

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a planning meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee will convene at 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20002. The purpose of the planning meeting is for the Committee to discuss the draft subcommittee report and plan future activities.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Eastern Regional Office, 624 Ninth Street NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to email their comments, present their comments at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, Secretary, at 202-376-7533 or by e-mail to: ero@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, April 2, 2009.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies With Foreign Persons

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. June 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at dhynnek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey and instructions to Christopher Emond, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606-9826; fax: (202) 606-5318; or via the Internet at christopher.emond@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE-45, Quarterly Survey of Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies with Foreign Persons, obtains quarterly data from U.S. insurance companies that have engaged in reinsurance transactions with foreign persons, that have earned premiums from, or incurred losses to, foreign persons in the capacity of primary insurers, or that have engaged in international sale or purchase transactions in auxiliary insurance services greater than \$8 million (positive or negative) for the prior calendar year or that are expected to be greater than \$8 million (positive or negative) in the current calendar year. The data collected are cut-off sample data. In addition, estimates are developed based upon previously reported or estimated data for non-respondents, including those U.S. insurance companies that fall below the reporting threshold for the survey.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. international trade in insurance services, analyze its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, support U.S. commercial policy on insurance services, conduct trade promotion, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Responses will be due within 60 days after the close of each calendar quarter, except for the final quarter of the calendar year, when reports are due within 90 days after the close of the quarter. The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They are needed to answer any number of research and policy questions related to cross-border trade in services.

The form remains the same as in the past. No changes in the data collected or in exemption levels are proposed.

II. Method of Collection

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from our Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax or e-mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608-0066.

Form Number: BE-45.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,600.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 2, 2009.

Glenna Mickelson,

*Management Analyst, Office of Chief
Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-851

Certain Preserved Mushrooms from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received a request for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China (PRC). *See Notice of Amendment of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Preserved Mushrooms From the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 8308 (February 19, 1999). In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), and 19 CFR 351.214(d) (2008), we are initiating an antidumping duty new shipper review of Linyi City Kangfa Foodstuff Drinkable Co., Ltd. The period of review (POR) of this new shipper review is February 1, 2008, through January 31, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 7, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Baker or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2924 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 19, 1999, the Department published the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the PRC. *See Notice of Amendment of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Preserved Mushrooms From the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 8308 (February 19, 1999). Thus, the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms has a February anniversary month. On February 26, 2009, the Department received a request

for a new shipper review from Linyi City Kangfa Foodstuff Drinkable Co., Ltd., as exporter, and from its affiliate Linyi City Kangfa Foodstuff Drinkable Co., Ltd., Pingyi Branch, as producer (collectively "Kangfa"). The Department determined that the request contained certain deficiencies and requested that Kangfa correct the submission. *See* March 12, 2009, and March 20, 2009, letters from Robert James, Program Manager, to Kangfa. In accordance with the Department's requests, Kangfa corrected the problems in its initial submission dated February 26, 2009, with its complete March 26, 2009, submission. For the purposes of initiating this new shipper review, the Department determines that Kangfa's February 26, 2009, submission was timely filed.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2), Kangfa certified that (1) it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI) (*see* section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(ii)(A)); (2) since the initiation of the investigation it has never been affiliated with any company that exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI (*see* section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(II) and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A)); and (3) its export activities were not controlled by the central government of the PRC (*see* 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B)). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Kangfa submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) the date on which it first shipped subject merchandise to the United States; (2) the volume of its first shipment; and (3) the date of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States. Kangfa also certified it had no shipments to the United States during the period subsequent to its first shipment.

The Department conducted a Customs database query in an attempt to confirm that Kangfa's shipments of subject merchandise entered the United States for consumption, and that liquidation of such entries had been suspended for antidumping duties. *See* March 31, 2009, Kangfa New Shipper Review Initiation Checklist, question 15. The Department also examined whether U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) confirmed that such entries were made during the new shipper review POR. The information we examined was consistent with that provided by Kangfa.

Initiation of Review

Based on information on the record and in accordance with section

751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act and section 351.214(d) of the Department's regulations, we find that the request Kangfa submitted meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for initiation of a new shipper review. Accordingly, we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China manufactured and exported by Kangfa. This review covers the period February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009. We intend to issue the preliminary results of this review no later than 180 days after the date on which this review is initiated, and the final results within 90 days after the date on which we issue the preliminary results. *See* section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.214(h)(i).

In cases involving non-market economies, the Department requires that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate from the country-wide rate provide evidence of *de jure* and *de facto* absence of government control over the company's export activities. *See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Bicycles From the People's Republic of China*, 61 FR 19026, 19027 (April 30, 1996). Accordingly, we will issue a questionnaire to Kangfa that will include a separate rates section. This review will proceed if the response provides sufficient indication that Kangfa is not subject to either *de jure* or *de facto* government control with respect to its exports of preserved mushrooms. However, if Kangfa does not demonstrate eligibility for a separate rate it will be deemed not separate from other companies that exported during the POR, and the new shipper review will be rescinded.

On August 17, 2006, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (H.R. 4) was signed into law. Section 1632 of H.R. 4 temporarily suspends the authority of the Department to instruct CBP to collect a bond or other security in lieu of a cash deposit in new shipper reviews. Therefore, the posting of a bond under section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Tariff Act in lieu of a cash deposit is not available in this case. Importers of certain preserved mushrooms manufactured and exported by Kangfa must continue to pay a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on each entry of subject merchandise (*i.e.*, certain preserved mushrooms) at the current PRC-wide rate of 198.63 percent.

Interested parties may submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in