

## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Border Project Subcommittee of the Arizona State Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Border Project Subcommittee of the Arizona State Advisory Committee will convene at 12 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m., on March 5, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel, 181 West Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85701. The purpose of the meeting is to develop and plan, as part of the 4-State joint border project, a border hearing in Nogales, Arizona.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a Presentation to the Committee, should contact Thomas V. Pilla, Civil Rights Analyst of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD/213-894-3435). 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.

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

Dated at Washington, DC, February 5, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-886]

### Notice of Amended Preliminary 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.

**ACTION:** Notice of amended preliminary antidumping duty determination of sales at less than fair value: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 20, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristin Case (United Wah) or Thomas Schauer (Rally Plastics), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3174 and (202) 482-0410, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Significant Ministerial Error

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is amending the preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value in the antidumping duty investigation of polyethylene retail carrier bags from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to reflect the correction of significant ministerial errors it made in the margin calculations regarding Dongguan Huang Jiang United Wah Plastic Bag Factory (United Wah) and Rally Plastics Company, Limited (Rally Plastics), pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(g)(1) and (g)(2). A ministerial error is defined as an error in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of unintentional error which the Secretary considers ministerial. See 19 CFR 351.224(f). A significant ministerial error is defined as an error, the correction of which, singly or in combination with other errors, would result in (1) a change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination or (2) a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or *de minimis* and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than *de minimis* or vice versa. See 19 CFR 351.224(g). We are publishing this amendment to the preliminary determination pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e). As a result of this amended preliminary determination, we have revised the antidumping rates for two respondents, Rally Plastics and United Wah. See discussion below.

We have also revised the antidumping rate for the following parties: Beijing Lianbin Plastics and Printing Company Limited (Beijing Lianbin); Dongguan Zhongqiao Combine Plastic Bag Factory (Dongguan Zhongqiao); Good-in Holdings Limited (Good-in Holdings); Guangdong Esquel Packaging Company, Limited (Guangdong Esquel); Nan Sing Plastics, Limited (Nan Sing); Ningbo Fanrong Plastic 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); Xinhui Henglong; Nantong Huasheng Plastic Products Company, Limited. The change in the rates is appropriate because we are amending some of the preliminary company-specific rates on which we based the average for these companies, as discussed below. See Memorandum to Richard Rimlinger from Kristin Case, *Analysis for the Amended Preliminary 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 February 12, 2004.

#### Ministerial-Error Allegation

On January 26, 2004, the Department published its affirmative preliminary determination in this proceeding. 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*).

The Department received timely allegations of ministerial errors in the *Preliminary Determination* from the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its members (the petitioners), Hang Lung Plastic Manufactory (Hang Lung), and Zhongshan Dongfeng Hung Wai Plastic Bag Manufactory (Zhongshan). The Department has reviewed its preliminary calculations and agrees that some of the errors which the parties alleged are ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f).

The petitioners alleged ministerial errors with respect to Rally Plastics, United Wah, and Ming Pack. With respect to Rally Plastics, the petitioners alleged three ministerial errors: (1) the Department should have valued the recycled scrap input reported by Rally Plastics, (2) the Department should not have converted Rally Plastics' reported