whether the material needs to be on the National List.

The draft guidance document NOP 5033, Classification of Materials, provides additional guidance to the industry on how materials are classified as nonsynthetic, synthetic, agricultural, or nonagricultural. The terms “nonsynthetic,” “synthetic,” “agricultural,” and “nonagricultural” are defined at 7 CFR 205.2 of the USDA organic regulations. This guidance implements a series of recommendations of the NOSB and provides clarification on how materials should be classified according to these defined terms. Draft guidance NOP 5033–1 includes a decision tree for classifying a material as agricultural or nonsynthetic. Draft guidance NOP 5033–2 includes a decision tree for classifying a material as agricultural or nonagricultural. For materials used in organic crop production, the classification guidance is intended to be used in conjunction with the draft guidance NOP 5034. Materials for Organic Crop Production, to assist in determining whether a material is permitted for use.

The draft guidance document NOP 5034, Materials for Organic Crop Production, provides guidance to the industry on materials used in organic crop production. Once finalized, NOP 5034–1 is intended to provide a tool for organic producers to understand which input materials are allowed in organic crop production. The guidance includes substances which are specifically allowed in section 205.601 of the USDA organic regulations, as well as materials which are permitted, but are not required to be included on the National List. The appendix NOP 5034–2 provides a list of materials that are specifically prohibited in organic crop production. The appendix of prohibited materials is not intended to be all inclusive, but is provided for guidance to the industry on items which have been previously reviewed by the NOSB and not recommended for use. The appendix of prohibited materials also includes materials which are specifically listed in section 205.602 the National List as prohibited for use in organic crop production (e.g., lead salts) or that are otherwise prohibited by the USDA organic regulations (e.g., sewage sludge). The guidance, once finalized, will not grant new allowances for any synthetic substance to be used in organic production that have not been specifically recommended by the NOSB and added to the National List through rulemaking for such purpose.

NOP is aware that there may have been some inconsistency in the classification of a small number of materials used in organic crop production. NOP is issuing this draft guidance in an effort to clarify the status of these materials. Comments are specifically requested on the classification and descriptions provided in NOP 5034–1 for the following materials: bagasse, biochar, corn steep liquor, fatty acids, glycerin, molasses, vegetable protein hydrolysate, vinasse, and xanthan gum. NOP is requesting comments on whether these materials are accurately classified according to the draft guidance on classification, NOP 5033–1, and whether any amendments are needed to the descriptions provided in NOP 5034–1, Materials for Organic Crop Production.

II. Significance of Guidance

This draft guidance document is being issued in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin on Agency Good Guidance Practices (GGPs) (January 25, 2007, 72 FR 3432–3440).

The purpose of GGPs is to ensure that program guidance documents are developed with adequate public participation, are readily available to the public, and are not applied as binding requirements. The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the NOP’s current thinking on these topics. It does not create or confer any rights for, or on, any person and does not operate to bind the NOP or the public. Guidance documents are intended to provide a uniform method for operations to comply that can reduce the burden of developing their own methods and simplify audits and inspections. Alternative approaches that can demonstrate compliance with the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501–6522), and its implementing regulations are also acceptable. The NOP strongly encourages industry to discuss alternative approaches with the NOP before implementing them to avoid unnecessary or wasteful expenditures of resources and to ensure the proposed alternative approach complies with the Act and its implementing regulations.


David R. Shipman, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on certain frozen warmwater shrimp (shrimp) from India and Thailand. The anniversary month of these orders is February. In accordance with the Department’s regulations, we are initiating these administrative reviews.

DATES: Effective Date: April 2, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Crespo at (202) 482–3693 (India) and Blaine Wiltse at (202) 482–6345 (Thailand), AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

During the anniversary month of February 2013, the Department received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), for administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on shrimp from India and Thailand from the Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee (hereinafter, petitioner), the American Shrimp Processors Association (ASPA), and certain individual companies.

For more information contact Yvette Springer on (202) 482–2813.

Yvette Springer,
Committee Liaison.

Notice of No Sales

If a producer or exporter named in this notice of initiation had no exports, sales, or entries during the period of review (POR), it must notify the Department within 60 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. All submissions must be filed electronically at http://iaaccess.trade.gov in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011). Such submissions are subject to verification in accordance with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Respondent Selection

In the event the Department limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews, the Department intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the POR. We intend to release the CBP data under Administrative Protective Order (APO) to all parties having an APO within seven days of publication of this initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 21 days of publication of this Federal Register notice. The Department invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within five days of placement of the CBP data on the record of the applicable review.

In the event the Department decides it is necessary to limit individual examination of respondents and conduct respondent selection under section 777A(c)(2) of the Act:

In general, the Department has found that determinations concerning whether particular companies should be “collapsed” (i.e., treated as a single entity for purposes of calculating antidumping duty rates) require a substantial amount of detailed information and analysis, which often require follow-up questions and analysis. Accordingly, the Department will not conduct collapsing analyses at the respondent selection phase of this review and will not collapse companies at the respondent selection phase unless there has been a determination to collapse certain companies in a previous segment of this antidumping proceeding (i.e., investigation, administrative review, or changed circumstances review). For any company subject to these reviews, if the Department determined, or continued to treat, that company as collapsed with others, the Department will assume that such companies continue to operate in the same manner and will collapse them for respondent selection purposes. Otherwise, the Department will not collapse companies for purposes of respondent selection. Parties are requested to (a) identify which companies subject to review previously were collapsed, and (b) provide a citation to the proceeding in which they were collapsed.

Deadline for Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), a party that has requested a review may withdraw that request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The regulation provides that the Department may extend this time if it is reasonable to do so. In order to provide parties additional certainty with respect to when the Department will exercise its discretion to extend this 90-day deadline, interested parties are advised that the Department does not intend to extend the 90-day deadline unless the requestor demonstrates that an extraordinary circumstance has prevented it from submitting a timely withdrawal request. Determinations by the Department to extend the 90-day deadline will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on shrimp from India and Thailand. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than February 28, 2014.

Antidumping Duty Proceedings

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