

## FOR THE A-588-054 REVIEW:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Period of Review	Weighted-Average Margin (%)	
		Original:	Revised:
Koyo Seiko .....	10/1/1992 - 9/30/1993	38.07	37.80
Koyo Seiko .....	10/1/1993 - 9/30/1994	35.27	29.94
NSK .....	10/1/1993 - 9/30/1994	11.25	11.24

## FOR THE A-588-604 REVIEW:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Period of Review	Weighted-Average Margin (%)	
		Original:	Revised:
Koyo Seiko .....	10/1/1992 - 9/30/1993	40.12	38.76
Koyo Seiko .....	10/1/1993 - 9/30/1994	41.04	40.49
NSK .....	10/1/1993 - 9/30/1994	12.78	12.78
NTN .....	10/1/1993 - 9/30/1994	20.80	21.97

Accordingly, the Department has determined and BCBP has assessed appropriate antidumping duties on entries of the subject merchandise made by firms covered by the review of the periods listed above. The Department has issued assessment instructions directly to BCBP.

Dated: June 4, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Thermal Transfer Ribbons From France, Japan and the Republic of Korea

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

**ACTION:** Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julio Fernandez (France) at 202-482-0961, Alex Villanueva (Japan) at 202-482-3208, Fred Baker (South Korea) at 202-482-2924 or Robert James at 202-482-0649, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

### Initiation of Investigation

#### The Petition

On May 30, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a petition filed in proper form by International Imaging Materials, Inc. (IIMAK, or petitioner). On June 2, 13, and 18, 2003, petitioner submitted clarifications of the petition. IIMAK is a domestic producer of thermal transfer ribbons. In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), the petitioner alleges imports of thermal transfer ribbon from France, Japan and the Republic of Korea (South Korea) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Tariff Act, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the U.S. industry.

The Department finds the petitioner filed its petition on behalf of the domestic industry because it is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Tariff Act, and it has demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the investigations it is presently seeking. See, "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions," below.

#### Scope of the Investigations

These investigations cover wax and wax/resin thermal transfer ribbons (TTR), in slit or unslit ("jumbo") form originating from France, Japan or South Korea, with a total wax (natural or synthetic) content of all the image side layers, that transfer in whole or in part, of equal to or greater than 20 percent by weight and a wax content of the colorant layer of equal to or greater than 10 percent by weight, and a black color as defined by industry standards by the CIELAB (International Commission on

Illumination) color specification such that  $L^* < 35$ ,  $-20 > a^* < 35$  and  $-40 < b^* < 31$ , and black and near-black TTR. TTR is typically used in printers generating alphanumeric and machine-readable characters, such as bar codes and facsimile machines.

The petition does not cover pure resin TTR, and finished thermal transfer ribbons with a width greater than 212 millimeters (mm), but not greater than 220 mm (or 8.35 to 8.66 inches) and a length of 230 meters (m) or less (*i.e.*, slit fax TTR, including cassetted TTR), and ribbons with a magnetic content of greater than or equal to 45 percent, by weight, in the colorant layer.

The merchandise subject to this investigation may be classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at heading 3702 and subheadings 3921.90.40.25, 9612.10.90.30, 3204.90, 3506.99, 3919.90, 3920.62, 3920.99 and 3926.90. The tariff classifications are provided for convenience and Customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

As discussed in the preamble to the Departments regulations, we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997). The Department encourages all interested parties to submit such comments within 20 days of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's Central Records Unit, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. This period of scope consultations is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments and consult with parties