

Dated: December 23, 2003.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-122-848]

Hard Red Spring Wheat From Canada: Initiation of Expedited Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of expedited review of the countervailing duty order: Hard Red Spring Wheat from Canada.

SUMMARY: On November 18, 2003, the Department of Commerce received a request to conduct an expedited review of the countervailing duty order on hard red spring wheat from Canada. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(k), we are initiating this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel J. Alexy or Stephen Cho, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group 1, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3099, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1540 and (202) 482-3798, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 18, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") received a request from Richelain Farms ("Richelain") to conduct an expedited review of the countervailing duty order on hard red spring wheat from Canada, issued October 23, 2003 (68 FR 60642). Richelain, a company that was not selected for individual examination during the investigation, made this request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(k).

Initiation of Expedited Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(k)(1)(i)-(iii), Richelain certified that it exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation; that it is not affiliated with an exporter or producer that the Department individually examined in the investigation; and that it informed the Government of Canada, as the government of the exporting country, that the government will be required to

provide a full response to the Department's questionnaire.

Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(k), we are initiating an expedited review of the countervailing duty order on hard red spring wheat from Canada. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(k)(3), we intend to issue the preliminary results of this expedited review not later than 180 days from the date of initiation of this review. As specified by 19 CFR 351.214(k)(3)(i), the period of review will be based on the same period of time as the investigation, *i.e.*, August 1, 2001, through July 31, 2002.

This expedited review is intended to provide an individual cash deposit rate or exclusion to Richelain. The final results of this expedited review will not be the basis for the assessment of countervailing duties.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

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Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Determination with Respect to Modification of Tariff Rate Quotas on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: The Department has determined that no modification be made to the 2004 tariff rate quotas.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has determined that the 2004 limitation on the quantity of imports of worsted wool fabrics that may be imported under the tariff rate quotas established by the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA 2000) as amended by the Trade Act of 2002 should not be modified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Botero, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title V of the TDA 2000 created two tariff rate quotas (TRQs), providing for temporary reductions for three years in

the import duties on limited quantities of two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers: (1) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11); and (2) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12).

On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which includes several amendments to Title V of the TDA 2000. These include the extension of the program through 2005; the reduction of the in-quota duty rate on HTS 9902.51.12 (average fiber diameter 18.5 microns or less) from 6 percent to zero, effective for goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2002; and an increase in the 2003 through 2005 TRQ levels to 3,500,000 square meters for HTS 9902.51.12 and to 4,500,000 square meters for HTS 9902.51.11. Both of these limitations may be modified by the President, not to exceed 1,000,000 square meters per year for each tariff rate quota.

The TDA 2000 requires the annual consideration of requests by U.S. manufacturers of men's or boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type jackets and trousers for modification of the limitation on the quantity of fabric that may be imported under the tariff rate quotas, and grants the President the authority to proclaim modifications to the limitations. In determining whether to modify the limitations, specified U.S. market conditions with respect to worsted wool fabric and worsted wool apparel must be considered.

On January 22, 2001, the Department published regulations establishing procedures for considering requests for modification of the limitations (15 CFR 340) in the **Federal Register**. (See 66 FR 6459.) The regulations provide that not more than 30 days following the close of the comment period, the Department will determine whether the limitations on the quantity of imports under the tariff rate quotas should be modified and recommend to the President that appropriate modifications be made.

On September 26, 2003, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting requests for modification of the 2004 tariff rate quota limitations. (See 68 FR 55591.) The Department received one such request, from Hartmarx Corporation. The request is for the maximum increase (1,000,000 square meters) in each of the two tariff rate quota limitations (HTS 9902.51.11 and HTS 9902.51.12).

On November 4, 2003, the Department solicited comments on the request for a period of 20 days. (See 68 FR 62432.) The Department received comments from seven companies/trade associations. One of the respondents, Southwick Clothing LLC, supported the request for modification, and six of the respondents, Burlington Industries, Cley & Tinker, the National Textile Association, Victor Forstmann, Inc., Warren of Stafford, and the Association of Georgia's Textile, Carpet, and Consumer Products Manufacturers, opposed the request for modification.

After reviewing the request, the comments received, and other information obtained, including a report prepared by the U.S. International Trade Commission, and after considering the specific market conditions set forth in the TDA 2000, the Department determined that the 2004 limitations on the quantity of imports of worsted wool fabrics that may be imported subject to the tariff rate quotas established by the TDA 2000 as amended by the Trade Act of 2002 should not be modified.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods Industries

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: This notice is to extend the previous notice and request for applications that was posted on November 15, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Maui County Alternate, Kaua'i County Alternate, Education Alternate, Fishing Alternate, Native Hawaiian Member, and Native Hawaiian Alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community

and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in Hawaii. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: January 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Keeley Belva (888) 55-WHALE or via e-mail at: Keeley.Belva@noaa.gov. Applications are also available online at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>. Completed applications should be mailed to the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 104, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, faxed to (808) 397-2650, or returned via e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keeley Belva (see above for contact information).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

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Dated: December 19, 2003.

Richard W. Spinrad,

Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122303C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a work planning session which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 is scheduled as a full day training opportunity for GMT members beginning at 8 a.m. The GMT session will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, January 15 and 8 a.m. through noon Friday, January 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Scipps Institution of Oceanography

Campus Martin Johnson House, Building T-29, 8840 Biological Grade, La Jolla, CA 92037-1508; telephone: (858) 534-2102.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary goal of the work planning exercise is to identify team members who will be responsible for the requisite GMT work products for development of the 2005-06 management measures. Harvest specifications and management measures for 2005-06 will not be discussed at this meeting. The GMT will consider the 2005-06 management measures at a subsequent public meeting tentatively scheduled for February, 2004.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 23, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122303B]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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