

BARGE TRANSPORTATION RATES—Continued

[Dollars per short ton]

| 2005 | | | | | 2004 | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | This week | Next month | 2 months out | 3 months out | | This week | Next month | 2 months out | 3 months out |
| 10/19/2005 | 38.69 | 35.16 | closed | closed | 10/20/2004 ... | 19.93 | 19.93 | closed | closed |
| 10/26/2005 | 44.26 | 39.93 | closed | closed | 10/27/2004 ... | 23.65 | 22.22 | closed | closed |
| St. Louis | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/3/2005 | 9.46 | 12.37 | 13.29 | 10.93 | 8/4/2004 | 7.18 | 10.29 | 10.69 | 7.46 |
| 8/10/2005 | 10.93 | 13.21 | 13.77 | 11.25 | 8/11/2004 | 7.14 | 10.45 | 10.77 | 7.46 |
| 8/17/2005 | 13.09 | 14.48 | 14.36 | 11.21 | 8/18/2004 | 8.70 | 10.57 | 10.89 | 7.42 |
| 8/24/2005 | 14.08 | 14.88 | 15.36 | 11.33 | 8/25/2004 | 8.30 | 10.81 | 10.89 | 7.42 |
| 8/31/2005 | 23.94 | 21.95 | 18.95 | 13.69 | 9/1/2004 | 8.46 | 10.77 | 7.70 | 6.30 |
| 9/7/2005 | 27.33 | 22.62 | 19.95 | 12.97 | 9/8/2004 | 10.33 | 10.97 | 7.70 | 6.42 |
| 9/14/2005 | 28.05 | 24.34 | 18.47 | 13.49 | 9/15/2004 | 14.88 | 12.77 | 8.10 | 6.58 |
| 9/21/2005 | 20.31 | 22.46 | 16.48 | 13.17 | 9/22/2004 | 15.56 | 13.09 | 10.61 | 6.62 |
| 9/28/2005 | 28.53 | 23.94 | 17.48 | 13.33 | 9/29/2004 | 16.52 | 13.73 | 9.54 | 7.02 |
| 10/5/2005 | 30.76 | 18.83 | 14.28 | 13.69 | 10/6/2004 | 16.08 | 9.30 | 7.38 | 7.22 |
| 10/12/2005 | 36.75 | 19.15 | 15.08 | 14.12 | 10/13/2004 ... | 12.25 | 9.30 | 7.02 | 6.98 |
| 10/19/2005 | 25.62 | 18.87 | 14.88 | 14.32 | 10/20/2004 ... | 11.05 | 9.62 | 7.26 | 7.26 |
| 10/26/2005 | 21.35 | 17.44 | 14.36 | 14.12 | 10/27/2004 ... | 14.68 | 10.93 | 7.78 | 7.90 |

I. Unloading Barges of Agricultural Commodities

CCC will consider proposals and enter into agreements with operators to unload barges of agricultural commodities located in the New Orleans area for the purpose of making the barges available to move 2005-crop commodities. CCC has not and will not take title to the agricultural commodity. The barges must have been loaded and shipped to the New Orleans area before August 29, 2005, when Hurricane Katrina made landfall. The barges must be unloaded by December 1, 2005, unless extended in writing by CCC, to accelerate barge availability to geographical areas under harvest pressure. There are no restrictions on the actual unload location, final destination or disposition of the agricultural commodities; however there must not be a negative market impact. This offer of economic assistance is only available to unload barges of agricultural commodities and facilitate barge availability.

II. Proposal Requirements

Proposals must include the following information:

- (1) Number of barges that contain agricultural commodities;
- (2) Type of agricultural commodity;
- (3) Quantity of agricultural commodities;
- (4) Market value of the agricultural commodity as of date proposal is submitted;
- (5) Current location;
- (6) Date the barges arrived in the New Orleans area;

(7) Location where barge will be discharged, if different from item 4 above;

(8) Proposed disposition and compensation received for the sale of the agricultural commodity;

(9) Dollar amount per ton of assistance requested, not to exceed \$30 per ton;

(10) Whether the loss or damage to the agricultural commodity was covered by an insurance policy and, if so, the amount of indemnity received; and

(11) A point of contact with applicable phone number, facsimile number, e-mail address and mailing address.

Operators entering into agreements with CCC will be required to meet certain documentation and certification requirements. These requirements will allow CCC to verify the unloading of the barges, the quantity and value of the agricultural commodity, and any compensation received for the final disposition of the agricultural commodity.

III. Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Award

Proposals must be evaluated objectively in accordance with the regulations on "Competition in the awarding of discretionary grants and cooperative agreements" found at 7 CFR part 3015.158. The following criteria must be used equally in the evaluation:

- (1) Proposal's cost in relation to the agricultural commodity's current market value;
- (2) Net positive impact on barge availability; and

(3) Overall cost-effectiveness of proposal.

CCC will notify interested parties of approval of their proposal.

Signed at Washington, DC November 1, 2005.

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Executive Vice-President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS**Sunshine Act Meeting**

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 9th, 2005, 2-4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly

frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6)).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either Brenda Hardnett or Carol Booker at (202) 203-4545.

Dated: November 1, 2005.

Carol Booker,

Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-899

Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Artist Canvas from the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 7, 2005.

SUMMARY: We preliminarily determine that artist canvas from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Preliminary Determination" section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Freed or Michael Holton, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3818 or 482-1324, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Case History

On March 31, 2005, the Department of Commerce ("Department") received a Petition on imports of certain artist canvas from the PRC ("Petition") filed in proper form by Tara Materials Inc. ("Tara" or "Petitioner") on behalf of the domestic industry and workers producing certain artist canvas. On April 7, 2005, the Department clarified that the official filing date for the Petition was April 1, 2005, and that the proper period of investigation ("POI") is

July 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004. *See Memorandum from Edward Yang to Barbara Tillman: Decision Memo Concerning Petition Filing Date and Period of Investigation*, April 7, 2005. On April 7, 2005, and April 14, 2005, the Department requested clarification of certain areas of the Petition and received responses to those requests on April 12, 2005, April 15, 2005, and April 18, 2005. This investigation was initiated on April 28, 2005. *See Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Certain Artist Canvas from the People's Republic of China*, 70 FR 21996 (April 28, 2005) ("Notice of Initiation"). Additionally, in the *Notice of Initiation*, the Department applied the modified process by which exporters and producers may obtain separate-rate status in NME investigations. The new process requires exporters and producers to submit a separate-rate status application. *See Policy Bulletin 05.1: Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations involving Non-Market Economy Countries*, (April 5, 2005), ("Policy Bulletin 05.1") available at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/policy/bull05-1.pdf>. However, the standard for eligibility for a separate rate (which is whether a firm can demonstrate an absence of both *de jure* and *de facto* governmental control over its export activities) has not changed.

On April 28, 2005, the Department requested quantity and value ("Q&V") information from a total of six producers of artist canvas in the PRC which were identified in the petition and for which the Department was able to locate contact information. On April 28, 2005, the Department also sent the Government of the PRC a letter requesting assistance in locating all known Chinese producers/exporters of artist canvas who exported artist canvas to the United States during the POI, July 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004. In addition, on May 11, 2005, in response to a request from ColArt Americas Inc. ("ColArt"), the Department requested Q&V information from ColArt.

On May 16, 2005, the Department received Q&V responses from four Chinese producers/exporters of artist canvas: Hangzhou Haili Electronic Equipment Co., Ltd. ("Haili"); ColArt; Ningbo Conda Import & Export Co., Ltd. ("Ningbo Conda"); and Wuxi Phoenix Artist Materials Co., Ltd. ("Phoenix Materials"). On May 16, 2005, the Department also received a Q&V response from Textus Industries stating that it is a U.S. importer and it is not a producer or exporter of subject merchandise. The Government of the

PRC did not respond to the Department's April 28, 2005, letter requesting assistance in identifying producers and exporters of the subject merchandise in the PRC. On June 2, 2005, the Department requested clarifying Q&V information from Haili, ColArt, Ningbo Conda and Phoenix Materials. On June 6, 2005, we received responses from Haili, ColArt, Ningbo Conda and Phoenix Materials clarifying their Q&V information.

On May 13, 2005, the Department requested comments from all interested parties on proposed control numbers ("CONNUMs") to be assigned the subject merchandise. On May 23, 2005, we received comments from: Michaels Stores, Inc., Aaron Brothers, Macpherson's ColArt Americas Inc., Crafts, Etc!, Ltd./Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., and Jerry's Artarama, Inc. (collectively, "Importers"); Petitioner; and Phoenix Materials.

On May 24, 2005, the United States International Trade Commission ("ITC") issued its affirmative preliminary determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from the PRC of certain artist canvas. The ITC's determination was published in the **Federal Register** on May 24, 2005. *See Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1091 (Preliminary), Artists' Canvas from China*, 70 FR 29781 (May 24, 2005).

On May 25, 2005, the Department determined that India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Egypt are countries comparable to the PRC in terms of economic development. *See Memorandum from Ron Lorentzen, Acting Director, Office of Policy to Robert Bolling, Program Manager, China/NME Group, Office 8: Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Artist Canvas from the People's Republic of China (PRC): Request for a List of Surrogate Countries*, dated May 25, 2005 ("Office of Policy Surrogate Countries Memorandum").

On May 27, 2005, the Department requested that the parties submit comments on surrogate country selection. On June 24, 2005, we received comments regarding the selection of a surrogate country from the Petitioner and from the Importers. Both the Petitioner and Importers argued that India is the appropriate surrogate country.

On May 27, 2005, we received separate rate applications from Hangzhou Foreign Relation & Trade Service Co. Ltd. ("HFERTS") and Jiangsu Animal By-products Import & Export Group Corp. ("Jiangsu By-products"). On June 16, 2005, we