DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 03–4A008]

Export Trade Certificate of Review


SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the International Trade Administration, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), has received an application for an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review (“Certificate”) from CPEC. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and seeks public comments on whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Flynn, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at etca@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001–21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2016). OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(a), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing the conduct for which certification is sought. Under 15 CFR 325.6(a), interested parties may, within twenty days after the date of this notice, submit written comments to the Secretary on the application.

Request for Public Comments: Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked as privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential.

An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 21028, Washington, DC 20230.

Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the amended Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as “Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 03–4A008.”

Description of Amendments to the Certificate

1. Add the following companies as Members of the Certificate: ARO Pistachios, Inc., and Zymex Industries, Inc.

2. Add the following activity to the Certificate: permit the Members to disclose weekly pistachios harvests that the Members receive during the harvest season.

CPEC’s Export Trade Certificate of Review complete membership after this amendment is listed below:

(a) ARO Pistachios, Inc.
(b) Keenan Farms, Inc.
(c) Monarch Nut Company.
(d) Nichols Pistachio.
(e) Primex Farms, LLC.
(f) Seton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.
(g) Horizon Marketing Agency in Common Cooperative Inc.
(h) Zymex Industries, Inc.

Dated: May 18, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–831]

Fresh Garlic From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Intent To Rescind the New Shipper Review of Jinxiang Huameng Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting a new shipper review of Jinxiang Huameng Imp & Exp Co., Ltd. (Huangmeng) regarding the antidumping duty order on fresh garlic from the People’s Republic of China (the PRC). The period of review (POR) is November 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. The Department has preliminarily determined that
Huameng’s new shipper sale is not bona fide. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 21, 2015, the Department published notice of initiation of a new shipper review of fresh garlic from the People’s Republic of China for the period November 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.1 On January 7, 2016, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results to May 10, 2016.2 The Department tolled the deadline for these preliminary results by an additional four business days as a result of the Government closure due to Snowstorm “Jonas,” which extended the deadline to May 16, 2016.3

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is all grades of garlic, whether whole or separated into constituent cloves.4 The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) subheadings: 0703.20.0000, 0703.20.0005, 0703.20.0010, 0703.20.0015, 0703.20.0020, 0703.20.0090, 0710.80.7060, 0710.80.9750, 0711.90.6000, 0711.90.6500, 2005.90.9500, 2005.90.9700, 2005.99.9500, 2005.99.9700. A full description of the method of classifying the subject merchandise; and, other circumstances, including: (a) The atypical nature of product that was the subject of the sale, i.e. single-clove garlic; (b) the lack of proof of payment by Huameng’s U.S. customer for payment of all its obligatory expenses per the sales contract and for its subsequent purchase of non-subject merchandise; and, (3) other circumstances indicating that Huameng’s business operations were not profitable. As result, the Department is preliminarily rescinding the new shipper review of Huameng.

Preliminary Recession of Huameng NSR

For the reasons detailed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, the Department preliminarily finds that Huameng’s sale under review is not bona fide, and therefore, does not provide a reasonable or reliable basis for calculating a dumping margin. The Department reached this conclusion based on the totality of the circumstances, including: (a) The atypical nature of product that was the subject of the sale, i.e. single-clove garlic; (b) the lack of proof of payment by Huameng’s U.S. customer for payment of all its obligatory expenses per the sales contract and for its subsequent purchase of non-subject merchandise; and, (3) other circumstances indicating that Huameng’s business operations were not profitable. As result, the Department is preliminarily rescinding the new shipper review of Huameng.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.214. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at http://access.trade.gov and in the Department’s Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the final results, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b), the Department will determine, and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. If we proceed to a final rescission of the new shipper review, Huameng’s entries will be assessed at the rate entered.8 If we do not proceed to a final rescission of the new shipper review, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we will calculate importer-specific assessment rates. We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review if any importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above de minimis.9 Although the Department intends to rescind the new shipper review for Huameng, the Department is currently conducting an administrative review for the POR November 1, 2014, through October 31, 2015, which could include the entries subject to this new shipper review. Accordingly, we will instruct CBP to continue to suspend entries during the period November 1, 2014, through October 31, 2015, of subject merchandise exported by Huameng until CBP receives instructions relating to the administrative review covering the period November 1, 2014, through October 31, 2015.

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department will disclose the analysis performed for these preliminary results to the parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties may submit written comments by no later than thirty days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review.2 Rebuttals, limited to issues raised in the written comments, may be filed by no later than five days after the written comments are filed.6 Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice.7 Hearing requests should contain the following information: (1) The party’s name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.9

The Department intends to issue the final results of this new shipper review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 90 days of publication of these preliminary results, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

4 See the Department Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review of Fresh Garlic From the People’s Republic of China: Jinxiang Huameng Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.” dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), for a complete description of the Scope of the Order.
5 See 19 CFR 351.309(d).
6 See 19 CFR 351.310(c).
7 See 19 CFR 351.310(c).
8 See 19 CFR 351.310(d).
9 See 19 CFR 351.212(c).
10 See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).
Cash Deposit Requirements

Effective upon publication of the final rescission or the final results of this NR, we will instruct CBP to discontinue the option of posting a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for entries of subject merchandise by Huameng. If the Department proceeds to a final rescission of the new shipper review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the PRC-wide rate. If we issue final results of the new shipper review for Huameng, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits, effective upon the publication of the final results, at the rates established therein.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

The Department is issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: May 17, 2016.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board of Overseers) and the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) will meet together in open session on Thursday, June 9, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Board of Overseers, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, reports the results of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) activities to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) each year, along with its recommendations for the improvement of the Award process. The Judges Panel, also appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, ensures the integrity of the Award selection process and recommends Award recipients to the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and from the Chair of the Judges Panel. The agenda will include: Baldrige Program Update, Baldrige Foundation Fundraising Update, Baldrige Judges Panel Update, Ethics Review, Applicants and Eligibility, and New Business/Public Comment.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. Eastern time until 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, Lecture Room A, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020, telephone number (301) 975–2360, or by email at robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Board of Overseers and the Judges Panel will meet together in open session on Thursday, June 9, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Board of Overseers (Board) is currently composed of eight members preeminent in the field of organizational performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. Additional Board members may be added in advance of this meeting, where the Board will make an annual report on the results of Award activities to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and provide its recommendations for improvement of the Award process. The Judges Panel consists of twelve members with balanced representation from U.S. service, manufacturing, nonprofit, education, and health care industries. The Panel includes members who are familiar with the quality improvement operations and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, health care providers, and educational institutions. The Judges Panel recommends Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipients to the Secretary of Commerce.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from NIST and from the Chair of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Baldrige Program Update, Baldrige Foundation Fundraising Update, Baldrige Judges Panel Update, Ethics Review, Applicants and Eligibility, and New Business/Public Comment. The agenda may change to accommodate the Judges Panel and Board of Overseers business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Baldrige Performance Excellence Web site at http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm. The meeting is open to the public.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Board’s affairs and/or the Panel of Judges’ general process are invited to request a place on the agenda. On June 9, 2016, approximately one-half hour will be reserved in the afternoon for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program Web site at http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program,