

(Liaocheng) Foodstuff Co., Ltd., but exported by any party other than Ayecue International SLU, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the exporter. These cash deposit requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

#### Reimbursement of Duties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

#### Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This new shipper review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(h).

Dated: April 17, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

#### Appendix

##### List of Comments and Issues in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

Comment 1: Whether the Department Should Use Contemporaneous Financial Statement Data

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of the Manufacturing Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting via teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting via teleconference to deliberate a draft recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce regarding Alternative Energy.

**DATES:** May 7, 2008.

*Time:* 11 a.m. EST.

*For the Conference Call-In Number and Further Information, Contact:* The Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202-482-1369), or visit the Council's Web site at <http://www.manufacturing.gov/council>.

Dated: April 18, 2008.

**Kate Worthington,**

*Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sodium Nitrite from the People's Republic of China

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 23, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that sodium nitrite from the People's Republic of China (PRC) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated dumping margin is shown in the "Preliminary Determination" section of this notice.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Magd Zalok, AD/CVD Operations, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4162.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 8, 2007, the Department received petitions concerning imports of sodium nitrite from the PRC and the Federal Republic of Germany filed in proper form by General Chemical LLC (petitioner). The Department initiated antidumping duty investigations of sodium nitrite from the above-

mentioned countries on November 28, 2007. *See Sodium Nitrite from the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 72 FR 68563 (December 5, 2007) (*Initiation Notice*).

In the "Respondent Selection" section of the *Initiation Notice*, the Department stated that it intended to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data. On the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*, the Department released to parties under an Administrative Protective Order (APO), the CBP data obtained for respondent selection purposes. On December 12, 2007, the petitioner submitted comments regarding respondent selection, urging the Department to select as mandatory respondents, two PRC exporters who accounted for the majority of the sodium nitrite imported into the United States from the PRC during the period of investigation (POI). The Department did not receive any other comments from interested parties concerning respondent selection.

In order to identify the universe of potential respondents for purposes of this investigation, the Department analyzed information obtained from the petition, CBP, and its own research. The petition identified 92 exporters and producers of sodium nitrite from the PRC. The Department obtained public information for two exporters and/or producers of the subject merchandise that are identified in the CBP data, Qingdao Hengyuan Chemical Co., Ltd. (Qingdao), and Hualong Ammonium Nitrate Company Ltd. (Hualong). The Department determined that Qingdao and Hualong were the appropriate respondents in this investigation because they represent all publicly identified PRC exporters of subject merchandise during the POI. On December 31, 2007, the Department selected Qingdao and Hualong as mandatory respondents. *See Memorandum regarding "Identification of Respondents in the Antidumping Investigation of Sodium Nitrite from the People's Republic of China,"* dated December 31, 2007 (Respondent Selection Memorandum).

On December 26, 2007, the International Trade Commission (ITC) preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of sodium nitrite from Germany and the PRC. *See Sodium Nitrite from China and Germany*, 73 FR 2278 (January 14, 2008).