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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2011-0023]

Pre-Harvest Food Safety for Cattle; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), are hosting a public meeting to seek input on pre-harvest pathogen control strategies designed to reduce the likelihood that beef will be contaminated with pathogens of public health concern, such as Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* and *Salmonella*, during the slaughter process.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, on-site registration is at 8 a.m., the meeting is 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, 1st floor—Oklahoma City Memorial Conference Center, Riverdale, MD 20737 (parking is \$5.00 by cash or credit card—see http://www.USDACenteratRiversideFY11_USDACenteratRiverside.pdf for information on the Riverdale, MD facility).

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FSIS welcomes comments until January 3, 2012, on this meeting. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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—*Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), FSIS Docket Room, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Patriots Plaza 3, Mailstop 3782, Room 163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2011-0023. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

During the 1990s, research programs conducted by ARS on pre-harvest included projects to evaluate technology and management methods to help producers achieve lower contamination levels in animals presented for slaughter.¹

In 2008, FSIS began to promote cattle pre-harvest interventions to prevent foodborne illness and improve food safety throughout the farm-to-table continuum. The condition of the animals entering plants, and at slaughter, and the contamination rates on their hides and elsewhere affect the ability to mitigate risk at slaughter and through the rest of the food system. Pre-harvest food safety interventions can prevent foodborne illness by helping to reduce risk in the farm-to-table continuum.

FSIS published cattle pre-harvest guidelines² to inform beef slaughter establishments of the interventions that can be applied before slaughter, such as on-site farm management controls, to help reduce *E. coli* O157:H7 shedding in cattle. FSIS encourages farmers and ranchers, packers and processors, and scientists in academia, industry, and government, to collaborate in identifying the best technology and practices to reduce contamination before slaughter. Collaboration on such food safety efforts benefits beef producers, slaughterers, processors, and consumers.

Pre-Harvest Guideline Recommendations

FSIS recommends that slaughter establishments procure their cattle from beef producers that implement one or more documented pre-harvest management practices to reduce fecal shedding of enteric pathogens. Research on pre-harvest interventions is ongoing. Pre-harvest interventions that can eliminate fecal shedding of enteric pathogens have yet to be discovered; however, current research suggests that at least two pre-harvest interventions, certain probiotics and vaccines, have the potential to be effective in reducing fecal shedding in cattle. FSIS encourages slaughter establishments to share this information with their suppliers and to use it in designing their food safety systems.

The goals for this meeting on pre-harvest food safety for cattle are:

1. Food safety improvement through identification and development of effective pre-harvest practices.
2. Creating an increased focus on pre-harvest food safety and the identification and development of incentives for producers and processors to adopt effective pre-harvest practices.
3. Increased producer engagement to emphasize their importance in the overall food safety system.
4. Finding effective solutions through discrete projects, including demonstration projects of new technologies and implementation of best practices.

The end product of this meeting would be the identification of effective

¹ Federal Register/Vol. 61, No. 144, Thursday, July 25, 1996 <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Oa/jfr/rule4.pdf>.

² Pre-Harvest Management Controls and Intervention Options for Reducing Escherichia Coli O157:H7 Shedding in Cattle May 2010 http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Reducing_Ecoli_Shedding_In_Cattle_0510.pdf.

and practical pre-harvest practices, the identification of incentives for producers and processors to adopt such measures, and the establishment of an ongoing dialogue regarding pre-harvest food safety. Also, FSIS will present a summary of the recent input from the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection on pre-harvest issues.

FSIS, APHIS, and ARS have developed the following questions for discussion at the meeting:

What factors influence shedding of *Salmonella* and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O157:H7 and other Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) (e.g., age of cattle, stress conditions)?

What effective and practical treatments or mitigation measures are available to reduce the pathogen load in general, and *Salmonella* and STECs specifically?

How can producers, processors, and government work together to incentivize pre-harvest food safety practices and interventions?

A key outcome of this meeting will be to provide the agencies with the information to develop a "best practice" guidance document. The draft guidance document would be made available for comment and ultimately for use by all stakeholders.

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Done at Washington, DC, on: October 6, 2011.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-008]

Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: On June 8, 2011, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan. See *Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan*, 76 FR 33210 (June 8, 2011) (*Preliminary Results*). This review covers one company, Yieh Phui Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Yieh Phui). Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made no changes from the *Preliminary Results*. We have listed the final dumping margin below in the section entitled "Final Results of Review."

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 14, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Bezirgianian or Robert James, AD/

CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; *telephone:* (202) 482-1131 and (202) 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 8, 2011, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan for the period of review (POR) of May 1, 2009, to April 30, 2010. See *Preliminary Results*. In response to the Department's invitation to comment on the preliminary results of this review, respondent Yieh Phui filed its case brief on July 15, 2011. Domestic producer U.S. Steel Corporation filed its rebuttal brief on July 22, 2011. No parties requested a hearing.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan, which are defined as: Welded carbon steel pipes and tubes, of circular cross section, with walls not thinner than 0.065 inch, and 0.375 inch or more but not over 4.5 inches in outside diameter, currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers 7306.30.5025, 7306.30.5032, 7306.30.5040, and 7306.30.5055. Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to this order is dispositive.

Cost of Production

As discussed in the *Preliminary Results*, we found that Yieh Phui made home market sales of the foreign like product during the POR at prices below its costs of production (COP) within the meaning of section 773(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). See *Preliminary Results*, 76 FR at 33211. Those results apply to these final results, given that no changes have been made from the calculations made in the *Preliminary Results*.

We found 20 percent or more of the respondent's sales of a given product during the reporting period were at prices less than the weighted-average COP for this period. Thus, we determined that these below-cost sales were made in "substantial quantities" within an extended period of time and at prices which did not permit the recovery of all costs within a reasonable