

Federal Register on August 15, 2002. See *Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from Vietnam*, 67 FR 53362 (August 15, 2002).

On August 9, 2002, the Department requested quantity and value ("Q&V") information from a total of fifty-three Vietnamese companies, which were identified in the *Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties: Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*, dated June 28, 2002 ("Petition") and for which the Department was able to locate contact information. On August 9, 2002, the Department also sent the Government of Vietnam a letter requesting assistance locating all known Vietnamese producers/exporters of frozen fish fillets who exported certain frozen fish fillets to the United States during the market (April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002) and non-market (October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002) economy periods of investigation and quantity and value information for all exports to the United States of the merchandise under investigation during the period of investigation. On August 20, 2002, we received a letter from Grobest Industrial (Vietnam) Co., Ltd., ("Grobest"), which indicated that Grobest did not sell certain frozen fish fillets to the United States during the market or non-market economy periods. On August 22, 2002, the Department received a letter from Minh Hai Sea Products Import and Export Corporation ("SEAPRIMEXCO"), which indicated that SEAPRIMEXCO did not sell certain frozen fish fillets to the United States during the market or non-market economy periods. Additionally, on August 23, 2002, we received thirteen responses to our Q&V information request. The following thirteen companies submitted quantity and value information: An Giang Agriculture and Food Import Export Company ("Afiex"), An Giang Fisheries Import Export Joint Stock Company ("Agifish"), Ben Tre Frozen Aquaprodukt Export Company ("Ben Tre"), Can Tho Agricultural and Animal Products Import Export Company ("CATACO"), Can Tho Animal Fishery Products Processing Export Enterprise ("CAFATEX"), Da Nang Seaproducts Import-Export Corporation ("Da Nang"), Mekong Fish Company ("Mekonimex"), Nam Viet Company Limited ("Nam Viet"), QVD Food Company Limited ("QVD"), Tien Gang Seaproduct Company ("Tieng Gang"), Viet Hai Seafood Company Limited ("Viet Hai"), Vinh Hoan Company Limited ("Vinh Hoan") and Vinh Long Import-Export Company ("Vinh Long").

On August 27, 2002, the Department published a postponement of the

preliminary antidumping duty determination on certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam. See *Notice of Postponement of the Preliminary Determination of the Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Antidumping Duty Investigation (Notice of Prelim Postponement)* 67 FR 55003 (August 27, 2002).

On August 30, 2002, the Department requested comments on surrogate country and factor valuation information in order to have sufficient time to consider them for the preliminary determination.

On September 4, 2002, the Department issued its respondent selection memorandum, selecting Agifish, Vinh Hoan, Nam Viet and CATACO, hereinafter referred to collectively as "the respondents," to be investigated. See *Memorandum to the File from James C. Doyle, Program Manager to Edward C. Yang, Director, Office IX, Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Selection of Respondents ("Respondent Selection Memo")*, dated September 4, 2002.

On September 4, 2002, the Department requested comments from parties regarding the appropriate physical characteristics of certain frozen fish fillets to be reported. On September 5, 2002, the petitioners requested a revision in the schedule for submission of surrogate country comments. On September 6, 2002 the respondents also requested an extension of time to submit surrogate country and factor value information. On September 9, 2002, the Department revised its schedule for submitting comments on the appropriate surrogate country.

On September 11, 2002, the petitioners and the respondents submitted comments regarding the appropriate physical characteristics of certain frozen fish fillets. On September 13, 2002, the respondents submitted rebuttal comments regarding the appropriate physical characteristics of certain frozen fish fillets. On September 16, 2002, the Department sent the respondents Section A of the Department's market and non-market economy antidumping duty questionnaires. In addition, on September 16, 2002, we sent the Government of Vietnam Section A of the Department's market and non-market economy antidumping duty questionnaires.

On September 18, 2002, the petitioners submitted rebuttal comments addressing the respondents' comments and rebuttal comments regarding the

appropriate physical characteristics of certain frozen fish fillets.

On September 23, 2002, the petitioners submitted a letter notifying the Department of increased shipments of subject merchandise to the United States in advance of the Department's preliminary determination in this proceeding, and accordingly, requested that the Department take action to collect information regarding entries of subject merchandise pursuant to section 732a(e) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(e)) and 19 CFR 351.206(g).

On September 23, 2002, the Department sent the respondents and the Government of Vietnam Sections B, C and E of the Department's market economy questionnaire and Sections C & D of the non-market economy questionnaire.

On October 2, 2002, the respondents requested a two-week extension to file their Section A market economy and non-market economy questionnaire responses. On October 3, 2002, the Department granted a partial extension for the respondents to submit their Section A market economy and non-market economy questionnaire responses.

On October 7, 2002, the petitioners requested an extension of time to submit a country-wide sales below cost allegation in the event the Department determines that Vietnam is to be treated as a market economy for antidumping duty purposes. On October 10, 2002, the respondents requested an additional extension to file Section A market and non-market economy questionnaire responses. On October 15, 2002, the petitioners withdrew their October 7, 2002 request for an extension of the deadline to submit a country-wide sales below cost allegation. On October 15, 2002, the Department extended the deadline for the respondents to submit Section A market and non-market economy questionnaire responses. On October 15, 2002, the respondents submitted their Section A market and non-market economy responses. The Government of Vietnam did not provide a response.

On October 23, 2002, the Department received Section A market and non-market economy responses from Afiex, Cafatex, Da Nang, Mekonimex, QVD, Viet Hai and Vinh Long, hereinafter referred to as "the voluntary Section A respondents." On October 24, 2002, the petitioners submitted comments on the market and non-market economy Section A questionnaire responses. On October 24, 2002, the respondents requested an extension for filing the respondents' and the voluntary Section A respondents' non-market economy