purposes of applying the antidumping duty law, the Department examines a number of factors including, but not limited to, changes in (1) management, (2) production facilities, (3) suppliers, and (4) customer base. *See, e.g., Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 59 FR 6944 (February 14, 1994). While no one or several of these factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of succession, the Department will generally consider one company to be a successor to another company if its resulting operation is essentially the same as that of its predecessor. Thus, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the prior company, the Department will assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.

On April 26, 2004, Tipco Foods submitted information demonstrating that it is the successor to TIPCO. Specifically, Tipco Foods provided the minutes to its December 12, 2003, shareholders meeting at which the name change was approved. In addition, Tipco Foods provided a copy of the new company registration certificate filed with the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs on December 23, 2003, and the certificate issued by the Revenue Department of Thailand, which established that Tipco Foods would use the same taxpayer ID number used by TIPCO. Finally, Tipco Foods attached a copy of its December 22, 2003, letter to the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) notifying the SET of the name change, and a newsletter posted by the SET announcing the name change to investors.

We also obtained information in the context of the 2002–2003 review demonstrating that no major changes occurred with respect to TIPCO's management, plant facilities, customer base, or suppliers. Specifically, at verification in February 2004, we noted no difference in managers between TIPCO and Tipco Foods, as we interviewed the same managers at this verification whom we interviewed at the verification conducted in February 2003. *See* Attachment I of the Memorandum to the File: Changed Circumstances Review for the Thai Pineapple Public Co., Ltd. (TIPCO) (May 18, 2004) (Changed Circumstances Memo). We also noted that the headquarters and plant facilities remained the same and that Tipco Food's suppliers and customers were consistent with the suppliers and customers it had in the previous review.

As part of our standard verification procedures, we examine the full range of merchandise produced during a review period. While on site we noted that the products Tipco Foods was producing and offering for sale were the same products that TIPCO reported and we verified in the current and previous reviews. Furthermore, we noted that the product catalog under the company's new name on its web site consists of the same products the company sold prior to its name change. *See* Attachment II of the Changed Circumstances Memo. Therefore, the change in name had no material effect on the operations of the company with respect to the production and sale of subject merchandise.

When it concludes that expedited action is warranted, the Department may publish the notice of initiation and preliminary results for a changed circumstances review concurrently. *See* 19 CFR 221(c)(3)(ii). Based on the information on the record, we preliminarily find that Tipco Foods is the successor–in-interest to TIPCO and, as such, is entitled to TIPCO's cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise.[1]

Should our final results remain the same as these preliminary results, we would instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assign Tipco Foods the antidumping duty cash deposit rate applicable to TIPCO.

Public Comment

Any interested party may request a hearing within 14 days of publication of this notice. *See* 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 28 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, which must be limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed not later than 21 days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument with an electronic version included. Consistent with section 351.216(e) of the Department's regulations, we will issue the final results of this changed circumstances review no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary finding. We are issuing and publishing this finding and notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and sections 351.216 and 351.221(c)(3) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretaryfor Import Administration.

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[1] *See, e.g., Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Korea; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 63 FR 20572 (April 27, 1998) where the Department found successorship where the company changed its name only and did not change its operations.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A–570–863

Honey From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Second Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the People's Republic of China (PRC) until no later than November 19, 2004. The period of review is December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Nunno at (202) 482–0783 or Anya Naschak at (202) 482–6375; Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations require the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order or suspension agreement for which the administrative review was requested,

and final results of review within 120 days after the date on which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**. However, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of our regulations allow the Department to extend the 245–day period to 365 days and the 120–day period to 180 days.

Background

On December 10, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order covering honey from the PRC. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Honey from the People's Republic of China*, 66 FR 63670 (December 10, 2001). On December 2, 2003, the Department published a *Notice of Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 68 FR 67401. On December 29, 2003, Anhui Honghui Foodstuff (Group) Co., Ltd. (Anhui Honghui); Eurasia Bee's Products Co., Ltd. (Eurasia); and Jiangsu Kanghong Natural Healthfoods Co., Ltd. (Jiangsu Kanghong) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of each respective company's entries during the POR. On December 31, 2003, the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (collectively, the petitioners), requested, in accordance with section 351.213(b) of the Department's regulations, an administrative review of entries of subject merchandise made during the POR by 20 Chinese producers/exporters, which included Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, and Jiangsu Kanghong, as well as the following companies: Anhui Native Produce Import & Export Corp. (Anhui Native); Cheng Du Wai Yuan Bee Products Co., Ltd. (Cheng Du); Foodworld International Club, Ltd. (Foodworld); Henan Native Produce and Animal By–Products Import & Export Company (Henan); High Hope International Group Jiangsu Foodstuffs Import & Export Corp. (High Hope); Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Native Produce and Animal By–Products Import & Export Corp. (Inner Mongolia); Inner Mongolia Youth Trade Development Co., Ltd. (Inner Mongolia Youth); Jinan Products Industry Co., Ltd. (Jinan); Jinfu Trading Co., Ltd. (Jinfu); Kunshan Foreign Trade Company (Kunshan); Native Produce and Animal Import & Export Co. (Native Produce); Shanghai Eswell Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Shanghai Eswell); Shanghai Shinomiel International Trade Corporation (Shanghai Shinomiel); Shanghai Xiuwei International Trading Co., Ltd. (Shanghai Xiuwei); Sichuan–Dujiangyan Dubao Bee Industrial Co., Ltd. (Dubao); Wuhan Bee Healthy Company, Ltd. (Wuhan Bee); and Zhejiang Native Produce and Animal By–Products Import & Export Group Corp. (Zhejiang). On January 14, 2004, the petitioners filed a letter withdrawing their request for review of Henan, High Hope, Jinan, and Native Produce. On January 22, 2003, the Department initiated the review for the remaining 16 companies. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 3009 (January 22, 2004).

On January 29, 2004, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to the 16 PRC producers/exporters of the subject merchandise covered by this administrative review.

On February 6, 2004, we published a notice initiating new shipper reviews for sales made by Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, Inner Mongolia Youth, and Jiangsu Kanghong during the same POR as this administrative review, in response to timely requests for new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on honey from the PRC made by these respondents in accordance with section 351.214(c) of the Department's regulations. See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Duty Administrative Reviews, 69 FR 5835. On February 13, 2004, and February 18, 2004, petitioners withdrew their request for review of Foodworld and Anhui Native, respectively. On February 24, 2004, Cheng Du stated that all of its direct and indirect export sales of honey to the United States during the POR fall within the separate new shipper review covering the period December 1, 2002, through May 31, 2003. *See Honey From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Reviews*, 68 FR 47537 (August 11, 2003). Therefore, it requested that the Department rescind this proceeding for Cheng Du. On February 25, 2004, Inner Mongolia Youth stated that the only sale it made during the POR was currently being reviewed by the separate new shipper review initiated on February 6, 2004, and requested that the Department rescind this administrative review for Inner Mongolia Youth. On March 5, 2004, Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, and Jiangsu Kanghong withdrew their requests for the administrative review covering the POR because all of their entries of subject merchandise during the POR are also subject to the new shipper review initiated by the Department on February 6, 2004.

On March 8, 2004, we received a response to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Shanghai Xiuwei.

On March 10, 2004, the Department rescinded the review for Foodworld and Anhui Native. *See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 69 FR 11383.

On March 11, 2004, we received responses to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Jinfu, Zhejiang, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Eswell, and Wuhan Bee.

On March 12, 2004, petitioners also withdrew their request for an administrative review of entries made by Anhui Honghui, Cheng Du, Eurasia, Inner Mongolia Youth, and Jiangsu Kanghong.

On March 15, 2004, we received a response to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Dubao. On March 23, 2004, we received responses to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Shanghai Xiuwei. On March 24, 2004, Kunshan notified the Department that it made no shipments to the United States during the POR. On March 25, 2004, we received responses to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Jinfu, Zhejiang, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Eswell, and Wuhan Bee.

On March 25, 2004, we invited interested parties to comment on the Department's surrogate country selection and/or significant production in the potential countries and to submit publicly available information to value the factors of production.

On April 1, 2004, we received responses to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Dubao. On April 1, 2, 6, 9, 19, 20, May 5 and 7, 2004, the petitioners submitted deficiency comments on the respondents' questionnaire responses. On April 7, 2004, we received a response to Section E of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Wuhan Bee.

On April 15, 2004, the petitioners submitted comments on the selection of the proper surrogate country.

On April 16, 2004, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to Dubao. On April 19, 2004, we issued supplemental questionnaires to Zhejiang, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Eswell, and Shanghai Xiuwei. On April 20, 2004, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to Wuhan Bee. On April

21, 2004, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to Jinfu.

On April 27, 2004, the Department rescinded the review for Anhui Honghui, Cheng Du, Eurasia, Inner Mongolia Youth, and Jiangsu Kanghong. *See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 69 FR 22760.

On April 30, 2004, we received a response to our supplemental questionnaire from Dubao.

On May 10, 2004, the petitioners and respondents submitted comments on surrogate information with which to value the factors of production in this proceeding.

The preliminary results are currently due no later than September 1, 2004.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h) of the Department's regulations, we determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the statutory time limit of 245 days. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this administrative review within this time limit because we need additional time to analyze the questionnaire responses, issue appropriate supplemental questionnaires, and conduct verifications. In particular, the Department needs additional time to research and analyze the appropriate surrogate values for raw honey. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department=s regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of these preliminary results by an additional 79 days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than November 19, 2004.

The final results will, in turn, be due 120 days after the date of issuance of the preliminary results, unless extended.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Preliminary Results of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Reviews: Honey From the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting new shipper antidumping duty reviews on honey from the People's Republic of China (PRC) in response to requests by respondents Anhui Honghui Foodstuff (Group) Co., Ltd. (Anhui Honghui), Eurasia Bee's Products Co., Ltd. (Eurasia), Inner Mongolia Youth Trade Development Co., Ltd. (Inner Mongolia Youth), and Jiangsu Kanghong Natural Healthfoods Co., Ltd. (Jiangsu Kanghong). The review covers shipments to the United States for the period December 1, 2002, to November 30, 2003, by these four respondents. For the reasons discussed below, we are extending the preliminary results of this administrative review by 61 days, to no later than September 27, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Nunno at (202) 482–0783 or Anya Naschak at (202) 482–6375; Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department received timely requests from Anhui Honghui Foodstuff (Group) Co., Ltd. (Anhui Honghui), Eurasia Bee's Products Co., Ltd. (Eurasia), Foodworld International Club Limited (Foodworld), Inner Mongolia Youth Trade Development Co., Ltd. (Inner Mongolia Youth), Jiangsu Kanghong Natural Healthfoods Co., Ltd. (Jiangsu Kanghong), and Shanghai Shinomiel International Trade Corporation (Shanghai Shinomiel), in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(c), for new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on honey from the PRC, which has a December annual anniversary month and a June semiannual anniversary month. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Honey from the People's Republic of China*, 66 FR 63670 (December 10, 2001). On January 30, 2004, the Department found that the requests for review with respect to Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, Inner Mongolia Youth, and Jiangsu Kanghong met all the regulatory requirements set forth in 19 CFR 351.214(b) and initiated this new shipper antidumping duty review covering the period December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003. The Department did not initiate new shipper reviews for the remaining two companies (i.e., Foodworld and Shanghai Shinomiel). *See Honey From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Reviews*, 69 FR 5835 (February 6, 2004).

On February 4, 2004, we issued antidumping duty questionnaires to Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, Inner Mongolia Youth, and Jiangsu Kanghong. On February 13, 2004, we issued supplemental questionnaires to Anhui Honghui and Jiangsu Kanghong. On February 27, 2004, we received information from Anhui Honghui and Jiangsu Kanghong regarding intra–company sales. On March 16, 2004, we received a response to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Inner Mongolia Youth. On March 17, 2004, we received responses to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, and Jiangsu Kanghong.

On March 25, 2004, we invited interested parties to comment on the Department's surrogate country selection and/or significant production in the potential countries and to submit publicly available information to value the factors of production.

On March 30, 2004, we received a response to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Inner Mongolia Youth. On March 31, 2004, we received responses to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaire from Anhui Honghui, Eurasia, and Jiangsu Kanghong and, where applicable, from their U.S. affiliates and/or the respective importers.

On March 30 and April 1 and 13, 2004, the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (collectively, the petitioners) submitted deficiency comments on the respondents' questionnaire responses.

On April 15, 2004, the petitioners submitted comments on the selection of the proper surrogate country.

On April 16, 2004, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to Inner Mongolia Youth. On April 16 and 23, 2004, we issued supplemental questionnaires to Anhui Honghui and