

January 25, 2006

RE: Anticircumvention Inquiry on Later-Developed Merchandise: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"): Extension of Deadline for Comments/Rebuttal Comments re: the Department's January 18, 2006, Letter

To All Interested Parties:

This letter concerns the later-developed merchandise anticircumvention inquiry for the antidumping duty order on petroleum wax candles from the PRC. On February 25, 2005, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether mixed wax candles composed of petroleum wax and varying amounts of either palm or vegetable-based waxes (collectively, "mixed wax candles") are later-developed merchandise within the meaning of section 781(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). See Petroleum Wax Candles from the PRC: Initiation of Anticircumvention Inquiries of Antidumping Duty Order, 70 FR 10962 (March 7, 2005) ("Initiation Notice").

On January 18, 2006, the Department issued a letter to interested parties seeking further information before determining whether mixed wax candles are included in the scope of this Order. See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China, 51 FR 30686 (August 28, 1986) ("Order"). Specifically, the Department invited all parties to submit comments, including evidence, on: (1) the "commercial availability" of mixed wax candles in the marketplace at the time of the LTFV investigation; (2) significant technological advancements between 1985 and 2005 that allowed the commercial production of mixed wax candles; (3) whether mixed wax candles are later-developed merchandise, in light of the findings of the ITC Second Sunset Review;² and (4) all other factors that are required for a later-developed merchandise analysis, pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act.

On January 19-20, 2006, the Department received two-week extension requests of the deadlines for comments and rebuttal comments from the China Chamber of Commerce for Importers and

¹ The period of review ("POR") is a hypothetical period required by and used only for internal document tracking purposes.

² See Petroleum Wax Candles from China, Inv. No. 731-TA-282 (Second Review), USITC Pub. 3790 (July 2005) ("ITC Second Sunset Review").

Exporters of Foodstuffs, Native Products and Animal By-products (“CCCFNA”) and Target Corporation (“Target”). Currently, the deadlines for interested parties to submit comments is February 1, 2006, and for rebuttal comments is February 13, 2006.

For the reasons stated in CCCFNA’s and Target’s extension requests, the Department is granting an extension of two-weeks for interested parties to submit comments and rebuttal comments with regard to the Department’s January 18, 2006, letter. Accordingly, the deadline for interested parties to submit comments is now due no later than **COB, February 15, 2006**. Additionally, rebuttal comments, limited to issues raised in the initial comments, are now due no later than **COB, Monday, February 27, 2006. Information submitted with your rebuttal comments that was not previously on the record may be rejected.**

If you have any further questions or need assistance in this matter, please contact Alex Villanueva or Julia Hancock, respectively at (202) 482-3208 or (202) 482-1394.

Sincerely,

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