

to each party listed on the Department's most current service list for this proceeding to inform them of the automatic initiation of a sunset review of this finding. We received no response from the domestic industry by the deadline date. See 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). As a result, the Department determined that no domestic party intends to participate in the sunset review. On August 23, 2004, the Department notified the International Trade Commission ("ITC") in writing that we intended to issue a final determination revoking this antidumping duty finding. See 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B).

### Scope

This Treasury Finding covers melamine in crystal form, which is a fine white crystalline powder used to manufacture melamine formaldehyde resins, and is currently classifiable under item 2933.61.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description remains dispositive.

### Determination To Revoke

Pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B)(3), if no domestic interested party responds to the notice of initiation, the Department shall issue a final determination, within 90 days after the initiation of the review, revoking the finding. Because no domestic interested party filed a notice of intent to participate or a substantive response, the Department finds that no domestic interested party is participating in this review. Therefore, we are revoking this antidumping duty finding effective September 1, 2004, the fifth anniversary of the date of the determination to continue the finding, consistent with 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2)(i) and section 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act.

### Effective Date of Revocation

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(3)(A) and 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2)(i), the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to terminate the suspension of liquidation of the merchandise subject to this finding entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after September 1, 2004. Entries of subject merchandise prior to the effective date of revocation will continue to be subject to suspension of liquidation and antidumping duty deposit requirements. The Department will complete any pending administrative reviews of this finding and will conduct administrative

reviews of subject merchandise entered prior to the effective date of revocation in response to appropriately filed requests for review.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 15, 2004.

**Jeffrey A. May,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-501]

#### **Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of expedited sunset review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China.

**SUMMARY:** On May 3, 2004, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads ("natural paint brushes") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and an adequate substantive response filed on behalf of domestic interested parties and inadequate response from respondent interested parties, the Department conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review. As a result of this sunset review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. The dumping margins are identified in the *Final Results of Review* section of this notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 21, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hilary E. Sadler, Esq., Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

On May 3, 2004, the Department published the notice of initiation of the second sunset review of the antidumping duty order on natural paint brushes from the PRC pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. See *Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 69 FR 24118 (May 3, 2004). The Department received the Notice of Intent to Participate from the domestic interested parties, the Paint Applicator Division of the American Brush Manufacturers Association and its participating member companies: Shur-Line, Bestt Liebco, Wooster Brush Company, Purdy Corporation, True Value Manufacturing, and Elder & Jenks, Inc. (collectively "the domestic interested parties"), within the deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of the Department's Regulations ("Sunset Regulations"). The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under sections 771(9)(C) and (E) of the Act, as domestic manufacturers of paint brushes and a trade association whose majority of members manufacture, produce, or wholesale a domestic-like product in the United States. We received complete substantive responses only from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). We received no responses from the respondent interested parties. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(5)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of this order.

### Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the PRC. Excluded from the order are paintbrushes and brush heads with a blend of 40 percent natural bristles and 60 percent synthetic filaments. The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under item 9603.40.40.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in these reviews are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memo") from Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Jeffrey A. May, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated October 15, 2004, which is hereby adopted by this notice.

The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail if the order were to be revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>, under the heading "October 2004." The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Final Results of Reviews**

We determine that revocation of the antidumping duty order on natural paint brushes from the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average percentage margins:

Manufacturers/Exporters/Producers	Weighted average margin (percent)
Hebei Animal By-Products Import/Export Corp. ....	351.92
Hunan Provincial Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import/Export Corp. ....	351.92
Peace Target, Inc. ....	351.92
PRC-wide .....	351.92

We are issuing and publishing the results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 15, 2004.

**Jeffrey A. May,**  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-588-046]

**Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Polychloroprene Rubber From Japan**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty changed circumstances review.

**SUMMARY:** On March 1, 2004, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty finding on polychloroprene rubber (PR) from Japan to determine whether Showa Denko K.K. (SDK) is the successor-in-interest company to the joint venture of Showa DDE Manufacturing K.K. (SDEM) and DDE Japan Kabushiki Kaisha (DDE Japan) (collectively, SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture). See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan*, 69 FR 9586 (March 1, 2004) (*Notice of Initiation*). We have preliminarily determined that SDK is not the successor-in-interest to the SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture, for purposes of determining antidumping liability in this proceeding. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 21, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zev Primor, AD/CVD Operations, 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On December 6, 1973, the Department of Treasury published in the **Federal Register** (38 FR 33593) the antidumping finding on PR from Japan. On January 14, 2004, SDK submitted a letter stating that it is the successor-in-interest to the SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture and, as such, entitled to receive the same antidumping duty treatment previously accorded to the joint venture (*i.e.*, zero cash deposit). See *Notice of Final Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan*, 67 FR 58 (January 2, 2002), (*Changed Circumstances*). In that same letter, SDK explained that on November 1, 2002, the SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture was dissolved. Prior to the joint venture's dissolution, SDK and DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C. (DuPont) each owned 50 percent of the joint venture. SDK, therefore, requested that the Department conduct an expedited changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty finding on PR from Japan pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act (the Act), as amended, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii). However, because the submitted record supporting SDK's claims was deficient, the Department found that an expedited review was impracticable and, on March

1, 2004, issued a *Notice of Initiation* without the preliminary results.

In response to the Department's supplemental questionnaire, on March 10 and 19, 2004, SDK provided the Department with supplemental questionnaire responses. Additionally, on February 4 and May 3, 2004, DuPont, a U.S. producer of PR and the petitioner in this proceeding, notified the Department that it opposes SDK's request to be considered the successor-in-interest to the SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture. In particular, DuPont argued that differences between the corporate structures, distribution channels, price structure, and customer base preclude SDK from being considered the successor-in-interest to the SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture.

From August 25 through August 27, 2004, the Department conducted a verification of information in connection with this changed circumstances review at SDK's offices in Kawasaki, Japan. On September 20, 2004, the Department issued its Verification Report. See Memorandum from Zev Primor to the File "Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review of Polychloroprene Rubber (PR) from Japan: Verification Report for Showa Denko K.K. (SDK) Regarding Successorship," September 20, 2004, (Verification Report).

**Scope of Review**

Imports covered by this review are shipments of PR, an oil resistant synthetic rubber also known as polymerized chlorobutadiene or neoprene, currently classifiable under items 4002.42.00, 4002.49.00, 4003.00.00, 4462.15.21, and 4462.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

**Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review**

In submissions to the Department dated January 14, 2004, and March 10 and March 19, 2004, SDK advised the Department that on November 1, 2002, the SDEM/DDE Japan joint venture was dissolved. SDEM was the manufacturing arm of the joint venture, while DDE Japan was its marketing and selling arm. When the joint venture was dissolved, DuPont sold its interest in SDEM to SDK. SDK, in turn, sold its interest in DDE Japan to DuPont. As a result of those interest transfers, SDK became the sole owner of SDEM and DuPont became the sole owner of DDE Japan. On the same date, November 1, 2002,