

Petitioners have not sufficiently alleged the elements necessary for the imposition of a countervailing duty and did not support their allegation with reasonably available information. Therefore, we are not investigating the provision of electricity, natural gas, and water for less than adequate remuneration.

**7. The State Key Technologies Renovation Project Fund:** Petitioners allege that the purpose of this subsidy program is to promote technological renovations and improvements in key industries through the grant of funds equal to two or three years of interest expense payments for the projects depending upon the region of the country in which the project occurs, not to exceed 15 percent of the total cost of the project. Petitioners have not sufficiently alleged the elements necessary for the imposition of a countervailing duty and did not support their allegation with reasonably available information. Therefore, we do not plan to investigate "The State Key Technologies Renovation Project Fund" program.

Because petitioner has not sufficiently alleged countervailable subsidies for these programs, we are not initiating on them at this time.

#### **Application of the Countervailing Duty Law to the PRC**

The Department has treated the PRC as a non-market economy ("NME") country in all past antidumping duty investigations and administrative reviews. In accordance with Section 771(18)(C)(i) of the Act, any determination that a country is an NME country shall remain in effect until revoked by the administering authority. *See, e.g., Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and 10 Unfinished, (TRBs) From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of 2001-2002 Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Review*, 68 FR 7500, 7500-1 (February 14, 2003), unchanged in *TRBs from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of 2001-2002 Administrative Review*, 68 FR 70488, 70488-89 (December 18, 2003).

In the final affirmative countervailing duty determination on coated free sheet paper from the PRC, the Department determined that the current nature of the PRC economy does not create obstacles to applying the necessary criteria in the CVD law. *See Coated Free Sheet Paper from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 72 FR 60645 (October 25, 2007) and the accompanying Issues and Decision

Memorandum at Comment 1. Therefore, because the petitioners have provided sufficient allegations and support of their allegations to meet the statutory criteria for initiating a CVD investigation of CWASPP from the PRC, initiation of a CVD investigation is warranted in this case.

#### **Respondent Selection**

For this investigation, the Department expects to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") data for U.S. imports during the POI. We intend to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 20 days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The Department invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within seven calendar days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

#### **Distribution of Copies of the Petition**

In accordance with Section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the Government of the PRC. As soon as and to the extent practicable, we will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, consistent with 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

#### **ITC Notification**

We have notified the ITC of our initiation, as required by Section 702(d) of the Act.

#### **Preliminary Determination by the ITC**

The ITC will preliminarily determine, within 25 days after the date on which it receives notice of the initiation, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of subsidized CWASPP from the PRC are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. *See* Section 703(a)(2) of the Act. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to Section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: February 19, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

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#### **Lightweight Thermal Paper From Germany and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 25, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Robinson or George McMahon (Germany), or Frances Veith (the People's Republic of China), AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3797, (202) 482-1167, (202) 482-4295, respectively.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Postponement of Preliminary Determinations**

On October 29, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the antidumping duty investigations of lightweight thermal paper from Germany, the Republic of Korea, and the People's Republic of China (PRC). *See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Lightweight Thermal Paper from Germany, the Republic of Korea, and the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 62430 (November 5, 2007). The notice of initiation stated that the Department would issue its preliminary determinations for these investigations no later than 140 days after the date of issuance of the initiation, in accordance with section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). On December 5, 2007, the International Trade Commission (ITC) determined that imports of lightweight thermal paper from the Republic of Korea were negligible, and therefore, terminated the investigation with regard to the Republic of Korea. *See Certain Lightweight Thermal Paper From China, Germany, and Korea*, 72 FR 70343 (December 11, 2007). On February 6, 2008, the petitioner, Appleton Papers Inc. (Appleton), made a timely request pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2) and (e) for a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determinations. The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determinations for Germany and the PRC in order to allow

for additional time to evaluate the respondents' questionnaire responses in these investigations. Under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period within which the preliminary determination must be made under subsection (b)(1), then the Department may postpone making the preliminary determination under subsection (b)(1) until not later than the 190th day after the date on which the administrative authority initiated the investigation. For the reason identified by the petitioner and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act by 50 days to May 6, 2008. The deadline for the final determinations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: February 19, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-881]

#### **Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 25, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrea Staebler Berton, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4037.

#### **Background**

On December 3, 2007, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period of review ("POR") December 1,

2006, through November 30, 2007.<sup>1</sup> On December 28, 2007, Beijing Sai Lin Ke Hardware Co., Ltd. ("SLK") requested that the Department conduct a review of its sales and entries of subject merchandise into the United States during the POR. On December 31, 2007, Mueller Comercial de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. ("Mueller") requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of its sales and entries of subject merchandise into the United States during the POR. No other parties requested a review. On January 28, 2008, the Department published the *Initiation Notice* covering SLK and Mueller.<sup>2</sup> On January 29, 2008, the Department sent interested parties U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") data that the Department intended to rely upon in selecting the mandatory respondent. The Department invited interested parties to submit comments on this data no later than February 5, 2008. However, on January 30, 2008, SLK withdrew its request for review. On February 6, 2008, Mueller withdrew its request for an administrative review.

#### **Rescission of Review**

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) provide that the Department will rescind an administrative review if the party that requested the review withdraws its request for review within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review, or withdraws its request at a later date if the Department determines that it is reasonable to extend the time limit for withdrawing the request. SLK and Mueller timely withdrew their requests before the 90-day deadline. Therefore, we are rescinding this review of the antidumping duty order on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from the PRC covering the period December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this rescission notice. The Department will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i).

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 72 FR 67889 (December 3, 2007).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 73 FR 4829 (January 28, 2008).

#### **Notification Regarding APOs**

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: February 15, 2008.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-923]

#### **Raw Flexible Magnets From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of raw flexible magnets (RFM) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 25, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Johnson or Eric Greynolds, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4014, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4793 and (202) 482-6071, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**