

751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for all PRC exporters, the rate will be the PRC-wide rate, 139.49 percent. (2) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Public Comment

Pursuant to section 351.224(b) of the Department's regulations, the Department will disclose to parties to the proceeding any calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Pursuant to section 351.309 of the Department's regulations, interested parties may submit written comments in response to these preliminary results. Case briefs should be submitted within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, and rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, should be submitted no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issues, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Case and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with section 351.303(f) of the Department's regulations.

Also, pursuant to section 351.310 of the Department's regulations, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may request a public hearing on arguments to be raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. Unless the Secretary specifies otherwise, the hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Parties will be notified of the time and location. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal briefs, not later than 120 days after publication of these preliminary results, unless that deadline is extended.

Notification of Interested Parties

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under section 351.402(f) of the Department's regulations 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 administrative review and this notice are published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and sections 351.213 and 351.221 of the Department's regulations.

Dated: March 3, 2003.

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Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Synthetic Indigo from the People's Republic of China: 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 a timely request from a manufacturer/exporter, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on synthetic indigo from the People's Republic of China with respect to Liyang Skyblue Chemical Co., Ltd. The period of review is June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002. As a result of this review, the Department of Commerce has preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value by the above-referenced company for the covered period. 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 10, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 19, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 37961) an antidumping duty order on synthetic indigo from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which was amended on June 23, 2000 (65 FR 39128). On June 26, 2002, Liyang Skyblue Chemical Co., Ltd. (Liyang), a PRC manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, requested, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that we conduct an administrative review of Liyang's exports. On July 24, 2002, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on synthetic indigo from the PRC with respect to Liyang (67 FR 48435). In July 2002, we issued the antidumping questionnaire to Liyang, and we received its responses in August and September 2002. We issued a supplemental questionnaire to Liyang in October 2002 and received its response in November 2002.

On July 25, 2002, the Department informed the parties of an opportunity to submit publicly available information (PAI) for consideration as surrogate values in these preliminary results. The petitioner, Buffalo Color Corporation, provided such data in November 2002.

Scope of Order

The products subject to this order are the deep blue synthetic vat dye known as synthetic indigo and those of its derivatives designated commercially as "Vat Blue 1." Included are Vat Blue 1 (synthetic indigo), Color Index No. 73000, and its derivatives, pre-reduced indigo or indigo white (Color Index No. 73001) and solubilized indigo (Color Index No. 73002). The subject merchandise may be sold in any form (e.g., powder, granular, paste, liquid, or solution) and in any strength. Synthetic indigo and its derivatives subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 3204.15.10.00, 3204.15.40.00 or 3204.15.80.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under the order is dispositive.

Period of Review

The period of review (POR) is June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002.

Separate Rates Determination

In previous antidumping duty proceedings, the Department has treated the PRC as a non-market economy (NME) country. We have no evidence