

above *de minimis* (i.e., 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate an importer-specific assessment rate on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales and the total entered value of those sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

The Department clarified its "automatic assessment" regulation on May 6, 2003. This clarification will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by EuroChem for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction. For a full discussion of this clarification, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of solid urea from the Russian Federation entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for EuroChem will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 64.93 percent, the all-others rate established in *Urea From the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 52 FR 19557 (May 26, 1987). These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

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

Dated: July 11, 2012.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-827]

Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

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

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216(b), ThinkGeek, Inc. (ThinkGeek) filed a request for a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain cased pencils (pencils) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to revoke the AD order with respect to novelty drumstick pencils. The domestic industry has affirmatively expressed a lack of interest in continuing the AD order with respect to this product. In response to ThinkGeek's request, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating a changed circumstances review to be conducted on an expedited basis and issuing a notice of preliminary intent to revoke, in part, this order. Pursuant to ThinkGeek's request, this partial revocation would be applied retroactively to June 1, 2011. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 1, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Gorman at (202) 482-1174 or Yasmin Nair at (202) 482-3813; AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Background

On December 28, 1994, the Department published in the *Federal Register* the AD order on certain cased pencils from China. See *Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 66909 (December 28, 1994) (AD order). On May 23, 2012, in accordance with section 751(b) and 751(d)(1) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.216(b), and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1), ThinkGeek, a U.S. importer of subject merchandise, requested revocation in part, of the AD order with respect to its novelty pencil, which is shaped like a drumstick, as part of a changed circumstances review. ThinkGeek's novelty drumstick pencil is made to look like a pencil, except that it is shaped as a drumstick. This pencil is longer than regular wooden pencils and does not contain an eraser. ThinkGeek requested that the Department conduct the changed circumstances review on an expedited basis pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii).

Scope of the Order

Imports covered by this order are shipments of certain cased pencils of any shape or dimension (except as described below) which are writing and/or drawing instruments that feature cores of graphite or other materials, encased in wood and/or man-made materials, whether or not decorated and whether or not tipped (e.g., with erasers, etc.) in any fashion, and either sharpened or unsharpened. The pencils subject to the order are currently classifiable under subheading 9609.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Specifically excluded from the scope of the order are mechanical pencils, cosmetic pencils, pens, non-cased crayons (wax), pastels, charcoals, chalks, and pencils produced under U.S. patent number 6,217,242, from paper infused with scents by the means covered in the above-referenced patent, thereby having odors distinct from those that may emanate from pencils lacking the scent infusion. Also excluded from the scope of the order are pencils with all of the following physical characteristics: (1) *Length:* 13.5 or more inches; (2) *sheath diameter:* not less than one-and-one quarter inches at any

point (before sharpening); and (3) *core length*: not more than 15 percent of the length of the pencil.

In addition, pencils with all of the following characteristics are excluded from the order: novelty jumbo pencils that are octagonal in shape, approximately ten inches long, one inch in diameter before sharpening, and three-and-one eighth inches in circumference, composed of turned wood encasing one-and-one half inches of sharpened lead on one end and a rubber eraser on the other end.

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

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke the Order in Part

At the request of ThinkGeek, and in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 751(d)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1), the Department is initiating a changed circumstances review of novelty drumstick pencils from the PRC to determine whether partial revocation of the AD order is warranted with respect to this product. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i) provide that the Department may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part. In its administrative practice, the Department has interpreted "substantially all" to mean at least 85 percent of the total production of the domestic like product covered by the order. *See, e.g., Certain Pasta From Italy: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Review and Revocation, In Part*, 76 FR 27634, 27635 (May 12, 2011). In addition, in the event the Department determines that expedited action is warranted, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

On May 23, 2012, ThinkGeek submitted a letter from petitioners and domestic pencil producers Sanford, L.P.; Musgrave Pencil Company and General Pencil Company (collectively, Petitioners) expressing a lack of interest in maintaining the AD order with respect to the novelty drumstick pencils identified in ThinkGeek's request. On June 5, 2012, Petitioners submitted a letter stating that they comprise "substantially all" of the production of the domestic like product, as provided in section 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR

351.222(g)(1)(i), in that they account for at least 85 percent of such production. *See* ThinkGeek's letter dated June 5, 2012. Also, ThinkGeek's letter requested that this partial revocation be retroactively applied to ThinkGeek's drumstick pencils, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after June 1, 2011, which would apply to any remaining unliquidated entries of this product. *See id.*

In accordance with section 751(b) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.216, 19 CFR 351.222(g), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii), we are initiating this changed circumstances review and have determined that expedited action is warranted. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1), we find that Petitioners' affirmative statements of no interest constitutes good cause for the conduct of this review. Additionally, our decision to expedite this review pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) stems from the domestic industry's lack of interest in applying the AD order to these drumstick novelty pencils, described above, covered by ThinkGeek's request.

Based on the expression of no interest by Petitioners and absent any objection by other domestic interested parties, we preliminarily determine that substantially all of the domestic producers have no interest in the continued application of the AD order on pencils from the PRC to the merchandise that is subject to ThinkGeek's request. Therefore, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke, in part, the AD order as it relates to imports of drumstick novelty pencils, as described above, from the PRC. This partial revocation would be retroactively applied to entries of novelty drumstick pencils, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after June 1, 2011, a date after the last day of the most recently completed administrative review. *See, e.g., Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Determination to Revoke Order in Part*, 74 FR 8506 (February 25, 2009) (retroactively revoking an order, in part, to unliquidated entries not subject to a final determination by the Department). We intend to modify the scope of the AD order to read as follows:

In addition, pencils with all of the following characteristics are excluded from the order: novelty jumbo pencils that are octagonal in shape, approximately ten inches long, one inch in diameter before sharpening, and three-and-one eighth inches in circumference, composed of turned wood

encasing one-and-one half inches of sharpened lead on one end and a rubber eraser on the other end. Also excluded are novelty drumstick pencils that are shaped like drumsticks, longer than regular wooden pencils, and do not contain erasers.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Written comments may be submitted no later than 14 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results. Rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such comments, may be filed no later than 21 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results. Consistent with 19 CFR 351.309, parties who submit written comments or rebuttal comments in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument (no longer than five pages, including footnotes). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of the date of publication of this notice. Further, any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than 25 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first business day thereafter. All written comments and/or hearing requests must be filed electronically using Import Administration's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS).¹ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department's electronic records system, IA ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time of the deadlines set forth in this notice.

We will issue our final results of this changed circumstances review as soon as practicable following the above comment period, but not later than 270 days after the date on which we initiated the changed circumstances review or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary results, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(e).

If final revocation occurs, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to end the suspension of liquidation for the merchandise covered by the revocation on the effective date of the notice of revocation and to release any cash deposit or bond. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated AD duties on all subject merchandise will continue unless and until it is modified pursuant to the final results of this changed circumstances review.

This initiation and preliminary results of review notice is published in

¹ *See generally* 19 CFR 351.303.

accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221(b)(1) and (4), and 351.222(g).

Dated: July 11, 2012.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC105

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for scientific research and enhancement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a scientific research and enhancement permit application request relating to anadromous species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed research activities are intended to increase knowledge of the species and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on August 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment by contacting NMFS by phone (916) 930-3706 or fax (916) 930-3629. Written comments on the application should be submitted to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Room 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comments may also be submitted via fax to (916) 930-3629 or by email to FRNpermits.SR@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Cranford, Sacramento, CA (ph.: 916-930-3706, email: Amanda.Cranford@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened California Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), threatened Central Valley spring-run

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and threatened southern distinct population segment of North American (sDPS) green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on the applications listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on the application(s) would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Application Received

Permit 16543

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is requesting a 3-year scientific research and enhancement permit to take adult CCV steelhead, Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and both adult and juvenile sDPS green sturgeon associated with research activities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California. In the studies described below, all take will be incidental and non-lethal. Application 16543 was previously noticed in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 57717) with a 30 day comment period from September 16, 2011 to October 17, 2011. No comments were received for this application, however due to substantial changes to the sampling methods and the amount take NMFS decided to publish the revised notice for public comment.

This project will examine predation by introduced fishes (striped bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass) and native resident fishes (Sacramento pikeminnow) on migrating native fishes (juvenile Chinook salmon, juvenile steelhead, delta and longfin smelt, white and green sturgeon, and Sacramento splittail) across a variety of habitats and migration corridors in the northern

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Results will provide information on spatial and environmental patterns of predation; critical information for guiding future restoration projects on conditions likely to support or discourage higher predation rates on endangered and native fishes. The sampling will be conducted in April, June and December in the Sacramento River above Rio Vista, Georgiana, Steamboat, Miner, and Cache sloughs, the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel, and Liberty Island. Sampling months were selected based on likely periods of co-occurrence of predators and prey species of interest. Predators will be sampled using trammel nets, with the goal of genetically analyzing their gut contents for the DNA of various prey items.

While listed species are not the target of the sampling program, incidental take may occur and will provide valuable information on abundance, habitat use, and migration timing.

Dated: July 13, 2012.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.