

assessment instructions directly to Customs upon completion of this review. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will direct Customs to assess the resulting rate against the entered customs value for the subject merchandise on each importer's/customer's entries during the POR.

#### Cash-Deposit Requirements

The following cash-deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for all previously investigated companies which have a separate rate, the cash-deposit rates will continue to be the company specific rates published for the most recent period; (2) for all other PRC exporters, including CITIC, the cash-deposit rate will be the PRC countrywide rate, which is 214.89 percent; and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise, the cash-deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

#### Notification To Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Brush Heads from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received timely requests to conduct new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China (PRC). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating a review for Shanghai R&R Imp./Exp. Co., Ltd. (Shanghai) and its producer Zhejiang Lin'an Maxiao Brushes Factory (ZLMBF), and for Changshan Import/Export Co., Ltd. (Changshan) and its producer ZLMBF.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 7, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Kirby or Dana Mermelstein, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0961 or (202) 482-1391, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On August 14, 2003, the Department received timely requests from Shanghai and Changshan, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(c), for new shipper reviews under the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the PRC. This order has a February anniversary month and therefore an August semiannual anniversary month. On August 27, 2003, the Department issued a letter to Shanghai and Changshan noting that there were similarities in the new shipper review requests for both companies, and we asked whether Shanghai and Changshan were related in any way. Shanghai and Changshan, in their response of August 29, 2003, replied that the similarities occurred because the actions by both Shanghai and Changshan occurred shortly after their counsel conducted a program in China discussing the antidumping law and various ways of participating. Because of the schedule for filing new

shipper review requests, both Shanghai and Changshan arranged their sales and made the shipments on relatively short notice. While there are similarities in the shipments, the two companies stated that they are not affiliated, and therefore they requested separate new shipper reviews. The Department will continue throughout the review to examine carefully any similarities between Shanghai and Changshan.

#### Initiation of Reviews

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(ii) and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), in their August 14, 2003 requests for review, Shanghai and Changshan certified that they did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI) and that they are not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(ii)(B), Shanghai's and Changshan's producer, ZLMBF, certified that it did not export subject merchandise during the period of investigation. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), Shanghai and Changshan further certified that their export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC. Also, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Shanghai and Changshan submitted documentation establishing the date on which each company first shipped the subject merchandise to the United States, the volume of its first shipment, and the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States. Shanghai and Changshan also stated that they had no shipments to the United States other than their first shipment.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the PRC. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(i), we intend to issue the preliminary results not later than 180 days from the date of initiation of these reviews. All provisions of 19 CFR 351.214 will apply to Shanghai and Changshan throughout the duration of these new shipper reviews.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(B), the POR for a new shipper review initiated in the month immediately following the semiannual anniversary month is the six-month period immediately preceding the semiannual anniversary month. Therefore, the POR for these new shipper reviews is February 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003. Pursuant to