

the principal amount of the loan was outstanding, to calculate the imputed interest expense. See Comment 7 of the *Decision Memorandum*.

2. We increased the total cost of manufacture to value affiliated-party inputs of masterbatch (color concentrate) at the higher of transfer price or market price. See Comment 5 of the *Decision Memorandum*.

3. We adjusted the reported costs to include unreconciled differences and other adjustments, found at verification, in the reconciliations of the financial statements to the financial accounting system and of the financial accounting system to the reported costs for the POI. See Memorandum from Nancy Decker through Theresa Caherty to Neal Halper, "Universal Polybag Co., Ltd. Constructed Value Calculation Adjustments for the Final Determination" dated June 9, 2004 (Universal Final Cost Memorandum).

4. We adjusted general and administrative (G&A) and financial expenses ratios to remove packing from the denominator of the calculation of these ratios. We then applied G&A and financial expenses to the total packing-exclusive cost of manufacturing.

5. We have recalculated the rates used for CV selling expenses and CV profit. See Comment 4 of the *Decision Memorandum*.

See the "Final Determination Analysis Memorandum for Universal Polybag," Memorandum to the File, dated June 9, 2004, and "Constructed Value Calculation Adjustments for Universal Polybag Co., Ltd. for the Final Determination," Memorandum to the File from the Office of Accounting dated June 9, 2004, for more details concerning the above changes.

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise from Thailand, except for subject merchandise produced and exported by TPBG (which has a *de minimis* weighted-average margin) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 26, 2004, the date of the publication of our preliminary determination. CBP shall continue to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as shown below. These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

Final Determination Margins

The weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/manufacturer	Weighted-average percentage margin
TPBG	0.62
Universal	5.66
Champion Paper Polybags Ltd	122.88
TRC Polypack	122.88
Zip-Pac Co., Ltd	122.88
All Others	5.66

Pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, we have excluded from the calculation of the all-others rate margins which are zero or *de minimis* or determined entirely on facts available. See "Antidumping Duty Investigation on Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand—Analysis Memo for All-Others Rate," dated June 9, 2004. The Department will disclose calculations performed within five days of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determination of sales at LTFV. As our final determination is affirmative and in accordance with section 735(b) of the Act the ITC will determine, within 45 days, whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports, or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation, of the subject merchandise. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

Notification Regarding APO

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/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 sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: June 9, 2004.

James J. Jochum,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-886]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: On January 26, 2004, the Department of Commerce published its preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value in the investigation on polyethylene retail carrier bags from the People's Republic of China. On February 20, 2004, the Department of Commerce published its amended preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value. The period of investigation is October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003. The investigation covers nine manufacturers/exporters which are mandatory respondents and nineteen section A respondents.

We invited interested parties to comment on our preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes to our calculations for all parties. The final dumping margins for this investigation are listed in the "Final Determination Margins" section below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hermes Pinilla (Nantong), Edythe Artman (Senetex), Kristin Case (United

Wah), Jeffrey Frank (Ming Pak), Janis Kalnins (Zhongshan), Jennifer Moats (Hang Lung), Thomas Schauer (Rally Plastics), or Dmitry Vladimirov (Glopack), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

Final Determination

We determine that polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Final Determination Margins" section of this notice.

Case History

The Department of Commerce (the Department) published its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV on January 26, 2004. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China*, 69 FR 3544 (Preliminary Determination). On February 20, 2004, the Department published an amended preliminary determination. See *Notice of Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China*, 69 FR 7908 (Amended Preliminary Determination). We invited parties to comment on the Preliminary Determination. We received comments from the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members (collectively, petitioners) and from the following respondents: Hang Lung Plastic Manufactory Limited (Hang Lung), Dongguan Huang Jiang United Wah Plastic Bag Factory (United Wah), Nantong Huasheng Plastic Products Company, Limited (Nantong), Rally Plastics Company, Limited (Rally Plastics), Shanghai Glopack Packing Company Limited and Sea Lake Polyethylene Enterprise Limited (collectively, Glopack), Xiamen Ming Pak Plastics Company, Limited (Ming Pak), Nan Sing Plastics, Limited (Nan Sing), Dongguan Zhongqiao Combine Plastic Bag Factory (Dongguan Zhongqiao), Zhongshan Dongfeng Hung Wai Plastic Bag Manufactory (Zhongshan), Guangdong Esquel Packaging Company, Limited (Guangdong Esquel), and Duralok, Inc.

(Duralok). On March 22, 2004, parties submitted surrogate-value information. On April 27, 2004, parties submitted case briefs. On May 3, 2004, parties submitted rebuttal briefs.

Scope of Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is PRCBs which 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 .035 inch (0.889 mm) and no less than .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 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 the investigation excludes (1) polyethylene bags that are not printed with logos or store names and that are closeable with drawstrings made of polyethylene film and (2) polyethylene bags 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 the subject merchandise are classified under statistical category 3923.21.0090 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). This subheading also covers products that are outside the scope of this investigation. Furthermore, although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Scope Comments

The Department received scope comments and addressed them in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Investigation of Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China" from Jeff May to James J. Jochum (June 9, 2004) (Decision Memo).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, dated June

9, 2004, which is hereby adopted by this notice (the Decision Memorandum). A list of the issues which parties raised and to which we respond in the Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as an Appendix. The Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU), Main Commerce Building, Room B-099, and is accessible on the Web at www.ia.ita.doc.gov. The paper copy and electronic version of the memorandum are identical in content.

Separate Rates

In the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department found that several companies which provided responses to section A of the antidumping questionnaire were eligible for a rate separate from the PRC-wide rate. These companies are as follows: Beijing Lianbin Plastics and Printing Company Limited (Beijing Lianbin), Dongguan Zhongqiao, Good-in Holdings Limited (Good-in Holdings), Guangdong Esquel, Nan Sing, Ningbo Fanrong Plastics Products Company Limited (Ningbo Fanrong), Ningbo Huansen Plastics Company, Limited (Ningbo Huansen), Rain Continent Shanghai Company Limited (Rain Continent), Shanghai Dazhi Enterprise Development Company, Limited (Shanghai Dazhi), Shanghai Fangsheng Coloured Packaging Company Limited (Shanghai Fangsheng), Shanghai Jingtai Packaging Material Company, Limited (Shanghai Jingtai), Shanghai Light Industrial Products Import and Export Corporation (Shanghai Light Industrial), Shanghai Minmetals Development Limited (Shanghai Minmetals), Shanghai New Ai Lian Import and Export Company Limited (Shanghai New Ai Lian), Shanghai Overseas International Trading Company, Limited (Shanghai Overseas), Shanghai Yafu Plastics Industries Company Limited (Shanghai Yafu), Weihai Weiquan Plastic and Rubber Products Company, Limited (Weihai Weiquan), Xiamen Xingyatai Industry Company, Limited (Xiamen Xingyatai), and Xinhui Henglong. Consequently, we calculated a weighted-average margin for these companies based on the rates we calculated for the selected respondents (see Memorandum from Thomas Schauer to the File regarding calculation of the adverse-facts-available and non-adverse-facts-available margins dated January 16, 2004). The margin we calculated in the *Preliminary Determination* for these companies was 12.71 percent was amended in the *Amended Preliminary Determination* to 18.43 percent. Because the rates of the selected mandatory respondents have

changed since the *Preliminary Determination* and the *Amended Preliminary Determination*, we have recalculated the rate for section A respondents to be 23.06 percent. For a more detailed discussion of the section A rate, see Memorandum to the File entitled "Analysis for the Final Determination of Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China (PRC): Calculation of PRC-Wide Rate Based on Adverse Facts Available and the Non-Adverse Margin for Respondents Not Selected for Analysis," dated June 9, 2004 (PRC-Wide Rate Memo).

With the exception of Nantong, the companies receiving this "section A" rate remain the same as those listed in the *Preliminary Determination* and are identified by name in the "Final Determination Margins" section of this notice. Nantong was given the "section A" rate as facts otherwise available for the *Preliminary Determination*. Because we are now using the data that Nantong reported, we are no longer using the "section A" rate for Nantong. For a more detailed discussion of this matter, see Comment 13.B of Issues and Decision Memorandum, dated June 9, 2004.

The PRC-Wide Rate

Because the Department begins with the presumption that all companies within a non-market-economy country are subject to government control and because only the companies listed in the "Final Determination Margins" section below have overcome that presumption, we are applying a single antidumping rate—the PRC-wide rate—to all other exporters in the PRC. The PRC-wide rate we calculated in the *Preliminary Determination* was 80.52 percent. Because of certain changes to surrogate values, we have recalculated the PRC-wide rate to be 77.33 percent. For a more detailed discussion of these changes and the PRC-wide rate calculations, see the PRC-Wide Rate Memo.

Tai Chiuan failed to respond at all to the antidumping questionnaire. Senetex responded to the initial antidumping questionnaire but failed to respond to the supplemental questionnaire and submitted a letter stating that it no longer wished to participate in the investigation. By not responding fully to the questionnaire, two mandatory respondents, Senetex and Tai Chiuan, failed to demonstrate entitlement to a separate rate and, therefore, we preliminarily determined that the PRC-wide rate should apply to them. We have not received any information since the issuance of the *Preliminary Determination* that provides a basis for

reconsideration of these determinations. Therefore, for the final determination we have not established a rate separate from the PRC-wide rate for these companies.

Final Determination Margins

We determine that the following percentage weighted-average margins exist:

Exporter and Producer	Margin (percent)
Hang Lung	0.20
United Wah	23.19
Nantong	2.29
Rally Plastics	23.81
Glopack	19.73
Ming Pak	35.23
Zhongshan	41.21
Beijing Lianbin	23.06
Dongguan Zhongqiao	23.06
Good-in Holdings	23.06
Guangdong Esquel	23.06
Nan Sing	23.06
Ningbo Fanrong	23.06
Ningbo Huansen	23.06
Rain Continent	23.06
Shanghai Dazhi	23.06
Shanghai Fangsheng	23.06
Shanghai Jingtai	23.06
Shanghai Light Industrial	23.06
Shanghai Minmetals	23.06
Shanghai New Ai Lian	23.06
Shanghai Overseas	23.06
Shanghai Yafu	23.06
Weihai Weiquan	23.06
Xiamen Xingyatai	23.06
Xinhui Henglong	23.06
PRC-wide Rate	77.33

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we verified the information submitted by the respondents for use in our final determination. We used standard verification procedures, including examination of relevant accounting and production records, as well as original source documents provided by respondents.

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise from the PRC (except for entries of Hang Lung because this company has a *de minimis* margin) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 26, 2004, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination*. In accordance with section 351.204(e)(3) of our regulations, this exclusion only applies to merchandise produced and exported by Hang Lung. CBP shall continue to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the estimated

amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as shown above. These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

We will disclose the calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our final determination of sales at LTFV. As our final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will, within 45 days, determine whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports, or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation, of the subject merchandise. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing the CBP to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation (*i.e.*, January 26, 2004).

Notification Regarding APO

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/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 sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: June 9, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-557-813]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Malaysia

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2004.

SUMMARY: On January 26, 2003, the Department of Commerce published its preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value of the investigation on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Malaysia. The period of investigation is April 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003. The investigation covers six manufacturers/exporters.

We invited interested parties to comment on our preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes to our calculations. The final dumping margins for this investigation are listed in the "Final Determination Margins" section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Dirstine (Bee Lian Plastic Industries Sdn. Bhd.) or Catherine Cartos (Teong Chuan Plastic and Timber Sdn. Bhd.), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4033 or (202) 482-1757, respectively.

Final Determination

We determine that polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from Malaysia are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value, as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margins of sales at less than fair value (LTFV) are shown in the AFinal Determination Margins' section of this notice.

Case History

The preliminary determination of sales at LTFV in this investigation was issued on January 21, 2004. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Malaysia*, 69 FR 35557 (January 26, 2004) (*Preliminary Determination*).

Since the *Preliminary Determination* the following events have occurred. Pursuant to section 782(i) of the Act, we conducted verification of the questionnaire responses of the sole responsive exporter in this case, Bee Lian Plastic Industries Sdn. Bhd. (Bee Lian), in March 2004. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. In April 2004, we received case and rebuttal briefs from the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members, PCL Packaging, Inc., Hilex Poly Co. LLC, Superbag Corp., Vanguard Plastics, Inc., and Interplast Group, Ltd. (the

petitioners), and Bee Lian. We also received a case brief from the Malaysian Plastic Manufacturers Association. The Department held a public hearing on April 23, 2004, at the request of the petitioners.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003, which corresponds to the four most recent fiscal quarters prior to the June 20, 2003, filing of the petition.

Scope of Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is polyethylene retail carrier bags, which 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 .035 inch (0.889 mm) and no less than .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 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 the investigation excludes (1) polyethylene bags that are not printed with logos or store names and that are closeable with drawstrings made of polyethylene film and (2) polyethylene bags 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 the subject merchandise are classified under statistical category 3923.21.0090 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). This subheading also covers products that are outside the scope of this investigation. Furthermore, although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this antidumping investigation are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (*Decision*