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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request; Boundary and
Annexation Survey***Correction*

In notice document 2018–04514, on pages 9475–9478, in the issue of Tuesday, March 6, 2018, make the following correction:

On page 9475, in the first column, in the heading **DATES**, the entry that reads “March 7, 2018” should read “May 7, 2018”.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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**Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From
Malaysia: Preliminary Results of
Antidumping Duty Administrative
Review; 2016–2017**

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Euro SME Sdn Bhd (Euro SME), an exporter of polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from Malaysia, did not have shipments of subject merchandise during the August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017, period of review (POR).

DATES: Applicable March 19, 2018.

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Background

On August 1, 2017, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on PRCBs from Malaysia for the POR.¹ On October 16, 2017, in response to a timely request from the petitioners,² and in accordance

with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on PRCBs from Malaysia with respect to Euro SME.³ Commerce exercised its discretion to toll deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce’s practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the preliminary results of this review is now May 7, 2018.⁴ We invite parties to comment on these preliminary results.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs), which also may be referred to as t-shirt sacks, merchandise bags, grocery bags, or checkout bags. The subject merchandise is defined as non-sealable sacks and bags with handles (including drawstrings), without zippers or integral extruded closures, with or without gussets, with or without printing, of polyethylene film having a thickness no greater than 0.035 inch (0.889 mm) and no less than 0.00035 inch (0.00889 mm), and with no length or width shorter than 6 inches (15.24 cm) or longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm). The depth of the bag may be shorter than 6 inches (15.24 cm) but not longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm).

PRCBs are typically provided without any consumer packaging and free of charge by retail establishments, *e.g.*, grocery, drug, convenience, department, specialty retail, discount stores, and restaurants to their customers to package and carry their purchased products. The scope of this antidumping duty order excludes (1) PRCBs that are not printed with logos or store names and that are closeable with drawstrings made of polyethylene film and (2) PRCBs that are packed in consumer packaging with printing that refers to specific end-uses other than packaging and carrying merchandise from retail

establishments, *e.g.*, garbage bags, lawn bags, trash-can liners.

Imports of merchandise included within the scope of this antidumping duty order are currently classifiable under statistical category 3923.21.0085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). This subheading may also cover products that are outside the scope of this antidumping duty order. Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this antidumping duty order is dispositive.

Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

We received a timely submission from Euro SME certifying that it did not have sales, shipments, or exports of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR.⁵ On January 10, 2018, Commerce requested entry data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for subject merchandise exported by Euro SME and imported into the United States during the POR. This query returned no entries during the POR.⁶ Additionally, in order to examine Euro SME’s claim, we sent a “no-shipments” inquiry to CBP requesting that any CBP officer alert Commerce if he/she had information contrary to these no-shipments claims.⁷ On January 11, 2018, Commerce was notified by CBP that there were no shipments of PRCBs from Malaysia during the POR.⁸ Consistent with our practice, we preliminarily determine that Euro SME had no shipments during the POR. Further, we find it is not appropriate to rescind the review with respect to Euro SME but, rather, to complete the review and issue appropriate instructions to CBP based on the final results of the review, consistent with our practice.⁹

⁵ See letter from Euro SME, “Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Malaysia; No Shipment Certification,” dated November 14, 2017.

⁶ See Commerce’s memorandum to the file, “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Data,” dated January 12, 2018.

⁷ See CBP message 8011306, dated January 11, 2018.

⁸ See Commerce’s memorandum to the file, “U.S. Customs and Border Protection—No Shipment Inquiry Data,” dated February 6, 2018.

⁹ See, *e.g.*, *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Partial Rescission of Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2012–2013*, 79 FR 15951, 15952 (March 24, 2014), unchanged in *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Partial Rescission of Review; 2012–2013*, 79 FR 51306 (August 28, 2014).

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 82 FR 35754 (August 1, 2017).

² See letter from Polyethylene Retail Bags Committee and its individual members Hilex Poly

Co., LLC and Superbag Corp. (the petitioners), “Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Malaysia: Request for Administrative Review,” dated August 31, 2017.

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 48051 (October 16, 2017).

⁴ See memorandum to the record from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days.