

subassemblies of bearings. Therefore, consistent with that determination and the facts of this investigation, we found that split pillow block housings (not containing antifriction bearings) are excluded from the scope of this investigation. However, the scope of the current investigation includes ball bearing type pillow blocks and parts thereof. Thus, non-split pillow blocks, even when imported separately, are included in the scope.

Regarding Wanxiang's request for clarification as to whether empty wheel hub units are included in the scope, in the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department stated that we would examine this issue further to determine whether the empty wheel hub units produced by Wanxiang use balls or tapered roller bearings interchangeably. At the verification of Wanxiang, company officials used a model of an empty wheel hub unit to demonstrate that the base of the unit can be used with either ball bearings or tapered bearings as the rolling element. Based on that demonstration, we determine that because the empty wheel hub units produced by Wanxiang can use either balls or tapered roller bearings interchangeably, such merchandise is included within the scope of this investigation. Neither the Department nor Customs can ascertain with certainty which empty wheel hub units will be solely used for tapered roller bearings and which ones will be designated for use with roller bearings.

Based on the foregoing, the Department maintains its position in the final determination that the scope of the investigation includes XLS (English) series ball bearings and pin-lock slot XLS (English) series ball bearings; non-split pillow blocks, even when imported separately; and empty wheel hub units. See *Preliminary Determination*, 67 FR 63610.

Since the publication of the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department received two requests for scope clarifications. On November 15, 2002, Guangdong Agricultural Machinery Import & Export (GAM), a voluntary Section A respondent, requested that the Department exclude mast guide bearings and chain wheels from the scope, which they claim are used exclusively in forklift trucks. Alternatively, GAM requested that the Department determine that mast guide bearings are a separate class or kind of subject merchandise than all other ball bearings. On December 6, 2002, EMPI Inc. sought a scope clarification for some of the balls that it imports because those balls are used exclusively in the rebuilding of CV joints.

These two additional scope requests were received after the *Preliminary Determination*. Due to time constraints in conducting this investigation, the Department was unable to address the additional scope requests within the context of this investigation. As a result, we have not addressed the scope requests or additional arguments raised by the petitioner in our final determination. However, should an order be issued in the instant investigation, parties can resubmit scope requests in accordance with section 351.225 of the Department's regulations and the Department will examine such requests in that context.

Name Changes

Since the *Preliminary Determination*, a number of parties have notified the Department of incorrect company names or have requested name changes.

On October 31, 2002 and on January 13, 2003, Zhejiang Rolling Bearing Co., Ltd. (ZRB) informed the Department of its name change to Zhejiang Tianma Bearing Co., Ltd. The supporting documentation included a pre-approval from the Zhejiang Industrial and Commercial Administration Bureau. ZRB also stated that notwithstanding the approval, it is required under Chinese law to maintain its original name for one year after final approval. We find that during the period of investigation (POI), the company name remained ZRB; therefore, the company-specific rate is only applicable to ZRB. For further discussion of this issue, see Comment 4, "Corporate Name Change Filing" of the Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with this notice (Decision Memorandum).

On November 1, 2002, China National Automotive Industry Guizhou Import & Export Corporation stated that they had incorrectly reported the company's name as China National Automobile Industry Guizhou Import & Export Corporation. Dong Guan Bearing Factory also reported that it is in the process of changing its name to Dong Guan TR Bearings Group, Ltd. (TR) and requested that the Department use both the old and new names in the instructions to Customs. Regarding the first request, the Department will notify Customs of the correct company name. However, the Department is unable to grant Dong

Guan Bearing Factory's request because the company has stated that it must continue to export under its old name until Chinese Customs switches to the new name, and because the company has not provided any supporting documentation. Therefore, the Department will not issue any instructions to Customs pertaining to the company's new name.

On November 25, 2002, Zhejiang Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd., a Chinese exporter, and Peer Bearing Company, its affiliated U.S. importer of subject merchandise (Peer), requested that the Department inform Customs that the current antidumping rate assigned to Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd., is also applicable to Zhejiang Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd. The company stated that its formal company name is Zhejiang Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd. However, in the *Preliminary Determination* and *Amended Preliminary Determination*, the Department referred to the company as Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd. Based on record evidence demonstrating the company's true name, the Department determined that Peer's formal name is Zhejiang Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd. Accordingly, the Department will provide specific instructions to Customs for Zhejiang Xinchang Peer Bearing Company, Ltd.

Period of Investigation

The POI is July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001. This period corresponds to the two most recent fiscal quarters prior to the month of the filing of the petition (i.e., February 2002). See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this proceeding and to which we have responded are listed in the Appendix to this notice and addressed in the Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. Parties can find a complete discussion of the issues raised in this investigation and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the central records unit (CRU), room B-099 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Non-Market Economy

The Department has treated the PRC as a non-market economy (NME)