

Background

Based on timely requests from petitioner and three respondent companies, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the PRC, for the period of September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 65336 (October 24, 2002).

Extension of Time Limits for Final Results

The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations, as this review encompasses a large number of companies, and several complex issues, including factor valuation. Consequently, in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results to 365 days from the last day of the anniversary month of the order. The preliminary results will now be due no later than September 30, 2003.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review: Honey from the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Wuhan Bee Healthy Co., Ltd. (Wuhan), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the People's

Republic of China. The period of review covers the period December 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002. The preliminarily results are listed below in the section titled "Preliminary Results of Review." Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on honey from the PRC on December 10, 2001. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Honey from the People's Republic of China*, 66 FR 63670 (December 10, 2001). On June 25, 2002, the Department received from Wuhan Bee Healthy Co., Ltd. (Wuhan), a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise, a properly filed request for a new shipper review under the antidumping duty order on honey from the PRC, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and section 351.214(c) of the Department's regulations. Under these provisions, an exporter that is also a producer of the subject merchandise, in requesting a new shipper review, must certify to the following: (i) it did not export the merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI); and (ii) it is not affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise during that period. Moreover, in an antidumping proceeding involving imports from a non-market economy country, the new shipper must also certify that its export activities are not controlled by the central government. If these provisions are met, the Department will conduct a new shipper review to establish an individual weighted-average dumping margin for such new shipper, if the Department has not previously established such a margin for the exporter or producer. (*See generally* section 351.214(b)(2) of the Department's regulations.)

The regulations further require that the exporter or producer include in its request documentation establishing: (i)

the date on which the merchandise was first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, or, if it cannot establish the date of first entry, the date on which it first shipped the merchandise for export to the United States, or, if the merchandise has not yet been shipped or entered, the date of sale; (ii) the volume of that and subsequent shipments; and (iii) the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer. *See* section 351.214(b)(2)(iv).

Wuhan's request was accompanied by information and certifications establishing that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI, and that it was not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Wuhan provided information and certifications that demonstrated the date on which it first shipped and entered honey for consumption in the United States, the volume of that shipment, and the date of the first sale to the unaffiliated customer in the United States. Additionally, Wuhan certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government.

Because the Department determined that Wuhan's request met the requirements of section 351.214 of its regulations, on August 6, 2002, the Department published its initiation of this new shipper review for the period December 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002.¹ (*See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Reviews* (67 FR 50862, August 6, 2002).) Accordingly, the Department is now conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act and section 351.214 of its regulations.

On August 6, 2002, we issued the Department's antidumping duty questionnaire to Wuhan. On September 12, 2002, Wuhan submitted its Section A questionnaire response. On October 4, 2002, Wuhan submitted its Section C and D questionnaire responses. On October 18, 2002, petitioners submitted comments on Wuhan's section A, C, and D questionnaire responses.² On November 7, 2002, we issued a supplemental questionnaire covering Wuhan's questionnaire responses. On November 18, 2002, petitioners

¹ We also initiated a new shipper review based on a request filed by Chengdu-Duijiangyan Dubao Bee Industrial Co., Ltd. (Dubao). However, on January 23, 2003, the Department rescinded the new shipper review with respect to Dubao. *See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review*, 68 FR 4760 (January 30, 2003).

² The American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association are petitioners in this proceeding.