

there is no impact on VY's safe shutdown capability by this reduction in separation.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation (SE) of the proposed action and concludes that the further reduction in minimum separation distance is sufficient to maintain an adequate level of safety to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) in that the application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. The details of the staff's SE will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released off site. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for VY.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on January 15, 2009, the NRC staff consulted with the Vermont State official of the Vermont Department of

Public Service regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated July 11, 2008, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession number ML081000176, as supplemented by letter dated November 20, 2008, ADAMS accession number ML083370180. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**James Kim,**

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#### **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**[Docket No. USTR-2008-0036]**

#### **Delay in Modification of Action Taken in Connection With WTO Dispute Settlement Proceedings on the European Communities' Ban on Imports of U.S. Beef and Beef Products**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice and modification of action.

**SUMMARY:** On January 15, 2009, the United States Trade Representative

(“Trade Representative”) announced modifications (“January 15 modifications”) to the action taken in July 1999 in connection with the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) authorization to the United States in the *EC-Beef Hormones* dispute to suspend concessions and related obligations with respect to the European Communities (“EC”). See 74 FR 4265 (Jan. 23, 2009). The January 15 modifications had an effective date of March 23, 2009. In order to allow additional time to reach agreement with the EC on an interim solution that would provide benefits to the U.S. beef industry, the Trade Representative has decided to delay for one month (until April 23, 2009) the effective date of the additional duties imposed under the January 15 modifications. The effective date of the removal of duties under the January 15 modifications will remain March 23, 2009.

*Effective Date:* As set out in Annex I to this notice, the removal of duties on items deleted from the product list under the January 15 modifications shall be effective with respect to products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 23, 2009. As set out in Annex II to this notice, the additional duties under the January 15 modifications shall be effective with respect to products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after April 23, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Wentzel, Director, Agricultural Affairs, (202) 395-6127 or David Weiner, Director for the European Union, (202) 395-4620 for questions concerning the *EC-Beef Hormones* dispute; or William Busis, Associate General Counsel and Chair of the Section 301 Committee, (202) 395-3150, for questions concerning procedures under Section 301.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For background concerning the *EC-Beef Hormones* WTO dispute and the January 15 modifications, see 74 FR 4265 (Jan. 23, 2009).

In the January 15 modifications, the Trade Representative decided: (1) To remove some products from the list of products currently subject to 100 percent *ad valorem* duties; (2) to impose 100 percent *ad valorem* duties on some new products from certain EC member States; (3) to modify the coverage with respect to particular EC member States; and (4) to raise the level of duties on one of the products that is being maintained on the product list.

Pursuant to Section 305 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Trade Representative

has determined that a one-month delay (until April 23, 2009) in implementation of certain elements of the January 15 modifications would be desirable to obtain a satisfactory solution with respect to the EC's ban on U.S. beef. The elements to be delayed are: (i) The imposition of increased duties on additional products, (ii) the application to products of additional EC member States of the increased duties on currently covered products, and (iii) the increase in the level of duties on one of the products that is being maintained on the product list. The Trade Representative has not delayed the March 23, 2009 effective date of the removal of duties under the January 15 modifications.

As set out in Annex I to this notice, the removal of duties on items deleted from the product list under the January 15 modifications shall be effective with respect to products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 23, 2009. Any merchandise covered under Part D of Annex I that is admitted to a U.S. foreign-trade zone on or after March 23, 2009 must be admitted in "privileged foreign status" as defined in 19 CFR 146.41. As set out in Annex II to this notice, the full January 15 modifications, including the additional

duties under those modifications, shall be effective with respect to products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after April 23, 2009. Any merchandise covered under Part B of Annex II that is admitted to a U.S. foreign-trade zone on or after April 23, 2009 must be admitted in "privileged foreign status" as defined in 19 CFR 146.41. Questions concerning customs matters may be directed to Renee Chovanec, International Coordination, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 202-863-6384.

The Annexes to this notice supercede and replace in full the Annex to the earlier notice published at 74 FR 4265 (Jan. 23, 2009), which initially put in place the January 15 modifications.

**William Busis,**  
*Chair, Section 301 Committee.*

**Annex I**

A. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 23, 2009, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified by deleting the following HTS subheadings: 9903.02.31, 9903.02.33, 9903.02.35, 9903.02.36, 9903.02.37, 9903.02.38, and 9903.02.47.

B. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 23, 2009, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified by deleting HTS subheading 9903.02.39 and the superior text thereto.

C. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 23, 2009, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified by deleting HTS subheadings 9903.02.40, 9903.02.41, and 9903.02.42 and the superior text thereto.

D. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 23, 2009, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified by adding in numerical sequence the following superior text and subheading to subchapter III of chapter 99 to the HTS. The superior text and subheading are set forth in columnar format, and material in such columns is inserted in the columns of the HTS designated "Heading/Subheading", "Article Description", and "Rates of Duty 1-General", respectively:

9903.02.83 .....	"Articles the product of Austria or France: Juice of any other single fruit, not elsewhere specified or included, not fortified with vitamins or minerals, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (provided for in subheading 2009.80.60).	100%"
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**Annex II**

A. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 23, 2009, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified by deleting the following HTS subheadings and the superior text thereto:  
9903.02.21, 9903.02.22, 9903.02.23,

9903.02.24, 9903.02.25, 9903.02.26, 9903.02.27, 9903.02.28, 9903.02.29, 9903.02.30, 9903.02.32, 9903.02.34, 9903.02.43, 9903.02.44, 9903.02.45, 9903.02.46, and 9903.02.83.

B. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 23, 2009, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified

by adding in numerical sequence the following superior text and subheadings to subchapter III of chapter 99 to the HTS. The superior text and subheadings are set forth in columnar format, and material in such columns is inserted in the columns of the HTS designated "Heading/Subheading", "Article Description", and "Rates of Duty 1-General", respectively:

9903.02.48 .....	"Articles the product of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain or Sweden: Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled (provided for in heading 0201): Articles of subheading 0201.10.05, 0201.10.10, 0201.20.02, 0201.20.04, 0201.20.06, 0201.20.10, 0201.20.30, 0201.20.50, 0201.30.02, 0201.30.04, 0201.30.06, 0201.30.10, 0201.30.30 or 0201.30.50.	100%
9903.02.49 .....	Articles of subheading 0201.10.50, 0201.20.80 or 0201.30.80 .....	100%
9903.02.50 .....	Meat of bovine animals, frozen (provided for in heading 0202): Articles of subheading 0202.10.05, 0202.10.10, 0202.20.02, 0202.20.04, 0202.20.06, 0202.20.10, 0202.20.30, 0202.20.50, 0202.30.02, 0202.30.04, 0202.30.06, 0202.30.10, 0202.30.30 or 0202.30.50.	100%
9903.02.51 .....	Articles of subheading 0202.10.50, 0202.20.80 or 0202.30.80 .....	100%
9903.02.52 .....	Meat of swine, fresh or chilled (provided for in subheading 0203.11, 0203.12 or 0203.19) .....	100%
9903.02.53 .....	Carcasses and half-carcasses of swine, frozen (provided for in subheading 0203.21) .....	100%
9903.02.54 .....	Hams, shoulders, and cuts thereof, with bone in, of swine, frozen (provided for in subheading 0203.22) .....	100%
9903.02.55 .....	Processed meat of swine, frozen, other than carcasses and half-carcasses of swine and other than hams, shoulders, and cuts thereof, with bone in (provided for in subheading 0203.29.20).	100%
9903.02.56 .....	Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled (provided for in subheading 0206.10) .....	100%

9903.02.57 .....	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen (provided for in subheading 0206.21, 0206.22 or 0206.29) .....	100%
9903.02.58 .....	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen (provided for in heading 0207)	100%
9903.02.59 .....	Hams, shoulders, and cuts thereof, with bone in, of swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (provided for in subheading 0210.11).	100%
9903.02.60 .....	Meat of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (provided for in subheading 0210.20) .....	100%
9903.02.61 .....	Meat of poultry of heading 0105, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (provided for in subheading 0210.99.20) ..	100%
9903.02.62 .....	Roquefort cheese (provided for in subheading 0406.40.20 and 0406.40.40) .....	300%
9903.02.63 .....	Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, and grasses, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried or bleached (provided for in subheading 0604.91 or 0604.99.30).	100%
9903.02.64 .....	Truffles, fresh or chilled (provided for in subheading 0709.59.10) .....	100%
9903.02.65 .....	Rolled or flaked grains of oats (provided for in subheading 1104.12) .....	100%
9903.02.66 .....	Grains of oats, hulled, pearled, sliced, kibbled or otherwise worked, not elsewhere specified or included (provided for in subheading 1104.22).	100%
9903.02.67 .....	Sausages and similar products of beef, and food preparations based on these products, in airtight containers (provided for in subheading 1601.00.40).	100%
9903.02.68 .....	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood, of liver of any animal (provided for in subheading 1602.20).	100%
9903.02.69 .....	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood, of poultry of heading 0105 (provided for in subheading 1602.31, 1602.32, 1602.39).	100%
9903.02.70 .....	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood, of bovine animals (provided for in subheading 1602.50).	100%
9903.02.71 .....	Chewing gum, whether or not sugar-coated, not containing cocoa (provided for in subheading 1704.10) .....	100%
9903.02.72 .....	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa, in blocks, slabs or bars, filled, weighing 2 kg or less each (provided for in subheading 1806.31).	100%
9903.02.73 .....	Lingonberry and raspberry jams (provided for in subheading 2007.99.05) .....	100%
9903.02.74 .....	Pears, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included (provided for in subheading 2008.40).	100%
9903.02.75 .....	Peaches, excluding nectarines, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included (provided for in subheading 2008.70.20).	100%
9903.02.76 .....	Articles the product of Finland, France, Ireland, the Netherlands or Sweden: Meat of swine, frozen, not processed, other than carcasses and half-carcasses of swine and other than hams, shoulders, and cuts thereof, with bone in (provided for in subheading 0203.29.40).	100%
9903.02.77 .....	Articles the product of France: Chestnuts ( <i>Castanea</i> spp.), fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled (provided for in subheading 0802.40).	100%
9903.02.78 .....	Wool grease (other than crude wool grease) and fatty substances derived from wool grease (including lanolin) (provided for in subheading 1505.00.90).	100%
9903.02.79 .....	Articles the product of Austria, Cyprus, France or Poland: Grape juice (including grape must), not fortified with vitamins or minerals, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (provided for in subheading 2009.61 or 2009.69).	100%
9903.02.80 .....	Juice of any other single fruit, not elsewhere specified or included, not fortified with vitamins or minerals, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (provided for in subheading 2009.80.60).	100%
9903.02.81 .....	Mixtures of juices, other than mixtures of vegetable juices, not fortified with vitamins or minerals, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (provided for in subheading 2009.90.40).	100%
9903.02.82 .....	Articles the product of Italy: Mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavored (provided for in subheading 2201.10).	100%”

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. WTO/DS383]

**WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding  
Regarding United States—  
Antidumping Measures on  
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From  
Thailand**
AGENCY: Office of the United States  
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) is providing notice that on March 9, 2009, Thailand requested the establishment of a panel under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”) concerning certain issues relating to the imposition by the United States of antidumping measures on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS383/2. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

**DATES:** Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of

the dispute, comments should be submitted on or before May 30, 2009 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2008-0043. If you are unable to provide submissions by <http://www.regulations.gov>, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 295-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640.