuant to section 735(c)(3) of the Act, will require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average antidumping duty margins as listed below. The "PRC-wide" rate applies to all exporters of subject merchandise not specifically listed. The weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

#### SODIUM HEXAMETAPHOSPHATE FROM THE PRC

Manufacturer/Exporter	Weighted-Average Margin (Percent)
Jiangyin Chengxing International Trading Co., Ltd. ....	92.02
Sichuan Mianzhu Norwest Phosphate Chemical Company Limited .....	92.02
PRC-Wide Rate (including Yibin Tianyuan Group Co., Ltd., Mianyang Aostar Phosphorous Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., and Hubei Xingfa Chemicals Group Co., Ltd. ) .....	188.05

This notice constitutes the antidumping duty order with respect to SHMP from the PRC pursuant to section 736(a) of the Act. Interested parties may contact the Department's Central Records Unit, Room 1117 of the main Commerce building, for copies of an

updated list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect.

This order is published in accordance with section 736(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will meet Thursday, April 10, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, April 11, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the draft National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Strategic Plan and the Committee's report to the NIST Director. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrp.gov/>.

**DATES:** The ACEHR will meet on Thursday, April 10, 2008, from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The meeting will continue on Friday, April 11, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employee Lounge, in the Administration Building at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8603, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8603. Dr. Hayes' e-mail address is [jack.hayes@nist.gov](mailto:jack.hayes@nist.gov) and his phone number is (301) 975-5640.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-360). The Committee is composed

of 15 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities (improved design and construction methods and practices; land use controls and redevelopment; prediction techniques and early-warning systems; coordinated emergency preparedness plans; and public education and involvement programs);
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP. Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrp.gov>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR), will meet Thursday, April 10, 2008, from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The meeting will continue on Friday, April 11, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Employee Lounge at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the draft National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Strategic Plan and the Committee's annual report to the NIST Director. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On April 10, 2008, approximately one-half hour will be reserved at the end of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated