DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Cancellation of Meeting of the United States Investment Advisory Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice cancels the meeting of the United States Investment Advisory Council previously scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2017 from 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. EST. The Federal Register Notice announcing this meeting was published on January 27, 2017 (Document Number 2017–01837).


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danielle Fumagalli, United States Investment Advisory Council, Room 3855, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202–482–2486, email: IAC@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Council advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the promotion and retention of foreign direct investment in the United States.


Danielle Fumagalli,
Executive Secretary, United States Investment Advisory Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Large Residential Washers From the People’s Republic of China: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the International Trade Commission (the ITC), the Department is issuing an antidumping duty order on large residential washers (LRWs) from the People’s Republic of China (PRC). In addition, the Department is amending its final affirmative determination to correct ministerial errors.

DATES: Effective February 6, 2017.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this order are all large residential washers and certain parts thereof from the People’s Republic of China.

For purposes of this order, the term “large residential washers” denotes all automatic clothes washing machines, regardless of the orientation of the rotational axis, with a cabinet width (measured from its widest point) of at least 24.5 inches (62.23 cm) and no more than 32.0 inches (81.28 cm), except as noted below.

Also covered are certain parts used in large residential washers, namely: (1) All cabinets, or portions thereof, designed for use in large residential washers; (2) all assembled tubs 3 designed for use in large residential washers which incorporate, at a minimum: a) a tub; and b) a seal; (3) all assembled baskets 4 designed for use in large residential washers which incorporate, at a minimum: a) a side wrapper; b) a base; and c) a drive hub; 6 and (4) any combination of the foregoing parts or subassemblies.

Excluded from the scope are stacked washer-dryers and commercial washers. The term “stacked washer-dryers” denotes distinct washing and drying machines that are built on a unitary frame and share a common console that controls both the washer and the dryer. The term “commercial washer” denotes an automatic clothes washing machine designed for the “pay per use” segment meeting either of the following two definitions:

(1) a) it contains payment system electronics; b) it is configured with an externally mounted steel frame at least six inches high that is designed to house a coin/token operated payment system (whether or not the actual coin/token operated payment system is installed at the time of importation); c) it contains a push button user interface with a maximum of six manually selectable wash cycle settings, with no ability of the end user to otherwise modify water temperature, water level, or spin speed for a selected wash cycle setting; and (d) the console containing the user interface is made of steel and is assembled with security fasteners; 8 or

3 A “tub” is the part of the washer designed to hold water.
4 A “basket” (sometimes referred to as a “drum”) is the part of the washer designed to hold clothing or other fabrics.
5 A “side wrapper” is the cylindrical part of the basket that actually holds the clothing or other fabrics.
6 A “drive hub” is the cylindrical part of the basket that actually holds the loading or unloading mechanism.
7 “Payment system electronics” denotes a circuit board designed to receive signals from a payment acceptance device and to display payment amount, selected settings, and cycle status. Such electronics also capture cycles and payment history and provide for transmission to a reader.
8 A “security fastener” is a screw with a non-standard head that requires a non-standard driver. Examples include those with a pin in the center of the head as a “center pin reject” feature to prevent

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(2) (a) it contains payment system electronics; (b) the payment system electronics are enabled (whether or not the payment acceptance device has been installed at the time of importation) such that, in normal operation, the unit cannot begin a wash cycle without first receiving a signal from a bona fide payment acceptance device such as an electronic credit card reader; (c) it contains a push button user interface with a maximum of six manually selectable wash cycle settings, with no ability of the end user to otherwise modify water temperature, water level, or spin speed for a selected wash cycle setting; and (d) the console containing the user interface is made of steel and is assembled with security fasteners. Also excluded from the scope are automatic clothes washing machines that meet all of the following conditions: (1) Have a vertical rotational axis; (2) are top loading; 10 (3) have a drive train consisting, inter alia, of (a) a permanent split capacitor (PSC) motor,11 (b) a belt drive,12 and (c) a flat wrap spring clutch.13 Also excluded from the scope are automatic clothes washing machines that meet all of the following conditions: (1) Have a horizontal rotational axis; (2) are front loading;14 (3) have a drive train consisting, inter alia, of (a) a controlled induction motor (CIM),15 and (b) a belt drive. Also excluded from the scope are automatic clothes washing machines that meet all of the following conditions: (1) Have a horizontal rotational axis; (2) are front loading; and (3) have cabinet width (measured from its widest point) of more than 28.5 inches (72.39 cm). The products subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 8450.20.0040 and 8450.20.0080 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to this order may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 8450.11.0040, 8450.11.0080, 8450.90.5000, and 8450.90.6000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to this order is dispositive.

Amendment to Final Determination

The petitioner alleged in its December 19, 2016, submission 16 that the Department made seven clerical errors in the Final Determination. After analyzing the petitioner’s allegations and considering the respondents’ comments, we agree that four of these seven allegations are ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f) and section 735(e) of the Act. Accordingly, pursuant to section 735(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(e) and (f), the Department is amending the Final Determination to reflect the correction of ministerial errors 17 it made in calculating the final margin assigned to Nanjing LG-Panda Appliances Co., Ltd. (LG) and Suzhou Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd./Suzhou Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd—Export (collectively, Samsung).18 In addition, because the PRC-Wide Entity rate is based on the margins for LG and Samsung, we are revising the PRC-Wide Entity rate.19

Antidumping Duty Order

As stated above, on January 30, 2017, in accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, the ITC notified the Department of its final determination in this investigation, in which it found material injury with respect to LRWs from the PRC. 20 Therefore, in accordance with section 735(c)(2) of the Act, we are issuing this antidumping duty order. Because the ITC determined that imports of LRWs from the PRC are materially injuring a U.S. industry, unliquidated entries of such merchandise from the PRC entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, are subject to the assessment of antidumping duties. Therefore, in accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess, upon further instruction by the Department, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the normal value of the merchandise exceeds the constructed export price of the merchandise, for all relevant entries of LRWs from the PRC.

Antidumping duties will be assessed on unliquidated entries of LRWs from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 26, 2016, the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination.21

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct CBP to continue to suspend liquidation on all relevant entries of LRWs from the PRC. These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

We will also instruct CBP to require cash deposits equal to the amounts as indicated below. Accordingly, effective on the date of publication of the ITC’s final affirmative injury determination, CBP will require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this subject merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins listed below.22 The PRC-Wide Entity rate applies to all producers or exporters not specifically listed.

Provisional Measures

Section 733(d) of the Act states that instructions issued pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months, except where exporters representing a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise request the Department to extend that four-month period to no more than six months. At the request of exporters that account for a significant proportion of LRWs from the PRC, we extended the four-month period to six months in this case.23 In the underlying investigation, the Department published the Preliminary Determination on July 26, 2016. Therefore, the extended period

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18 See section 735(e) of the Act.
19 For a detailed discussion of the ministerial error allegations, see Memorandum to Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CFVD Operations, from Irene Darzena Tzafolias, Director, Office VIII, “Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Large Residential Washers from the People’s Republic of China: Allegation of Circumvention of the Final Determination,” dated concurrently with this notice (Clerical Error Allegation Memorandum).
20 See the “Estimated Weighted-Average Dumping Margins” section below.
21 See ITC Notification.
23 See section 736(a)(3) of the Act.
24 See Preliminary Determination.
beginning on the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination, ended January 22, 2017. Furthermore, section 737(b) of the Act states that definitive duties are to begin on the date of publication of the ITC’s final injury determination. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act and our practice, we will instruct CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to antidumping duties, unliquidated entries of LRWs from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 22, 2017, the date on which the provisional measures expired, until and through the day preceding the date of publication of the ITC’s final injury determinations in the Federal Register. Suspension of liquidation will resume on the date of publication of the ITC’s final determination in the Federal Register.

Estimated Weighted-Average Dumping Margins

The weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

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*In the Final Determination, LG Electronics, Inc. and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Were inadvertently omitted from the margin table.

This notice constitutes the antidumping duty order with respect to LRWs from the PRC pursuant to section 736(a) of the Act. Interested parties can find a list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect at http://enforcement.trade.gov/stats/iastats1.html.

This order is published in accordance with section 736(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211.


Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: South Pacific Tuna Act.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0218.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).
Number of Respondents: 41.
Average Hours per Response: License application, 15 minutes; VMS registration application, 45 minutes; catch report, 1 hour; and unloading logsheet, 30 minutes, expression of interest, 2 hours and renewal, 15 minutes.
Burden Hours: 402.
Needs and Uses: Abstract. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects vessel license, vessel registration, catch, and unloading information from operators of United States (U.S.) purse seine vessels fishing within a large region of the western and central Pacific Ocean, which is governed by the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America. The Treaty, along with its annexes, schedules and implementing agreements, was signed in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, in 1987. This collection of information is required to meet U.S. obligations under the Treaty. The Treaty authorizes U.S. tuna vessels to fish within fishing zones of a large region of the Pacific Ocean. The South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973–973r) and U.S. implementing regulations (50 CFR part 300, subpart D) authorize the collection of information from participants in the Treaty fishery. Vessel operators who wish to participate in the Treaty Fishery must submit annual vessel license and registration (including registration of vessel monitoring system (VMS) units) applications and periodic written reports of catch and unloading of fish from licensed vessels. They are also required to ensure the continued operation of VMS units on board licensed vessels, which is expected to require periodic maintenance of the units. The information collected is submitted to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) through the U.S. government, NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The license and registration application information is used by the FFA to determine the operational capability and financial responsibility of a vessel operator interested in participating in the Treaty fishery. Information obtained from vessel catch and unloading reports is used by the FFA to assess fishing effort and fishery resources in the region and to track the amount of fish caught within each Pacific island state’s exclusive economic zone for fair disbursement of Treaty monies. Maintenance of VMS units is needed to ensure the continuous operation of the VMS units, which, as part of the VMS administered by the FFA, are used as an enforcement tool. If the information is not collected, the U.S. government will not meet its obligations under the Treaty, and the lack of fishing information will result in poor management of the fishery resources.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.
This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: February 1, 2017.
Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.