

to be not massive over a relatively short period from Viet Hai and Mekonimex.

Given the analysis summarized above, and described in more detail in the *Voluntary Critical Circumstances Memo*, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist for imports of certain frozen fish fillets from QVD, Da Nang, Afiex, and Cafatex.

In accordance with section 733(e)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct the U.S. Customs Service (as of March 1, 2003, renamed the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection) ("Customs") to suspend liquidation of all entries of certain frozen fish fillets from QVD, Da Nang, Afiex, and Cafatex that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 2, 2002. Customs shall require a cash deposit or posting of a bond equal to the estimated preliminary dumping margins reflected in the amended preliminary determinations published in the **Federal Register**. The suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances for all producers and exporters of the subject merchandise from Vietnam when we make our final dumping determinations in this investigation, which will be 135 days after publication of the preliminary dumping determination.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: May 19, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Notice of Final Results of Administrative Review: Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Brush Heads From the People's Republic of China

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

**SUMMARY:** On March 7, 2003, the Department published the preliminary results of review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China (68 FR 11041). The review covers one manufacturer, Hunan Provincial Produce & Animal By-Products Import & Export Corporation (Hunan), and

exports of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002.

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results of review. We received no comments from any of the parties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 28, 2003.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 1, 2002, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural paintbrushes from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (67 FR 4945). On February 28, 2002, the Department received a timely request from the Paint Applicator Division of the American Brush Manufacturers Association, the petitioner, for administrative reviews of Hunan and Hebei Founder Import and Export Company (Hebei). On March 27, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural paintbrushes, for the period from February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002, in order to determine whether merchandise imported into the United States is being sold at less than fair value with respect to these two companies. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocations in Part*, 67 FR 14696 (March 27, 2002).

On May 1, 2002, the Department issued antidumping questionnaires to Hunan and Hebei. In its reply to Section A of the questionnaire, Hebei stated that it had made no sales or shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. The Department also performed a U.S. Customs Service (Customs) data query for entries of paintbrushes from the PRC during the POR. We found no entries or shipments from Hebei during the POR. Thus, the Department rescinded the review with respect to Hebei. *See Natural Bristle Paintbrushes From the People's Republic of China; Notice of Rescission, In Part, of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 67 FR 58018 (September 13, 2002). On November 1, 2002, the

Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of review of Hunan until January 23, 2003 (67 FR 66614). This deadline was then fully extended, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by another 36 days (68 FR 4761). On March 7, 2003, the Department published the preliminary results of review (68 FR 11041). The Department has now completed this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

#### Scope of the Antidumping Duty Order

The products covered by the order are natural paintbrushes from the PRC. Excluded from the order are paintbrushes and brush heads with a blend of 40 percent natural bristles and 60 percent synthetic filaments. The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under item 9603.40.40.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

#### Final Results of Review

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. The Department received no comments. Accordingly, we continued to find that a margin of 0.00 percent exists for Hunan for the period February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002. The Department will issue assessment instructions directly to the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection ("Customs").

#### Duty Assessment and Cash Deposit Requirement

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to Customs within 15 days of publication of the final results of review. Furthermore, the following deposit rates will be effective with respect to all shipments of paintbrushes from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this review, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate indicated above; (2) for companies previously found to be eligible for a separate rate and for which no review was requested, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the most recent review of that company; (3) for all other PRC exporters of subject merchandise, the cash deposit