

review of entries of subject merchandise made by ten PRC producers/exporters, which included Shanghai Eswell Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Shanghai Eswell), Zhejiang Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import & Export Corp., a.k.a. Zhejiang Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import and Export Group Corporation (Zhejiang), and Wuhan Bee Healthy Co., Ltd. (Wuhan). We also received a timely request from Zhejiang (active respondent in the original investigation) that the Department conduct an administrative review of entries of subject merchandise it exported to the United States during the period of review (POR). On January 22, 2003, the Department initiated an administrative review for all of these companies. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 3009 (January 22, 2003).

On February 20, 2003, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to all ten PRC producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. On April 4, 2003, we received responses to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Zhejiang and Wuhan. On April 18, 2003, we received responses to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Zhejiang and Wuhan.

On April 22, 2003, petitioners submitted a withdrawal of request for review for Shanghai Eswell. On May 6, 2003, the Department rescinded, in part, the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey with respect to Shanghai Eswell. *See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 23963 (May 6, 2003).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h) of the Department's regulations, we determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the statutory time limit of 245 days. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this administrative review within this time limit because we need additional time to research the appropriate surrogate value used to value raw honey. Additionally, the Department is analyzing the Indian financial statements currently on the record to determine the appropriate surrogate financial ratios to use in our calculation of normal value. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of

the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of these preliminary results by an additional 120 days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than December 31, 2003. The final results will, in turn, be due 120 days after the date of issuance of the preliminary results, unless extended.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: In-shell Pistachios from the Islamic Republic of Iran

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

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on in-shell (raw) pistachios from the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), covering one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Rafsanjan Pistachio Producers Cooperative (RPPC), and the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 68 FR 19498 (April 21, 2003). This review has now been rescinded due to petitioners'¹ withdrawal of their request for an administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 31, 2003, the Department received a timely request from the CPC

for an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on in-shell (raw) pistachios from Iran. On April 16, 2003, the Department initiated an administrative review of this order for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002. On July 9, 2003, the CPC submitted a timely letter requesting to withdraw their request for the above-referenced administrative review.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this administrative review is in-shell (raw) pistachio nuts from which the hulls have been removed, leaving the inner hard shells and edible meat, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS) under item number 0802.50.20.00. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Rescission of Review

On July 9, 2003, the CPC submitted a letter requesting to withdraw its request for the above-referenced administrative review. *See* letter from the CPC to the Department dated July 9, 2003, on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099, main building of the Department of Commerce. This letter was timely filed within 90 days of the publication notice of initiation of the requested review.

Having accepted the CPC's request, the Department hereby rescinds the administrative review of in-shell (raw) pistachios from Iran for the period January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2002. *See* 19 CFR section 351.213(d)(1). The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (Customs) within 15 days of publication of this notice.

This notice is in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and section 351.213(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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¹ Petitioners are the California Pistachios Commission (CPC) and its members.