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results of shrimp antidumping duties released

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) published in the March 24 and March 25 federal register editions the preliminary results of the eighth administrative review of the antidumping duty orders on certain warmwater shrimp from India, Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of China for the period of review from February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013. The DOC has preliminarily determined that all Indian, Thai and Vietnamese shrimp exporters participating in the administrative review proceeding sold shrimp into the U.S. market at less than fair value, leading to higher duty rates for those countries. However, all interested parties have been invited by the DOC to comment on the preliminary results.

For India, Falcon Marine Exports Limited/K.R. Enterprises was hit with the highest preliminary determination at 3.01%, while Devi Fisheries Limited received the lowest preliminary determination at 1.97%. All other India-based companies received a preliminary antidumping duty determination of 2.49%.

In regard to Thailand, the DOC made an industry-wide preliminary determination of 1.10%.

For Vietnam, the DOC hit Soc Trang Seafood Joint Stock Company with a preliminary antidumping duty rate of 9.75%, while the preliminary determination for Minh Phu Group is 4.98%. The majority of the companies in Vietnam received a preliminary antidumping duty rate of 6.37% and the country-wide determination rate was preliminarily set at 25.76%.