

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Helical Spring Lock Washers from the People's Republic of China and Taiwan: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: On January 3, 2006, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on certain helical spring lock washers from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and Taiwan, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of the notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive responses filed on behalf of the domestic interested parties, and inadequate responses from respondent interested parties, the Department conducted expedited sunset reviews. As a result of these sunset reviews, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Reviews."

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Nunno, AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 3, 2006, the Department initiated sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on certain

helical spring lock washers ("HSLWs") from the PRC and Taiwan pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. *See Initiation of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 70 FR 91 (January 3, 2006). The Department received notices of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, Shakeproof Assembly Components Division of Illinois Tool Works Inc. ("Shakeproof"), within the deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations. Shakeproof claimed interested party status pursuant to section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a U.S. producer of the domestic like product. We received a submission from the domestic interested party within the 30-day deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(3)(i) of the Department's regulations. However, we did not receive submissions from any respondent interested parties. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and section 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department conducted expedited sunset reviews of these orders.

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by both antidumping duty orders are HSLWs of carbon steel, of carbon alloy steel, or of stainless steel, heat-treated or non-heat-treated, plated or non-plated, with ends that are off-line. HSLWs are designed to: (1) Function as a spring to compensate for developed looseness between the component parts of a fastened assembly; (2) distribute the load over a larger area for screws or bolts; and (3) provide a hardened bearing surface. The scope does not include internal or external tooth washers, nor does it include spring lock washers made of other metals, such as copper.

HSLWs subject to the order are currently classifiable under subheading 7318.21.0030 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 scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

On September 30, 1997, the Department determined that HSLWs which are imported into the United States in an uncut, coil form are within the scope of the orders. *See Notice of Scope Rulings*, 62 FR 62288 (November 21, 1997).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in these cases are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" from Stephen J. Claeys, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated May 3, 2006 ("Decision Memorandum"), which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memorandum include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail if the orders were revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in these sunset reviews and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file in room B-099 of the main Department of Commerce building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on our Web site at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Reviews

We determine that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on HSLWs from the PRC and Taiwan would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following weighted-average percentage margins:

Manufacturers/Exporters/Producers	Weighted-Average Margin (Percent)
PRC.	
Zhejiang Wanxin Group Co., Ltd.a/k/a Hangzhou Spring Washer Plant ("HSWP")	69.88
HSWP via IFI Morgan Limited	69.88
HSWP via Carway Development Ltd.	69.88
HSWP via Midway Fasteners Ltd.	69.88
HSWP via Linkwell Industry Co., Ltd.	69.88
HSWP via Fastwell Industry Co., Ltd.	69.88
HSWP via Sunfast International Corp.	69.88
HSWP via Winner Standard Parts Co., Ltd.	69.88
PRC-wide Rate	128.63
Taiwan.	
Spring Lake Enterprises Co., Ltd.	31.93
Ceimiko Industrial Co., Ltd.	31.93
Par Excellence Industrial Co., Ltd	31.93
All Others Rate	31.93

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (“APO”) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with section 351.305 of the Department’s regulations. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing these results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Exporters’ Textile Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The Exporters’ Textile Advisory Committee (ETAC) will meet on May 24, 2006. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Main Commerce Building, Room 6029, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

This document amends the one published on March 28, 2006 (71 FR 15384) to include the room number, which was not available at the time of publication. All other information remains the same.

The Committee provides information on overseas requirements and regulations, works with U.S. companies to eliminate trade barriers, and promotes U.S. textile and apparel products overseas.

Tentative Agenda: Review of export data, report on conditions in the export market; update on FTA’s; export expansion activities; U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s “Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism” Initiative, and other business.

The meeting will be open to the public with a limited number of seats available. For further information call Rachel Anne Alarid at (202) 482-5154.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

James C. Leonard III,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles and Apparel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On May 1, 2006, Corn Products International, Inc. And Casco, Inc./Canada Starch Operating Company, Inc; filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final dumping and countervailing duty determinations made by the Canada Border Services Agency, respecting Unprocessed Grain Corn, excluding Seed Corn (for Reproductive Purposes), Sweet Corn, and Popping Corn, Originating in or Exported from the United States of America. Second and third requests were received on May 1, 2006 from Maple Leaf Foods Inc. and its Affiliates; and Commercial Alcohols Inc. This determination was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, (Vol. 140, No. 13, pp. 673) on April 1, 2006. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number CDA-USA-2006-1904-01 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement (“Agreement”) establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* (“Rules”).

These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 1, 2006, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is May 31, 2006);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is June 15, 2006); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meetings of its Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Committee in June, 2006 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.