

**SUMMARY:** On February 4, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. See *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate From France* ("Final ITA Results"), 64 FR 56310 (February 4, 1999). On September 27, 1999, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate From France* ("Final ITC Results"), 64 FR 52104 (September 27, 1999). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 21, 1999.

### Background

On October 1, 1998, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, a sunset review (63 FR 52683 and 63 FR 52748, respectively) of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order to be revoked. See *Final ITA Results*.

On September 27, 1999, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable

time. See *Final ITC Results* and USITC Pub. 3235, Inv. No. 731-TA-25 (Review) (September 1999).

### Scope

Imports covered by the order are shipments of anhydrous sodium metasilicate ("ASM"), a crystallized silicate (Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>) which is alkaline and readily soluble in water. Applications include waste paper de-inking, ore-flotation, bleach stabilization, clay processing, medium or heavy duty cleaning, and compounding into other detergent formulations. This merchandise is classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers 2839.11.00 and 2839.19.00. The HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description remains dispositive.

### Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of this antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of continuation of this order or suspension agreement will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than September 2004.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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### Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determination: Bulk Aspirin From the People's Republic of China

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 21, 1999.

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### *Postponement of Preliminary Determination*

On June 23, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published its notice of initiation of antidumping investigation of bulk aspirin from the People's Republic of China (PRC). See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Bulk Aspirin From the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 33463. The initiation notice stated that we would issue our preliminary determination by November 4, 1999. On October 8, 1999, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Rhodia, Inc., the petitioner, requested that the Department postpone the issuance of the preliminary determination in this investigation. The petitioner's request for postponement was timely, and the Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, we are postponing the deadline for issuing the preliminary determination until no later than December 21, 1999.

This extension and notice are in accordance with section 733(c) of the Act.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

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