

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: June 20, 2017.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is dioctyl terephthalate (DOTP), regardless of form. DOTP that has been blended with other products is included within this scope when such blends include constituent parts that have not been chemically reacted with each other to produce a different product. For such blends, only the DOTP component of the mixture is covered by the scope of this investigation.

DOTP that is otherwise subject to this investigation is not excluded when commingled with DOTP from sources not subject to this investigation. Commingled refers to the mixing of subject and non-subject DOTP. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of the investigation.

DOTP has the general chemical formulation $C_6H_4(C_8H_{17}COO)_2$ and a chemical name of "bis (2-ethylhexyl) terephthalate" and has a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6422-86-2. Regardless of the label, all DOTP is covered by this investigation.

Subject merchandise is currently classified under subheading 2917.39.2000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 2917.39.7000 or 3812.20.1000 of the HTSUS. While the CAS registry number and HTSUS classification are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Investigation
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- V. Margin Calculations
- VI. Discussion of the Issues

Comment 1: Whether the Department's Quarterly Cost Methodology Justifies Comparing Sales on a Quarterly Basis

Comment 2: Whether AKP's Reporting Supports the Department's Decision To Rely on Quarterly Costs for the Final Determination

Comment 3: Whether To Adjust the Reported Cost of Purchases of Raw Material 2-Ethyl Hexanol (2-EH)

Comment 4: The Structure of AKP's Paper Transactions and the Basis for U.S. Price for AKP's Channel 3 and 4 Sales

Comment 5: AKP's Affiliate's Financial Statements and Indirect Selling Expenses Calculation

Comment 6: Duty Drawback for AKP's U.S. Sales

Comment 7: LG Chem's Duty Drawback Adjustment

Comment 8: LG Chem's Constructed Export Price (CEP) Offset

Comment 9: Reported Currency for LG Chem's Bank Charges

Comment 10: LG Chem's General and Administrative Expense (G&A) Ratio

Comment 11: LG Chem's Raw Material and Variable Overhead Costs

VII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 99-11A05]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to California Almond Export Association, LLC (CAEA), Application No. 99-11A05.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTE), issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to CAEA on June 12, 2017. A previous amended Export Trade Certificate of Review was issued to CAEA on November 24, 2015, and a notice of its issuance was published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2015 (80 FR 76663).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Flynn, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, (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) (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the

Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2015). OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

CAEA's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

- Remove California Gold Almonds, LLC as a Member
- Change the name of Member Paramount Farms, Inc. to Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds, LLC

CAEA's Export Trade Certificate of Review Membership, as amended, is listed below:

Almonds California Pride, Inc.,
Caruthers, CA
Baldwin-Minkler Farms, Orland, CA
Blue Diamond Growers, Sacramento, CA
Campos Brothers, Caruthers, CA
Chico Nut Company, Chico, CA
Del Rio Nut Company, Livingston, CA
Fair Trade Corner, Inc., Chico, CA
Fisher Nut Company, Modesto, CA
Hilltop Ranch, Inc., Ballico, CA
Hughson Nut, Inc., Hughson, CA
Mariani Nut Company, Winters, CA
Nutco, LLC d.b.a. Spycher Brothers,
Turlock, CA
P-R Farms, Inc., Clovis, CA
Roche Brothers International Family
Nut Co., Escalon, CA
RPAC, LLC, Los Banos, CA
South Valley Almond Company, LLC,
Wasco, CA
SunnyGem, LLC, Wasco, CA
Western Nut Company, Chico, CA
Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds, LLC,
Los Angeles, CA

The effective date of the amended certificate is March 13, 2017, the date on which CAEA's application to amend was deemed submitted.

Dated: June 21, 2017.

Joseph E. Flynn,

Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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