

the Uruguay Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the PRC. Excluded from the review are paint brushes and brush heads with a blend of 40% natural bristles and 60% synthetic filaments. The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under item 9603.40.40.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Background

On February 14, 2000, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle brushes and brush heads from the PRC (65 FR 7348). On February 29, 2000, petitioners in this proceeding requested a review of sales made by Founder and by Hunan during the period February 1, 1999 to January 31, 2000.

On March 30, 2000, the Department initiated an administrative review (65 FR 16875). On April 12, 2000, Founder, and on May 22, 2000, Hunan submitted a certification to the Department that they did not, directly or indirectly, enter for consumption, or sell, export, or ship for entry for consumption in the United States subject merchandise during the period of review. The Department performed a customs query for entries from the PRC classified under HTS number 9603.40.40.40 during the period of review and found no entries of subject merchandise from these parties during that time period. In response to a telephone inquiry, counsel for petitioners stated that they had no information to the contrary. See Memorandum to the File from Christian Hughes: Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads from the People's Republic of China; Hebei Animal By-Products Import/Export Corp. (a.k.a. Hebei Founder Import & Export Company (Founder)) and Hunan Provincial Native Produce & Animal By-Products Import & Export Corp. (Hunan), dated October 6, 2000. Therefore, we have determined that there were no entries into the customs territory of the United States of the subject merchandise during the POR exported by Founder or Hunan.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise. In light of our determination that neither Founder nor Hunan exported or entered the subject merchandise into the territory of the United States during the POR, we are rescinding this review.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3) and (4).

Dated: October 13, 2000.

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Monday, November 13, 2000, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 14, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 16, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, and final judging of the 2000 applicants. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 13, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on November 16, 2000. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and

Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 31, 2000, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

Raymond G. Kammer,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Explosives Testing at Eglin Air Force Base, FL

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application and proposed authorization for a small take exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Air Force to take, by harassment, bottlenose dolphins, and spotted dolphins incidental to explosive testing of obstacle and mine clearance systems at Eglin Air Force Base, FL (Eglin). Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to authorize these takings for a period not to exceed 1 year.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than November 20, 2000. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.