

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Meeting

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol House, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4117 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000. Telephone: 202-720-4333, Fax: 202-720-9013, or e-mail: chouse@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which consists of 25 members appointed from 7 categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, has scheduled a meeting on February 17-18, 2004. During this time the Advisory Committee will discuss: (1) Release of the 2002 Census of Agriculture, (2) NASS Special Activities, Publications, and Accomplishments for 2003, (3) progress on NASS year end surveys and reports, and (4) looking ahead for the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

Dates and Locations

The Committee meeting will be held 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, with an opportunity for public questions and comments at 3:30 p.m. on February 18, The Residence Inn by Marriott-Pentagon City, 550 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.
Comments: The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Dated: January 8, 2004, at Washington, DC.

R. Ronald Bosecker,
Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of five-year ("sunset") reviews.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating five-year ("sunset") reviews of the antidumping duty orders listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notice of *Institution of Five-Year Review*, which covers these same orders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-5050, or Mary Messer, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, at (202) 205-3193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in 19 CFR 351.218. Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98.3—*Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin*, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("*Sunset Policy Bulletin*").

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(c), we are initiating sunset reviews of the following antidumping duty orders:

DOC case No.	ITC case No.	Country	Product
A-570-007	731-TA-149	China	Barium Chloride.
A-427-001	731-TA-44	France	Sorbitol.

Filing Information

As a courtesy, we are making information related to sunset proceedings, including copies of the Department's regulations regarding sunset reviews (19 CFR 351.218) and *Sunset Policy Bulletin*, the Department's schedule of sunset reviews, case history information (i.e., previous margins, duty absorption determinations, scope language, import volumes), and service lists, available to the public on the Department's sunset Internet Web site at the following address: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/sunset/>.

All submissions in these sunset reviews must be filed in accordance

with the Department's regulations regarding format, translation, service, and certification of documents. These rules can be found at 19 CFR 351.303. Also, we suggest that parties check the Department's sunset website for any updates to the service list before filing any submissions. The Department will make additions to and/or deletions from the service list provided on the sunset website based on notifications from parties and participation in these reviews. Specifically, the Department will delete from the service list all parties that do not submit a substantive response to the notice of initiation.

Because deadlines in a sunset review are, in many instances, very short, we

urge interested parties to apply for access to proprietary information under administrative protective order ("APO") immediately following publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation of the sunset review. The Department's regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304-306.

Information Required From Interested Parties

Domestic interested parties (defined in 19 CFR 351.102(b) and section 771 (9)(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the Act) wishing to participate in these sunset

reviews must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The required contents of the notice of intent to participate are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(ii). In accordance with the Department's regulations, if we do not receive a notice of intent to participate from at least one domestic interested party by the 15-day deadline, the Department will automatically revoke the order without further review. See 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii).

If we receive an order-specific notice of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, the Department's regulations provide that *all parties* wishing to participate in the sunset review must file complete substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response, on an order-specific basis, are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for respondent and domestic parties. Also, note that the Department's information requirements are distinct from the International Trade Commission's information requirements. Please consult the Department's regulations for information regarding the Department's conduct of sunset reviews.¹ Please consult the Department's regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: January 27, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape from Italy

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review.

SUMMARY: On August 27, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on pressure sensitive plastic tape (PSPT) from Italy to determine whether Tyco Adhesives Italia S.p.A. (Tyco) is a successor-in-interest company to Manuli Tapes S.p.A. (Manuli). See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape from Italy*, 68 FR 51557 (August 27, 2003) (Notice of Initiation). We have preliminarily determined that Tyco is the successor-in-interest to Manuli, for purposes of determining antidumping liability in this proceeding. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zev Primor or Paige Rivas, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4114 or (202) 482-0651, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 3, 2003, Tyco requested that the Department conduct a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on PSPT from Italy pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii)(2003). Tyco claims to be the successor-in-interest to Manuli Tapes, S.p.A.¹, and, as such, claims that it is entitled to receive the same antidumping treatment as Manuli. On August 7, 2003, at the request of the Department, Tyco submitted additional information and

documentation pertaining to its changed circumstances request. From November 12 through November 15, 2003, the Department conducted a verification of information pertaining to this changed circumstances review at Tyco's offices in Novara and Tyco's plant in Formia, both located in Italy.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by the review are shipments of PSPT measuring over 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width and not exceeding 4 millimeters in thickness, currently classifiable under items 3919.90.20 and 3919.90.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive as to the scope of the product coverage.

Preliminary Results of Review

In submissions to the Department dated July 3 and August 7, 2003, Tyco, an Italian holding company, advised the Department that on May 8, 2001, it acquired Manuli from its owner, Manuli Packaging Group, S.p.A. (Manuli Packaging). Up to that point, Manuli was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manuli Packaging. Prior to its purchase of Manuli, Tyco did not hold an ownership interest in any other company, nor did it produce or sell any subject or non-subject merchandise.

In antidumping duty changed circumstances reviews involving a successor-in-interest determination, the Department typically examines several factors including, but not limited to, changes in: (1) management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; and (4) customer base. See *Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 57 FR 20460, 20462 (May 13, 1992) (*Canadian Brass*). While no single factor or combination of factors will necessarily be dispositive, the Department generally will consider the new company to be the successor to the predecessor company if the resulting operations are essentially the same as those of the predecessor company. See, e.g., *Industrial Phosphoric Acid from Israel: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 59 FR 6944, 6945 (February 14, 1994), and *Canadian Brass*, 57 FR 20460. Thus, if the record evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the predecessor company, the Department may assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor. See, e.g., *Fresh and Chilled Atlantic Salmon from Norway: Final*

¹ A number of parties commented that these interim-final regulations provided insufficient time for rebuttals to substantive responses to a notice of initiation, 19 CFR 351.218(d)(4). As provided in 19 CFR 351.302(b), the Department will consider individual requests for extension of that five-day deadline based upon a showing of good cause.

¹ On December 31, 1999, after merging with another company, Manuli Autoadesivi S.p.A. changed its corporate name to Manuli Tapes S.p.A.