

pursuant to section 351.310 of the Department's regulations. The Petitioners requested to address the Department's LTFV margin calculations, choice of surrogate country, surrogate value data, and other issues pursuant to the *Preliminary Determination*.

On March 4, 2003, the Mandatory Respondents submitted their supplemental questionnaire responses related to Section II and Section III of the February 11, 2003 request for information.

On March 5, 2003, the Respondents submitted the more detailed sales reconciliation information for the four mandatory and seven voluntary respondents, as requested by the Department on February 19, 2003.

On March 5, 2003, we published the amended preliminary determination in the Federal Register. *See Notice of Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam* ("Amended Preliminary Determination"), 68 FR 10440 (March 5, 2003).

On March 7, 2003, the Department issued the verification outlines to the Mandatory Respondents.

On March 7, 2003, the GOV submitted a proposal for an agreement to suspend the current antidumping duty investigation in accordance with section 734(l) of the Act and section 351.208 of the Department's regulations.

On March 7, 2003, the Respondents submitted a response to Section I of the Department's February 11, 2003 request for information, regarding the appropriate methodology for calculating the normal value in the final determination, in which the Respondents argue that the Department should value the subject merchandise using the upstream factors, as reported by Respondents.

On March 7, 2003, the Petitioners also submitted their response to the Department's request for comments regarding the normal value methodology. The Petitioners argued the Department should continue to apply a surrogate value to the live fish input, as in the *Preliminary Determination*.

On March 7, 2003, the Respondents submitted factors of production databases for the Mandatory Respondent companies, reflecting both the gross and net-weight factors of production, as requested by the Department.

On March 10, 2003, the Petitioners submitted a letter certifying that they omitted certain pages from their March 7, 2003 methodology comments. In a separate filing on March 10, 2003, the Petitioners filed the replacement pages for those comments.

On March 10, 2003, Nam Viet submitted additional factor consumption information. Nam Viet previously had overlooked its consumption of coal, and reported the total consumption of coal for the twelve-month period reported in the March 4, 2003 supplemental questionnaire response.

On March 10, 2003, Agifish submitted additional factor consumption information.

On March 12, 2003, the Petitioners submitted a request for a one-week extension of the deadline to submit publicly available factor value information. On March 13, 2003, the Department granted the request.

On March 13, 2003, the Petitioners submitted verification comments for the Mandatory Respondents.

On March 14, 2003, Sunnyvale Seafood Corporation, an importer, requested a scope clarification to determine whether certain Basa "nuggets" are included in the scope of this investigation.

The Department conducted verification of the responses submitted to the record by the Mandatory Respondents from March 17 through March 28, 2003.

On March 19, 2003, in a memo to the file, the Department placed on the record information gathered in the course of this investigation, including information from Respondents' web sites, statistical and trade information, and other information relevant to this investigation. Also on March 19, 2003, in a separate memo to the file, the Department extended the due date for case briefs and rebuttal briefs to April 16, 2003, and April 23, 2003, respectively.

On March 27, 2003, the Respondents certified that they served the Petitioners copies of the verification exhibits for CATACO. On April 7, 2003, the Respondents served the verification exhibits for Agifish and Vinh Hoan, and on April 8, 2003, they served the verification exhibits for Nam Viet.

On March 28, 2003, the Petitioners and the Respondents submitted to the record additional comments on the valuation of factors of production for the final determination.

On April 10 and April 11, 2003, the Department released the verification reports for CATACO and Vinh Hoan, and Nam Viet and Agifish, respectively.

On April 11, 2003, the Petitioners requested extensions of the deadlines to submit case and rebuttal briefs. On April 14, 2003, the Department granted these extensions until April 30, 2003 and May 7, 2003, respectively.

On April 14, 2003, the Department requested that the Respondents submit missing information from Vinh Hoan's verification Exhibits. On April 15, 2003, the Department requested that the Respondents submit Nam Viet's missing verification exhibit 50.

On April 24, 2003, the Petitioners requested a one-week extension for the purposes of submitting their final case and rebuttal briefs.

On May 1, 2003, the Department placed information gathered during the course of this investigation on the record.

On May 5, 2003, the Petitioners, the Respondents, and the GOV filed their respective case briefs. On May 6, 2003, the Petitioners filed certain replacement pages for Petitioners' May 5, 2003 case brief. The Respondents and Petitioners submitted their respective rebuttal case briefs on May 12, 2003.

On May 12, 2003, the Department placed on the record letters from importers Picadilly Cafeterias, Inc. and Ryan Family Steakhouses, Inc. commenting on the present antidumping duty investigation.

On May 23, 2003, the Department held a public hearing in accordance with section 351.310(d)(l) of the Department's regulations. Representatives for the Respondents, the Petitioners, the GOV, and Piazza Seafood World, an importer, were present.

On May 28, 2003, we published the preliminary critical circumstances determination for the Section A Voluntary Respondents. *See Notice of Affirmative Preliminary Critical Circumstances Determination for Voluntary Section A Respondents: Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam* ("Section A Voluntaries Critical Circumstances"), 68 FR 31681 (May 28, 2003). In addition, on June 12, 2003, the Department published a correction to the Voluntary Section A Respondents' Critical Circumstances. *See Notice of Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances for Voluntary Section A Respondents: Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; Correction* 68 FR 35197 (June 12, 2003).

Suspension Agreement

As discussed above under "Case History," on March 7, 2003, the GOV submitted a proposed suspension agreement in accordance with the Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.208. The Department and the GOV engaged in lengthy, intensive discussions regarding a possible suspension agreement, and both sides