DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Summary: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is simultaneously initiating, and issuing the preliminary results of a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty (“AD”) order on wooden bedroom furniture (“WBF”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). We preliminary determine that Yihua Lifestyle Technology Co., Ltd. (“Yihua Timber”) for purposes of determining AD duties are classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) subheadings: 9403.20.0018, 9403.90.8041, 9403.50.9042, 9403.50.9045, 9403.50.9041, 9403.60.8081.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the order is wooden bedroom furniture, subject to certain exceptions. Imports of subject merchandise are classified under the HTSUS subheadings: 9403.20.0018, 9403.90.8041, 9403.50.9042, 9403.50.9045, 9403.50.9041, 9403.60.8081.

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Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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combined the notice of initiation and preliminary results in successor-interest cases when sufficient documentation has been provided supporting the request to make a preliminary determination. In this instance, because the record contains information necessary to support the request for a preliminary determination, we find that expedited action is warranted, and we are combining the notice of initiation and the notice of preliminary results, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii).

In a CCR, we generally consider a company to be the successor to another company for AD cash deposit purposes if the operations of the successor are not materially dissimilar from those of its predecessor. In making this determination, the Department examines a number of factors including, but not limited to, changes in: (1) Management; (2) production facilities; (3) suppliers; and (4) customer base. While no one or several of these factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of succession, the Department will generally consider one company to be the successor to another company if its resulting operation is essentially the same as that of its predecessor. Thus, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the prior company, the Department will assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.

Specifically, Yihua Tech is managed and operated by the same management teams as those of Yihua Timber, with the exception of the change to the general manager, which occurred prior to the name change, and was unrelated to the name change. Further, Yihua has not added, or discontinued use of, wooden bedroom furniture production facilities as a result of the change in name. Finally, there have been non-material changes to the company’s suppliers, and no changes to the company’s customer base. Based on the foregoing, which is explained in greater detail in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, we preliminarily determine that Yihua Tech is the successor-in-interest to Yihua Timber and, as such, that it is entitled to Yihua Timber’s AD cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise. Should our final results remain the same as these preliminary results, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assign entries of subject merchandise exported by Yihua Tech the AD cash deposit rate applicable to Yihua Timber, effective the date of publication of the final results.

Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in such briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this changed circumstances review are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument with an electronic version included.

Any interested party may request a hearing within 14 days of publication of this notice. 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 at the hearing 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 in a room to be determined.

All submissions, with limited exceptions, must be filed electronically using Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (“ACCESS”). An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by 5 p.m. Eastern Time (“ET”) on the due date. Documents excepted from the electronic submission requirements must be filed manually (i.e., in paper form) with the APO/ Dockets Unit in Room 18022 and stamped with the date and time of receipt by 5 p.m. ET on the due date.

Unless extended, consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we intend to issue the final results of this changed-circumstances review no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated or within 45 days if all parties agree to the outcome of the review. We intend to issue and publish this initiation and preliminary results notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.221(c)(3) of the Department’s regulations.

Dated: February 1, 2017.

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

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Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is simultaneously

26 See 19 CFR 351.310(d).
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