

conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

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

Dated: October 22, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATED: *Effective Date:* October 31, 2014.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has determined that three requests for new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China (PRC), meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for initiation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the PRC published in the **Federal Register**

on September 15, 1997.¹ Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), we received three timely requests for new shipper reviews of the *Order* from Wuhan Coland Aquatic Products and Food Co., Ltd. (Coland), Weishan Hongda Aquatic Food Co., Ltd. (Hongda), and Hubei Yueheng Aquatic Products Co., Ltd. (Hubei Yueheng).² Each new shipper review applicant certified that it is both the producer and exporter of the subject merchandise upon which its request was based.³

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i), each new shipper applicant certified that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI).⁴ In addition, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), each new shipper applicant certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, it has never been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI, including those respondents not individually examined during the POI.⁵ As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), each new shipper applicant also certified that its export activities were not controlled by the government of the PRC.⁶

In addition to the certifications described above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2), each new shipper applicant submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) The date on which it first shipped subject merchandise for export to the United States; (2) the volume of its first shipment; and (3) the date of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.⁷

Period of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(A), the period of review

¹ See *Notice of Amendment to Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China*, 62 FR 48218 (September 15, 1997) (*Order*).

² See Coland's new shipper review request dated September 18, 2014 (Coland NSR request); Hongda's new shipper review request dated September 29, 2014 (Hongda NSR request); Hubei Yueheng's new shipper review request dated September 30, 2014 (Hubei Yueheng NSR request).

³ See Coland NSR request at page 1; Hongda NSR request at Exhibit 1; Hubei Yueheng NSR request at Exhibit 2.

⁴ See Coland NSR request at Attachment 1; Hongda NSR request at Exhibit 1; Hubei Yueheng NSR request at Exhibit 2.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See Coland NSR request at Attachment 2; Hongda NSR request at Exhibit 2; Hubei Yueheng NSR request at Exhibit 1.

(POR) for new shipper reviews initiated in the month immediately following the anniversary month will be the twelve-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month. Therefore, under the *Order*, the POR is September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014.

Initiation of New Shipper Reviews

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), the Department finds that the request from each new shipper applicant meets threshold requirements for the initiation of a new shipper review of shipments of freshwater crawfish tail meat from the PRC produced and exported by each new shipper applicant.⁸

The Department intends to issue the preliminary results of these new shipper reviews no later than 180 days from the date of initiation and the final results of the review no later than 90 days after the date the preliminary results are issued.⁹ It is the Department's usual practice, in cases involving non-market economy countries, to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate from the country-wide rate provide evidence of *de jure* and *de facto* absence of government control over the company's export activities. Accordingly, we will issue a questionnaire to each new shipper applicant which will include a section requesting information concerning its eligibility for a separate rate. The new shipper review of each new shipper applicant will be rescinded if the Department determines that each new shipper applicant has not demonstrated that it is eligible for a separate rate. In addition, the Department has concerns with certain information contained in entry data that the Department obtained from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Due to the business proprietary nature of this information, please refer to the Initiation Checklists for further discussion. The Department intends to address these concerns after initiation of the new shipper reviews. If

⁸ See the memoranda to the file entitled "Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China: Initiation Checklist for Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review of Wuhan Coland Aquatic Products and Food Co., Ltd." dated concurrently with this notice; "Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China: Initiation Checklist for Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review of Weishan Hongda Aquatic Food Co., Ltd." dated concurrently with this notice; and "Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China: Initiation Checklist for Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review of Hubei Yueheng Aquatic Products Co., Ltd." dated concurrently with this notice. (Collectively, Initiation Checklists.)

⁹ See section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i).

the Department subsequently determines, based on information collected, that a new shipper review for any applicant is not warranted, the Department may rescind the review or apply facts available pursuant to section 776 of the Act, as appropriate.

We will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the subject merchandise from each new shipper applicant in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e). Because each new shipper applicant certified that it produced and exported subject merchandise, the sale of which is the basis for the request for a new shipper review, we will apply the bonding privilege to each new shipper applicant only for subject merchandise which was produced and exported by each new shipper applicant.

To assist in its analysis of the *bona fides* of each new shipper applicant's sales, upon initiation of this new shipper review, the Department will require each new shipper applicant to submit on an ongoing basis complete transaction information concerning any sales of subject merchandise to the United States that were made subsequent to the POR.

Interested parties requiring access to proprietary information in the new shipper review should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are published in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: October 24, 2014.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures; 2015 Research Fishery

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its request for applications for the 2015 shark research fishery from commercial shark fishermen with directed or incidental shark limited access permits. The shark research fishery allows for the collection of fishery-dependent and biological data for future stock assessments to meet the shark research objectives of the Agency. The only commercial vessels authorized to land sandbar sharks are those participating in the shark research fishery. Shark research fishery permittees may also land other large coastal sharks (LCS), small coastal sharks (SCS), and pelagic sharks. Commercial shark fishermen who are interested in participating in the shark research fishery need to submit a completed Shark Research Fishery Permit Application in order to be considered.

DATES: Shark Research Fishery Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time, on December 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please submit completed applications to the HMS Management Division at:

- Mail: Attn: Guý DuBeck, HMS Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

- Fax: (301) 713-1917.

For copies of the Shark Research Fishery Permit Application, please write to the HMS Management Division at the address listed above, call (301) 427-8503 (phone), or fax a request to (301) 713-1917. Copies of the Shark Research Fishery Application are also available at the HMS Web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/index.htm>. Additionally, please be advised that your application may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Guý DuBeck, at (301) 427-8503 (phone) or (301) 713-1917 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

The shark research fishery was established, in part, to maintain time series data for stock assessments and to meet NMFS' research objectives. Since the shark research fishery was established in 2008, the research fishery

has allowed for: The collection of fishery dependent data for current and future stock assessments; the operation of cooperative research to meet NMFS' ongoing research objectives; the collection of updated life-history information used in the sandbar shark (and other species) stock assessment; the collection of data on habitat preferences that might help reduce fishery interactions through bycatch mitigation; and the evaluation of the utility of the mid-Atlantic closed area on the recovery of dusky sharks and collection of hook-timer and pop-up satellite archival tag (PSAT) information to determine at-vessel and post-release mortality of dusky sharks.

The shark research fishery allows selected commercial fishermen the opportunity to earn revenue from selling additional sharks, including sandbar sharks. Only the commercial shark fishermen selected to participate in the shark research fishery are authorized to land sandbar sharks subject to the sandbar quota available each year. The base quota is 116.6 metric (mt) dressed weight (dw) per year, although this number may be reduced in the event of overharvests, if any. The selected shark research fishery permittees will also be allowed to land other LCS, SCS, and pelagic sharks per any restrictions established on their shark research fishery permit. Generally, the shark research fishery permits are valid only for the calendar year for which they are issued.

The specific 2015 trip limits and number of trips per month will depend on the availability of funding, number of selected vessels, the availability of observers, the available quota, and the objectives of the research fishery and will be included in the permit terms at time of issuance. The number of participants in the research fishery change each year. In 2014, five fishermen were chosen to participate. From 2008 through 2014, there has been an average of seven participants each year with the range from five to eleven. The trip limits and the number of trips taken per month have changed each year the research fishery has been active. Participants may also be limited on the amount of gear they can deploy on a given set (e.g., number of hooks and sets, soak times, length of longline).

In 2014, NMFS split the sandbar and LCS research fishery quotas equally among selected participants, with each vessel allocated 18.6 mt dw of sandbar shark research fishery quota and 8.0 mt dw of other LCS research fishery quota. NMFS also established a regional dusky bycatch limit where once three or more dusky sharks were caught dead in any