

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

At the request of Hagen, and with agreement by Petitioners, and in accordance with sections 751(d)(1) and 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act") and 19 CFR 351.216, the Department is initiating a changed circumstances review of certain activated carbon from the People's Republic of China to determine whether partial revocation of the antidumping duty order is warranted with respect to certain parts of fish tank filters which contain no more than 500 grams of activated carbon, or a combination of activated carbon and zeolite, and are fitted to work with specific filters. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i) provide that the Department may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part. In addition, in the event the Department determines that expedited action is warranted, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

In accordance with section 751(b) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i) and 351.221(c)(3), we are initiating this changed circumstances review and have determined that expedited action is warranted. Based on information from the investigation placed on the record of this review², in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i), we find Petitioners comprise substantially all of the production of the domestic like product. Petitioners have expressed a lack of interest in the order, in part, with respect to certain fish tank filters. Because this changed circumstances request was filed less than 24 months after the date of publication of notice of the final determination in an investigation, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.216(c), the Department must determine whether good cause exists. We find that the Petitioners' affirmative statement of no interest in the order with respect to certain parts of fish tank filters, which contain no more than 500 grams of activated carbon, or a combination of activated carbon and zeolite, and are fitted to work with specific filters, constitutes good cause for the conduct of this review. Based on the expression of no interest by the Petitioners and absent any objection by

any other domestic interested parties, we have preliminarily determined that the domestic producers of the like product have no interest in the continued application of the antidumping duty order on certain activated carbon to the merchandise that is subject to this request. Accordingly, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order as it relates to imports of the certain parts of fish tank filters, which contain no more than 500 grams of activated carbon, or a combination of activated carbon and zeolite, and are fitted to work with specific filters, as described below. Therefore, we intend to change the scope of the order on certain activated carbon from the People's Republic of China to include the following exclusion:

Also excluded from the scope are molded plastic filter cartridges, woven textile filter pads and filter bags that contain not more than 500 grams of certain activated carbon alone, or a combined total of 500 grams of certain activated carbon and natural zeolite. Combinations of subject activated carbon and other materials are not subject to this exclusion. Molded plastic filter cartridges and woven textile filter pads subject to this exclusion must be packaged marked and ready for retail sales as ready-to-use aquarium filters and filter parts at the time of importation. Zeolite refers to a family of hydrous aluminum silicate minerals, whose molecules enclose cations of sodium, potassium, calcium, strontium or barium, used chiefly as molecular filters and ion-exchange agents. Some of the more common natural mineral zeolites include analcime, chabazite, heulandite, natroliote, phillipsite, and stilbite. Excluded filters cartridges, filter bags and woven filter bags are classified under subheading 8421.99.0040 of the HTSUS.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Written comments may be submitted no later than 14 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results. Rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such comments, may be filed no later than 21 days after the date of publication. The Department will issue the final results of this changed circumstances review, which will include the results of its analysis raised in any such written comments, no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary results. See 19 CFR 351.216(e).

If final revocation occurs, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to end the suspension of liquidation for the merchandise covered by the revocation on the effective date of the notice of revocation and to release any cash deposit or bond. See 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4). The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on all subject merchandise will continue unless and until it is modified pursuant to the final results of this changed circumstances review.

This initiation and preliminary results of review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221, and 351.222.

Dated: January 16, 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/45/47/65/66.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0016.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 33,426 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 470,397 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 20 seconds (0.006 hours) to eight hours to complete this information, depending on the form or petition. This includes time to gather the necessary information, prepare the form or petition, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 37 CFR 1.20(e)-(i) and 1.362-1.378, the USPTO charges fees for maintaining in force all utility patents based on applications filed on or after December 12, 1980. Payment of these maintenance

² See Memorandum to the File: Petitioners' Representation of Domestic Industry (January 6, 2009).

fees is due at 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date the patent was granted. If the USPTO does not receive payment of the appropriate maintenance fee and any applicable surcharge within a grace period of six months following each of the above intervals, the patent will expire and no longer be enforceable. The public uses this collection to submit patent maintenance fee payments, to file petitions regarding delayed or refused payments, and to designate an address to be used for fee-related correspondence.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion and three times at four-year intervals following the grant of the patent.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at *www.reginfo.gov*.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *E-mail:* *Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov*. Include "0651-0016 Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before February 25, 2009 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail at *Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: January 15, 2009.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

ACTION: Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

SUMMARY: The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 262. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 262 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that

travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 1, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 261. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

Dated: January 15, 2009.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Maximum Per Diem Rates for Official Travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States by Federal Government Civilian Employees

The only change in Civilian Bulletin 262 are updates to the rates for Fairbanks, Eielson AFB, Ft. Wainwright, Murphy Dome, Nome and Tanana Alaska.

Locality	Maximum lodging amount	M&IE rate	Maximum per diem rate	Effective date
	(A)	+	(B) = (C)	
ALASKA:				
ADAK	120		79	199 07/01/2003
ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES].				
05/01-09/15	181		97	278 04/01/2007
09/16-04/30	99		89	188 04/01/2007
BARROW	159		95	254 05/01/2002
BETHEL	139		87	226 01/01/2009
BETTLES	135		62	197 10/01/2004
CLEAR AB	90		82	172 10/01/2006
COLDFOOT	165		70	235 10/01/2006
COPPER CENTER.				
05/01-09/30	125		84	209 01/01/2009
10/01-04/30	95		81	176 01/01/2009
CORDOVA.				
05/01-09/30	95		78	173 06/01/2007
10/01-04/30	85		77	162 06/01/2007
CRAIG.				
05/16-09/30	236		80	316 07/01/2008
10/01-05/15	151		71	222 07/01/2008
DELTA JUNCTION	135		80	215 07/01/2008
DENALI NATIONAL PARK.				
06/01-08/31	135		80	215 01/01/2009