

parties did not submit case briefs or request a hearing. In summary, all parties commenting on the Rescission Memo supported the Department's preliminary decision to rescind these reviews, and there have been no changes since the Department placed its Rescission Memo on the record of this administrative review.

Scope of Review

The merchandise under review is honey from the PRC. The products covered are natural honey, artificial honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, preparations of natural honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, and flavored honey. The subject merchandise includes all grades and colors of honey whether in liquid, creamed, comb, cut comb, or chunk form, and whether packaged for retail or in bulk form. The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under item 0409.00.00, 1702.90.90 and 2106.90.99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

Rescission, in Part, of First Administrative Review

We provided interested parties with an opportunity to comment on our preliminary determination to rescind the administrative reviews of Anhui, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Xiuwei, Sichuan Dubao, and Wuhan. As noted above, we received responses from Wuhan, Inner Mongolia, and Anhui in support of the Department's decision to rescind their respective administrative reviews. As discussed in detail in our Rescission Memo, because Anhui and Inner Mongolia made no entries, exports or sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, we determined that these companies were non-shippers. Furthermore, because Wuhan, Shanghai Xiuwei, and Sichuan Dubao made no entries, exports or sales of subject merchandise to the United States not currently under review in their respective new shipper reviews, the Department determined to treat these companies as new shippers not subject to this administrative review. In accordance with §§ 351.213(d)(3) and 351.214(j)(1) of the Department's regulations, we are rescinding our administrative reviews of Anhui, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Xiuwei, Sichuan Dubao, and Wuhan. *See, e.g., Certain Non-Frozen Apple Juice Concentrate from the People's Republic of China:*

Final Results of 1999–2001 Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Review, 67 FR 68987 (November 14, 2002); *see also, Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice from Brazil: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 40913 (June 14, 2002)).

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO are sanctionable violations.

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

Dated: July 22, 2003.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A–570–863]

Honey From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of First Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the People's Republic of China until no later than December 31, 2003. The period of review for those entities with an affirmative critical circumstances finding is February 10, 2001, through November 30, 2002. For all other companies, the period of review is May 11, 2001, through November 30, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations require the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order or suspension agreement for which the administrative review was requested, and final results of review within 120 days after the date on which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**. However, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and § 351.213(h)(2) of our regulations allow the Department to extend the 245-day period to 365 days and the 120-day period to 180 days.

Background

On December 10, 2001, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order covering honey from the People's Republic of China (PRC). *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 December 17, 2002, the Department published a *Notice of Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 67 FR 77222 (December 17, 2002). On December 31, 2002, the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (collectively, petitioners) in this proceeding, requested, in accordance with § 351.213(b) of the Department's regulations, an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the PRC covering the period May 11, 2001, through November 30, 2002.¹

The petitioners requested that the Department conduct an administrative

¹ On January 27, 2003, in a memorandum to the file, we determined that the POR for entities with affirmative findings of critical circumstances to be February 10, 2001, through November 30, 2002. *See* Memorandum to the File from Angelica L. Mendoza through Donna L. Kinsella, dated January 27, 2003 for further details.