

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-475-819]

Certain Pasta from Italy: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2008

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Background

On July 24, 1996, the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) published a countervailing duty order on certain pasta (“pasta” or “subject merchandise”) from Italy. See *Notice of Countervailing Duty Order and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Certain Pasta From Italy*, 61 FR 38544 (July 24, 1996). On July 3, 2007, the Department published a notice of “Opportunity to Request Administrative Review” of this countervailing duty order for calendar year 2006, the period of review (“POR”). See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 72 FR 36420 (July 3, 2007). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we published a notice of initiation of the review on August 24, 2007, for the 2006 POR. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 72 FR 48613 (August 24, 2007). The preliminary results for this review are currently due no later than April 1, 2008.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and the final results of review within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section

751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend these deadlines to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

We are awaiting supplemental information from the respondents and the Government of Italy in this review. Because the Department will require additional time to review and analyze this supplemental information and may issue further supplemental questionnaires, it is not practicable to complete this review within the originally anticipated time limit (*i.e.*, by April 1, 2008). Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results to not later than July 30, 2008, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 19, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-552-801]

Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Extension of Time Limits for the Preliminary Results of the New Shipper Reviews

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2008.

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Background

On October 9, 2007, the Department published a notice of initiation of new shipper reviews of certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam covering the period August 1, 2006, through July 31, 2007. See *Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews*, 72 FR 57296 (October 9, 2007). The preliminary results of these new

shipper reviews are currently due no later than March 24, 2008.

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”), provides that the Department will issue the preliminary results of a new shipper review of an antidumping duty order within 180 days after the day on which the review was initiated. See also 19 CFR 351.214(i)(1). The Act further provides that the Department may extend that 180-day period to 300 days if it determines that the case is extraordinarily complicated. See 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2).

Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results

The Department determines that these new shipper reviews involve extraordinarily complicated methodological issues such as the use of intermediate input methodology, potential affiliation issues, and the evaluation of the *bona fide* nature of each company’s sales. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2), the Department is extending the time limit for these preliminary results by 120 days, until no later than July 22, 2008. The final results continue to be due 90 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Mission Statement**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice

Mission Statement

Medical Equipment Trade Mission to the Philippines, Thailand, and Malaysia, August 4-12, 2008

Mission Description: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service is organizing a Medical Equipment Trade Mission to the Philippines, Thailand, and Malaysia

from August 4 to 12, 2008. The mission provides an opportunity for U.S. firms to tap into lucrative, fast growing markets for U.S. medical equipment. The medical equipment sector in these countries is growing at an average 13 percent rate, and the United States remains a major source of medical equipment, with an average 28 percent market share. At each stop, the mission will include country briefings; individual business meetings with prospective agents, distributors, partners, and end-users; site visits; and networking functions with private companies and local government officials.

Commercial Setting—Philippines: The Philippines medical industry is almost totally dependent on imports, and medical tourism to the Philippines continues to grow, offering many opportunities for U.S. sellers of medical equipment and instruments. Several hospitals are improving facilities and adapting new technologies to address demand from foreigners and returning residents. The United States claims an estimated 25 percent of the Philippines' \$177 million import market for medical equipment, making it second only to China as the top supplier. U.S.-trained Filipino doctors prefer the high technology of American equipment, which justifies their higher costs. Best prospects include electromedical equipment, ultrasonic scanning machines, X-ray and radiation equipment, dialysis instruments and apparatus, and medical and surgical instruments.

Thailand: The market for medical devices in Thailand grew by an estimated 15 percent in 2007. About 75 percent of medical devices in Thailand are imported, and the U.S. share is about 29 percent. Market growth in the next few years (2008 to 2010) will continue to derive mainly from the need to upgrade health care facilities and replace medical devices. Hospitals are promoting high-end equipment and specializations to attract more patients. Hospital equipment is imported and distributed by independent agents and/or distributors who also handle marketing, customs clearance, and product registration/import authorization. Best prospects include heart valves and artificial blood vessels, disposable diagnostic test kits, quick diagnostic testing devices, respiratory devices and oxygen therapy, rehabilitation equipment and accessories, orthopedic and implant devices and accessories, minimum invasive surgical devices, and neurosurgical and other surgical devices.

Malaysia: The \$1.4 billion Malaysian medical devices market is projected to grow at a rate of 10 percent in 2008. Ninety percent of medical devices are imported, and the U.S. import market share is 22 percent. An increasing patient population and focus on health care cost containment and preventative therapies influence demand for medical devices for cardiovascular, orthopedic, respiratory, ophthalmic, neurological, disposable, and infection control applications. The increasing senior population and modern lifestyle diseases are expected to boost demand for more affordable quality drugs and equipment. Plans for constructing new and replacement hospitals are under way. Promotion of health tourism is robust and includes developing health services in areas where Malaysia offers a comparative advantage, such as spas and cosmetic services. The Ministry of Tourism has unveiled a health tourism portal, and the government's ninth Malaysia Plan, for 2006–2010, includes proposals for four significant new health care programs. Best prospects include electromedical equipment, orthopedic appliances, and diagnostic and therapeutic radiation devices.

Mission Goals: The mission will showcase U.S. medical equipment and technology to improve health care delivery in each country. The objective of the mission is to facilitate market entry and/or increase sales for U.S. suppliers of medical devices, as well as provide firsthand market information and access to potential business partners.

Mission Scenario: The Commercial Service in Manila, Bangkok, and Kuala Lumpur will provide country briefings; customized, pre-arranged appointments with prospective partners, distributors, and end-users; meetings with appropriate host government agencies; and networking events with local officials and company representatives. The focus of the mission will be to match U.S. companies with pre-screened agents, distributors, buyers, and representatives in these markets.

Criteria for Participation

- Relevance of a company's business to mission goals.
- Potential for business in the selected markets for the company.
- Company must supply adequate information on its products/services, and on its market objectives, in order to facilitate appropriate matching with potential business partners.
- Company's product or service must be either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent

U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

- Timeliness of a company's signed application and participation agreement, including a participation fee of \$3,500. This fee does not include travel, lodging, and most meals. Recruitment will be conducted on a first come-first served basis and will close July 11, 2008. Applications received after July 11 will be considered only if space and scheduling permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-918]

Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2008.

SUMMARY: We preliminarily determine that steel wire garment hangers ("hangers") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Preliminary Determination" section of this notice.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Initiation

On July 31, 2007, the Department of Commerce ("Department") received a petition on imports of hangers from the PRC filed in proper form by M&B Metal Products ("Petitioner") on behalf of the domestic industry and workers producing hangers. This investigation