

instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Final Determination of Investigation

We determine that the following weighted-average percentage margins

exist for the period July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001:

Manufacturer/exporter	Weighted-Average Margin (percent)
Jinan Meide Casting Co., Ltd.	7.08
Shanghai Foreign Trade Enterprises Co., Ltd.	6.34
PRC-Wide Rate	75.50

The PRC-wide rate applies to all entries of the subject merchandise except for entries from JMC and SFTEC.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determination. As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine, within 45 days, whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or cancelled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of subject merchandise entered for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to 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 is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 7, 2003.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix Issues in Decision Memorandum

Comment 1: Whether Respondents Properly Reported the Necessary Information to the Department

Comment 2: Whether the Department Correctly Calculated the Distance for the NME Inland Freight Charge

Comment 3: Whether the Department Should Correct the Treatment of Scrap and Coke Offset Reported by SFTEC
Comment 4: Whether the Department Correctly Derived Surrogate Financial Ratios

Comment 5: Whether the Department Should Credit JMC with the Recovery of Scrap from the Smoothing and Threading Workshops

Comment 6: Whether the Department Erred in Valuing the Surrogate Value for Pig Iron

Comment 7: Whether the Department Should Adjust SFTEC's Coke Usage

Comment 8: Whether the Department Properly Calculated the Surrogate Brokerage and Handling Value

Comment 9: Whether the Department will Correct the Ministerial Errors from the Preliminary Determination

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Potassium Permanganate from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results in the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Potassium Permanganate from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the People's Republic of China (PRC) in response to a request by Groupstars Chemical LLC (Groupstars LLC), a U.S. importer of potassium permanganate. The review covers potassium permanganate (subject merchandise) exported to the United States by Groupstars LLC's affiliated PRC exporter, Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd. (collectively Groupstars). The

Department has preliminarily determined that Groupstars sold subject merchandise during the period of review (POR) at prices below normal value (NV). If the preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department invites interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 18, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Conniff or Drew Jackson, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-1009 and (202) 482-4406, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Period of Review

The POR is January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Background

On January 31, 1984, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (49 FR 3897) the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the PRC. On January 30, 2002, in response to the Department's notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review," Groupstars LLC requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of its supplier, Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 67 FR 56 (January 2, 2002).

On February 26, 2002, the Department published a notice of initiation of an antidumping duty administrative review covering Groupstars' sales of potassium permanganate during the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. *See the notice Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 8780.¹

¹ Although Groupstars Chemical LLC is the company listed in the notice of initiation, as noted above, Groupstars Chemical LLC is the U.S.