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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 19, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** an amended final determination and antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (64 FR 8308).

On February 1, 2002, the Department published a notice advising of the opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the PRC (67 FR 4945). On February 28, 2002, the Department received timely requests from Gerber Food (Yunnan) Co., Ltd. ("Gerber") and Green Fresh Foods (Zhangzhou) Co., Ltd. ("Green Fresh") for an administrative review pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(b).

On February 27 and 28, 2002, the Department received timely requests from Guangxi Yulin Oriental Food Co., Ltd. ("Guangxi Yulin"), Shenzhen Qunxingyuan Trading Co., Ltd. ("Shenzhen Qunxingyuan"), and Zhangzhou Jingxiang Foods Co., Ltd. ("Zhangzhou Jingxiang") for a new shipper review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(c).

On February 28, 2002, the petitioner¹ requested an administrative review pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(b) of 7 companies² which it claimed were producers and/or exporters of the subject merchandise. Two of these seven companies also requested a review.

From March 6 through 28, 2002, Guangxi Yulin, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang all agreed to waive the time limits applicable to the new shipper review and to permit the Department to conduct the new shipper

review concurrently with the administrative review.

On March 20, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review covering the companies listed in the petitioner's February 28, 2002, request. (*See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 14696, 14698 (March 27, 2002).)

On March 29, 2002, the Department initiated a new shipper review of Guangxi Yulin, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang. (*See Certain Preserved Mushrooms from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review*, 67 FR 16088 (April 4, 2002).)

On April 16, 2002, we issued a questionnaire to each PRC company listed in the above-referenced initiation notices.

On May 2, 2002, the Department provided the parties an opportunity to submit publicly available information ("PAI") for consideration in these preliminary results.

On May 21, 2002, the respondent Compania Envasadora del Atlantico indicated that it had no shipments of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of review ("POR").

From May 23 through June 7, 2002, China Processed, Gerber, Green Fresh, Shantou Hongda, Shenxian Dongxing, Guangxi Yulin, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang submitted their responses to the Department's antidumping duty questionnaire.

On June 11, 2002, the petitioner requested an extension until July 9, 2002, to withdraw any request for review of companies listed in its February 28, 2002, communication, which the Department granted on June 21, 2002.

From June 14 through August 23, 2002, the petitioner submitted comments on the questionnaire responses provided by Gerber, Green Fresh, Guangxi Yulin, and Shenzhen Qunxingyuan.

From June 28 through July 15, 2002, the Department issued China Processed, Gerber, Guangxi Yulin, and Shenzhen Qunxingyuan a supplemental questionnaire.

On July 9, 2002, the petitioner withdrew its request for an administrative review of China Processed, Compania Envasadora del Atlantico, and Raoping Xingyu. On July 10, 2002, the petitioner requested an extension of time until August 9, 2002, to submit factual information in this case, which the Department granted on July 12, 2002.

From July 23 through July 29, 2002, the Department issued Green Fresh, Shantou Hongda, Shenxian Dongxing, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang a supplemental questionnaire.

From July 23, through August 26, 2002, the respondents submitted their responses to the Department's supplemental questionnaire.

On August 16, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of postponement of the preliminary results until no later than February 28, 2003 (67 FR 53565).

On August 20, 2002, the Department rescinded the administrative review with respect to China Processed, Compania Envasadora del Atlantico, and Raoping Xingyu. (*See Certain Preserved Mushrooms from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 53914 (August 20, 2002).)

From August 20 through August 23, 2002, the Department issued Gerber, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang a second supplemental questionnaire.

From September 3 through 6, 2002, the Department issued verification outlines to Guangxi Yulin, Shenxian Dongxing, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang.

From September 4 through 11, 2002, Gerber, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang submitted their responses to the Department's second supplemental questionnaire.

On September 6, 2002, Gerber, Green Fresh, Zhangzhou Jingxiang, and the petitioner submitted PAI for use in valuing the factors of production.

The Department conducted verification of the responses of Guangxi Yulin, Shenxian Dongxing, Shenzhen Qunxingyuan, and Zhangzhou Jingxiang during the period September 16, through 25, 2002. From October 21 through November 8, 2002, the Department issued verification reports for these companies.

On November 12, 2002, the Department issued Shantou Hongda a second supplemental questionnaire and received this company's response on November 26, 2002.

On November 22, 2002, the Department issued Gerber a third supplemental questionnaire and Green Fresh a second supplemental questionnaire. Both companies submitted their responses on December 23, 2002.

From December 16, 2002, through January 2, 2003, the Department issued verification outlines to Gerber, Green Fresh, and Shantou Hongda.

¹ The petitioner is the Coalition for Fair Preserved Mushroom Trade which includes the American Mushroom Institute and the following domestic companies: L.K. Bowman, Inc., Modern Mushroom Farms, Inc., Monterey Mushrooms, Inc., Mount Laurel Canning Corp., Mushrooms Canning Company, Southwood Farms, Sunny Dell Foods, Inc., and United Canning Corp.

² The petitioner's request included the following companies: (1) China Processed Food Import & Export Company ("China Processed"); (2) Shantou Hongda Industrial General Corporation ("Shantou Hongda"); (3) Shenxian Dongxing Foods Co., Ltd. ("Shenxian Dongxing"); (4) Gerber; (5) Green Fresh; (6) Raoping Xingyu Foods Co., Ltd. ("Raoping Xingyu"); and (7) Compania Envasadora Del Atlantico.