

We valued labor using the latest regression-based wage rate for China found on Import Administration's Web page (<http://ia.ita.doc.gov/wages/>) as described in 19 CFR 351.408(c)(3).

To value foreign inland truck freight costs, we relied upon per-kilometer price quotes used by the Department in the *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Creatine Monohydrate From the People's Republic of China*, 67 FR 10892 (March 11, 2002). To value foreign inland rail freight costs, we used an average per-metric-ton rate published in the *Reserve Bank of India Bulletin*, July 2001. This rate was used by the Department in the *Notice of Preliminary Results in the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Potassium Permanganate from the People's Republic of China*, 68 FR 7768 (February 18, 2003). We valued ocean freight based on publicly available rates from a large liner shipping company, Maersk Sealand. We valued marine insurance based on an Indian rate which was reported in the public version of the questionnaire response placed on the record in *Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod From India: Final Results of Administrative and New Shipper Review*, 64 FR 856 (January 6, 1999).

To value factory overhead, selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) and profit, we used the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2000, from an Indian producer of barium carbonate, Victory Chemicals Pvt., Ltd. (Victory).

For a complete analysis of surrogate values used in the preliminary determination, see the FOP Memo.

#### Verification

In accordance with section 782(i) of the Act, we intend to verify all information relied upon in making our final determination.

#### Suspension of Liquidation

We are directing the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to suspend liquidation of all entries of barium carbonate from the PRC that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. In addition, we are instructing Customs to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the weighted-average amount by which the NV exceeds the EP, as indicated in the chart below. These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

We determine that the following percentage weighted-average margins exist for the POI:

Manufacturer/exporter	Weighted-average margin (percent)
Qingdao Red Star Chemical Import & Export Co., Ltd .....	7.66
PRC-Wide Rate .....	75.10

The PRC-wide rate applies to all entries of the subject merchandise except for entries from Qingdao Red Star.

#### Disclosure

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b), the Department will disclose to interested parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice the calculations performed in the preliminary determination.

#### ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of the Department's preliminary affirmative determination. If the final determination in this proceeding is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of barium carbonate from the PRC are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.301(c)(3)(i), interested parties may submit publicly available information to value the factors of production for purposes of the final determination within 40 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination. Case briefs or other written comments must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than one week after issuance of the verification reports. Rebuttal briefs, the content of which is limited to the issues raised in the case briefs, must be filed within five days after the deadline for the submission of case briefs. A list of authorities used, a table of contents, and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Further, we request that parties submitting briefs and rebuttal briefs provide the Department with a copy of the public version of such briefs on diskette.

In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, we will

tentatively hold the hearing two days after the deadline for submission of rebuttal briefs at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and in a room to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled date.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate in a hearing if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. At the hearing, oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). The Department will make its final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 10, 2003.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-007]

#### Barium Chloride From the People's Republic of China: Final Results and Rescission in Part of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results and rescission in part of antidumping duty administrative review of barium chloride from the People's Republic of China.

**SUMMARY:** On November 8, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results and partial rescission of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on barium chloride from the People's Republic of China (PRC) covering the period of review (POR) October 1, 2000, to September 30, 2001. See *Barium Chloride From the People's Republic of*