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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of the Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a meeting via teleconference.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting via teleconference to deliberate a draft letter of recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce.

DATES: December 15, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. (ET).

For the Conference Call-In Number and Further Information, Please Contact: The Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, Washington, DC, 20230 (Phone: 202-482-4501), or e-mail the Executive Secretary at Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

Dated: December 7, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Mission Statement

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

RepCAN 2010—U.S. Matchmaker and Exhibition, Vancouver, Toronto & Montreal, Canada, June 9–10, June 14–15, June 16–17, 2010.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, is organizing RepCAN 2010 a combined trade mission and exhibition, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 9–10; Toronto, Ontario on June 14–15; and Montreal, Quebec on June 16–17, under the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service's Canada First Building Bridges to

Prosperity Initiative. RepCAN 2010 is a horizontal event open to all industry sectors. It is designed to provide export-ready, small to medium-sized U.S. companies (SMEs) with a highly efficient and cost-effective opportunity to establish profitable commercial relations with prospective agents, distributors and end-users in any one, two, or all three, of Canada's primary regional markets. RepCAN 2010 also offers U.S. new-to-export firms an ideal opportunity to gain valuable international business experience in a low-risk market with strong potential for high returns.

RepCAN 2010 participants will benefit from a full range of business facilitation and trade promotion services provided by the U.S. Commercial Service in Canada, including:

- ✓ Current market sector information
- ✓ Professional Commercial Service business counseling
- ✓ Pre-event marketing support and promotional consideration
- ✓ Pre-event market briefings by industry experts
- ✓ Individual business meetings with potential Canadian partners
- ✓ Exhibit space for table-top displays and promotional materials
- ✓ Networking events to include business, industry and government contacts
- ✓ Full logistical support, including hotel bookings at preferred rates
- ✓ On-site assistance and support
- ✓ National market exposure
- ✓ Listings on CS Canada's website and in a special RepCAN brochure
- ✓ Follow-up assistance

Commercial Setting

The United States and Canada share the largest and most dynamic commercial relationship in the world. In 2008, two-way merchandise trade crossing our common border with Canada stood at US\$596.9 billion, or more than US\$1.6 billion per day as U.S. exports to Canada grew by 5.0%. Today, U.S. trade with Canada, just one country, is about the same as total U.S. trade with all 27 countries of the European Union combined. Canada also represents the number one export market for 36 of our 50 states and is among the top five export markets for another ten states.

Canada's geographic proximity, open market economy, stable business climate and receptivity to U.S. goods and services make it the number one gateway to the international marketplace for thousands of U.S. export-ready SMEs. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which provides many U.S.

origin goods with duty-free entry into Canada, also contributes to the relatively low-cost, low-risk, access that U.S. SMEs can gain to prosper and grow in the global marketplace.

Leading Sectors in Canada for U.S. Export and Investment:

- Medical Devices
- Safety and Security Equipment
- Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
- Aerospace and Defense
- Consumer Electronics
- Travel and Tourism
- Automotive Aftermarket Parts & Accessories/Service Equipment
- Computer Hardware
- Telecommunications Equipment
- Computer Software
- Oil and Gas Field Machinery
- Electrical Power Systems

Mission Goals

To provide U.S. export-ready, small-to-medium-sized firms with cost-effective, low opportunities to identify, establish and develop valuable long-term business relations in Canada, our number one export market.

To provide state, regional and local governments in the United States with a ready-made vehicle that can be employed to help their rural and minority-owned SMEs cross the threshold into the international market.

To provide our individual participants with export successes and our multipliers with a positive export-development experience.

Mission Scenario

In each city, participants will be invited to attend an informal ice-breaker reception, where they will meet CS staff and receive their updated participant's information package, as well as briefings on the following day's program. Participants will be allowed to set-up their table-top displays and pop-up exhibits that evening. Participants will also be provided with a six-foot draped table for their table-top displays and four chairs for use during the event.

The day of the event will begin with a briefing on "Doing Business in Canada" focusing on the respective regional market and featuring CS Canada business service providers and others speaking on the commercial climate, local business practices, shipping to Canada, and other aspects of doing business in Canada.

Individual one-on-one business meetings with pre-screened prospective Canadian business partners will commence immediately following the briefing in the exhibit hall/meeting room and will continue throughout the day. In addition to one-on-one meetings

on site, conference calls and off-site meetings will be conducted with prospective partners, as appropriate. A networking reception for participants, prospective partners and

other members of the local business community will be held at the end of the day.

Proposed Mission Timetable

The proposed schedule allows for about a day and a half in each city.

Wednesday, June 9–10, 2010	RepCan 2010 begins in Vancouver, British Columbia Welcome briefing. Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments. Networking reception. Participants will depart June 11.
Monday, June 14–15, 2010	RepCan 2010's second stop: Toronto, Ontario. Welcome briefing. Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments. Networking reception. Participants will depart Toronto, Ontario on the morning of June 16 for Montreal, Quebec.
Wednesday, June 16–17, 2010	Mission's third and last stop: Montreal, Quebec. Welcome briefing. Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments. Networking reception. Participants will depart June 18.

Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in RepCAN must complete and submit an application for consideration by the U.S. Commercial Service. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. The mission is open on a first come first served basis. A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25 companies per stop will be selected to participate from the applicant pool.

Fees and Expenses

After a company has been selected to participate in the RepCAN 2010 event, a payment to the Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee is \$1,250 per company for small-and-medium enterprises (SME *) and \$1,750 per company for large firms, per stop with up to two company representatives. Expenses for lodging, transportation, most meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation

• An applicant must submit a completed and signed event application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of

Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

• Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are 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.

Selection Criteria

- Suitability of the company's products or services to the target market(s);
- Applicant's potential for business in the target market(s), including likelihood of exports resulting from the event; and
- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission's goals.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Recruitment for RepCAN 2010 will begin with the release of this mission statement and publication of this announcement in the **Federal Register**.

RepCAN 2010 recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner. Outreach will include posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar and other Internet Web sites, two webinar presentations (one to multiplier groups, *i.e.* USEACs, State Offices/Economic Development

and one to U.S. companies) press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

RepCAN 2010 will also be promoted through the CS Canada's quarterly newsletter and on CS Canada's homepage—<http://www.buyusa.gov>.

Recruitment Start: Immediately.

Registration Ends: March 31, 2010.

Participants Arrive: Vancouver, June 9, 2010. Montreal, June 14, 2010. Toronto, June 16, 2010.

Formal Program: Vancouver, June 10, 2010. Montreal, June 15, 2010. Toronto, June 17, 2010.

The U.S. Commercial Service in Canada and its offices in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver will lead recruitment activities. Applications received after March 31, 2010 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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* An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations ([see http://www.sba.gov/services/contractingopportunities/sizestandardstopsis/index.html](http://www.sba.gov/services/contractingopportunities/sizestandardstopsis/index.html)). Parent companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries will be considered when determining business size. The dual pricing reflects the Commercial Service's user fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2008 ([see http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html](http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html) for additional information).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: On August 10, 2009, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of the 2007/2008 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. Based on our analysis of the comments received and an examination of our calculations, we have made certain changes for the final results. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the respondents are listed below in the "Final Results of the Review" section of this notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 11, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristin Case or Richard Rimlinger, AD/CVD Operations, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3174 or (202) 482-4477, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 10, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published *Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 39928 (August 9, 2009) (*Preliminary Results*), in the **Federal Register**. The administrative review covers Thai Plastic Bags Industries Co., Ltd., and Master Packaging Co., Ltd. (Master Packaging). The Department has determined previously that Thai Plastic Bags Industries Co., Ltd., Apec Film Ltd., and Winner's Pack Co., Ltd., comprise the Thai Plastic Bags Group (TPBG). See *Notice of Final*

Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Thailand, 69 FR 34122, 34123 (June 18, 2004). The period of review is August 1, 2007, through July 31, 2008.

We invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. On September 9, 2009, we received a case brief from TPBG. On September 10, 2009, we received a case brief from the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members, Hilex Poly Co., LLC, and Superbag Corporation (collectively, the petitioners). On September 14, 2009, we received a rebuttal brief from TPBG. On September 15, 2009, we received a rebuttal brief from the petitioners. We did not hold a hearing as none was requested.

We have conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the antidumping duty order is polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) which may be referred to as t-shirt sacks, merchandise bags, grocery bags, or checkout bags. The subject merchandise is defined as non-sealable sacks and bags with handles (including drawstrings), without zippers or integral extruded closures, with or without gussets, with or without printing, of polyethylene film having a thickness no greater than 0.035 inch (0.889 mm) and no less than 0.00035 inch (0.00889 mm), and with no length or width shorter than 6 inches (15.24 cm) or longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm). The depth of the bag may be shorter than 6 inches but not longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm).

PRCBs are typically provided without any consumer packaging and free of charge by retail establishments, e.g., grocery, drug, convenience, department, specialty retail, discount stores, and restaurants, to their customers to package and carry their purchased products. The scope of the order excludes (1) polyethylene bags that are not printed with logos or store names and that are closeable with drawstrings made of polyethylene film and (2) polyethylene bags that are packed in consumer packaging with printing that refers to specific end-uses other than packaging and carrying merchandise from retail establishments, e.g., garbage bags, lawn bags, trash-can liners.

As a result of recent changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), imports of the subject merchandise are currently classifiable under statistical category 3923.21.0085 of the HTSUS.

Furthermore, although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Use of Adverse Facts Available

In the *Preliminary Results* and pursuant to section 776(a) of the Act, we determined that, because Master Packaging significantly impeded this proceeding by failing to respond to our antidumping questionnaire, it was necessary to use facts otherwise available to establish a dumping margin for Master Packaging. See *Preliminary Results*, 74 FR at 39930. Moreover, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act, we determined that it was appropriate to use an adverse inference with respect to Master Packaging. Id. No party commented on the Department's preliminary determination with respect to Master Packaging. Accordingly, for these final results we have continued to apply adverse facts available to establish a dumping margin for Master Packaging. For the reasons explained in the *Preliminary Results*, we have applied 122.88 percent as adverse facts available to Master Packaging.

Duty Absorption

In the preliminary results of this administrative review, pursuant to section 751(a)(4) of the Act, the Department found that Master Packaging absorbed antidumping duties on all U.S. sales. See *Preliminary Results*, 74 FR at 39929. Master Packaging did not present evidence to rebut the presumption that unaffiliated customers in the United States will not pay the full duty ultimately assessed on the subject merchandise. Thus, for the final results of this review, we continue to find that Master Packaging absorbed antidumping duties.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case briefs by parties to this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand for the Period of Review August 31, 2007, through July 31, 2008 (Decision Memo), which is dated concurrently with this notice, and hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded is in the Decision Memo and attached to this notice as an Appendix. The Decision Memo, which is a public document, is on file in the Department's Central Records Unit (CRU) of the main Commerce building, Room 1117, and is accessible on the Web at <http://>