

Antidumping Duty Proceeding	Period to be Reviewed
Italy: Certain Pasta, A-475–818: Pastificio Carmine Russo S.p.A.	07/01/02 - 12/31/02

Concurrent with the publication of this notice, and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by the company listed above, until the completion of the review.

Interested parties may submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.

This initiation notice is in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–533–813]

Certain Preserved Mushrooms From India: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

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

SUMMARY: In response to timely requests by three manufacturer/exporters and the petitioner,¹ the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from India with respect to three companies. The period of review is February 1, 2001, through January 31, 2002.

We preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. If

these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 India (64 FR 8311).

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 India (67 FR 4945). In response to timely requests by three manufacturers/exporters, Agro Dutch Foods Ltd. (Agro Dutch), Himalya International Ltd. (Himalya), and Weikfield Agro Products, Ltd. (Weikfield), and the petitioner, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review with respect to three companies: Agro Dutch, Himalya, and Weikfield (67 FR 14696, March 27, 2002). The period of review (POR) is February 1, 2001, through January 31, 2002.

On April 12, 2002, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to the above-mentioned companies. We received responses to the original questionnaire during the period May through July 2002. We issued supplemental questionnaires in July, October, and November 2002, and received responses during the period August through December 2002. For Weikfield and Himalya, Section D questionnaire response data was removed from the record in December 2002 and January 2003, respectively (*see* December 30, 2002, Letter to Matthew P. Jaffe, counsel to Weikfield regarding the removal of Weikfield's Section D responses from the record, and January 16, 2003, Memorandum to the File concerning the removal of Himalya's

Section D responses from the record).

As a result of the initiation of sales below the cost of production (COP) investigations, discussed below, these Section D responses were re-submitted for the record in January (Weikfield) and February (Himalya) 2003.

In October 2003, we conducted an on-site verification of Agro Dutch's questionnaire responses. The results of this verification are described in *Sales and Cost of Production Verification in Chandigarh, India of Agro Dutch Industries, Ltd.*, Memorandum to the File dated December 10, 2002 (*Agro Dutch Verification Report*).

On January 3, 2003, the Department received an allegation from the petitioner that Weikfield sold certain preserved mushrooms in India at prices below the COP. This allegation was timely because the Department had extended the deadline for such an allegation. On January 21, 2003, the Department initiated a cost investigation of Weikfield's home-market sales of this merchandise. *See Petitioner's Allegation of Sales Below the Cost of Production for Weikfield Agro Products Ltd.*, Memorandum to Louis Apple from Mark J. Todd dated January 21, 2003.

On January 15, 2003, the Department received an allegation from the petitioner that Himalya sold certain preserved mushrooms in India at prices below the COP. This allegation was timely because the Department had extended the deadline for such an allegation. On January 29, 2003, the Department initiated a cost investigation of Himalya's home-market sales of this merchandise. *See Petitioner's Allegation of Sales Below the Cost of Production for Himalya International Limited*, Memorandum to Louis Apple from Aleta Habeeb dated January 29, 2003.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this order are certain preserved mushrooms, whether imported whole, sliced, diced, or as stems and pieces. The preserved mushrooms covered under this order are the species *Agaricus bisporus* and *Agaricus bitorquis*. "Preserved mushrooms" refer to mushrooms that have been prepared or preserved by cleaning, blanching, and sometimes slicing or cutting. These mushrooms are then packed and heated in containers including but not limited to cans or glass jars in a suitable liquid medium, including but not limited to water,

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.