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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On September 24, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") published its preliminary results of a changed circumstances review<sup>1</sup> of the antidumping duty ("AD") order on multilayered wood flooring ("MLWF") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC").<sup>2</sup> The Department preliminarily determined that Sino-Maple (JiangSu) Co., Ltd. ("Sino-Maple") is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng Wood (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. ("Jiafeng") for purposes of the AD order on MLWF from the PRC and, as such, is entitled to Jiafeng's cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise. We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. As no parties submitted comments, and there is no other information or evidence on the record calling into question our *Preliminary Results*, the Department is making no changes to the *Preliminary Results*.

DATES: Effective Date: **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Changed Circumstances Review of Sino-Maple (JiangSu) Co., Ltd.*, 80 FR 57576 (September 24, 2015) ("*Preliminary Results*"), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>2</sup> See *Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 76 FR 76690 (December 8, 2011).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On March 13, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) initiated a changed circumstance review to determine whether Sino-Maple, an exporter of subject merchandise to the United States, is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng for purposes of the AD order on MLWF from the PRC.<sup>3</sup> On September 24, 2015, the Department made a preliminary finding that Sino-Maple is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng, and is entitled to Jiafeng’s cash deposit rate with respect to entries of merchandise subject to the AD order on MLWF from the PRC.<sup>4</sup> We also provided interested parties 30 days from the date of publication of the *Preliminary Results* to submit case briefs in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii). No interested parties submitted case briefs or requested a hearing. On October 19, 2015, the Department issued to interested parties draft customs instructions and solicited comments.<sup>5</sup> No comments were received.

##### Scope of the Order

Multilayered wood flooring is composed of an assembly of two or more layers or plies of wood veneer(s) in combination with a core. The several layers, along with the core, are glued or

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<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People’s Republic of China*, 80 FR 13328 (March 13, 2015) (“*Initiation Notice*”).

<sup>4</sup> See *Preliminary Results*, 80 FR at 57576.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum to the File from Krisha Hill, International Trade Compliance Analyst, regarding “Changed Circumstances Review of Sino-Maple (JiangSu) Co., Ltd: Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People’s Republic of China: Draft Customs Instructions,” dated October 19, 2015.

otherwise bonded together to form a final assembled product. Multilayered wood flooring is often referred to by other terms, e.g., “engineered wood flooring” or “plywood flooring.” Regardless of the particular terminology, all products that meet the description set forth herein are intended for inclusion within the definition of subject merchandise.

All multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of subject merchandise, without regard to: dimension (overall thickness, thickness of face ply, thickness of back ply, thickness of core, and thickness of inner plies; width; and length); wood species used for the face, back and inner veneers; core composition; and face grade. Multilayered wood flooring included within the definition of subject merchandise may be unfinished (i.e., without a finally finished surface to protect the face veneer from wear and tear) or “prefinished” (i.e., a coating applied to the face veneer, including, but not exclusively, oil or oil-modified or water-based polyurethanes, ultra-violet light cured polyurethanes, wax, epoxy-ester finishes, moisture-cured urethanes and acid-curing formaldehyde finishes). The veneers may be also soaked in an acrylic-impregnated finish. All multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of subject merchandise regardless of whether the face (or back) of the product is smooth, wire brushed, distressed by any method or multiple methods, or hand-scraped. In addition, all multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of subject merchandise regardless of whether or not it is manufactured with any interlocking or connecting mechanism (for example, tongue-and-groove construction or locking joints). All multilayered wood flooring is included within the definition of the subject merchandise regardless of whether the product meets a particular industry or similar standard.

The core of multilayered wood flooring may be composed of a range of materials, including but not limited to hardwood or softwood veneer, particleboard, medium-density

fiberboard, high-density fiberboard (“HDF”), stone and/or plastic composite, or strips of lumber placed edge-to-edge.

Multilayered wood flooring products generally, but not exclusively, may be in the form of a strip, plank, or other geometrical patterns (e.g., circular, hexagonal). All multilayered wood flooring products are included within this definition regardless of the actual or nominal dimensions or form of the product. Specifically excluded from the scope are cork flooring and bamboo flooring, regardless of whether any of the sub-surface layers of either flooring are made from wood. Also excluded is laminate flooring. Laminate flooring consists of a top wear layer sheet not made of wood, a decorative paper layer, a core-layer of HDF, and a stabilizing bottom layer.

Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”): 4412.31.0520; 4412.31.0540; 4412.31.0560; 4412.31.2510; 4412.31.2520; 4412.31.3175; 4412.31.4040; 4412.31.4050; 4412.31.4060; 4412.31.4070; 4412.31.4075; 4412.31.4080; 4412.31.5125; 4412.31.5135; 4412.31.5155; 4412.31.5165; 4412.31.5175; 4412.31.6000; 4412.31.9100; 4412.32.0520; 4412.32.0540; 4412.32.0560; 4412.32.0565; 4412.32.0570; 4412.32.2510; 4412.32.2520; 4412.32.2525; 4412.32.2530; 4412.32.3125; 4412.32.3135; 4412.32.3155; 4412.32.3165; 4412.32.3175; 4412.32.3185; 4412.32.5600; 4412.39.1000; 4412.39.3000; 4412.39.4011; 4412.39.4012; 4412.39.4019; 4412.39.4031; 4412.39.4032; 4412.39.4039; 4412.39.4051; 4412.39.4052; 4412.39.4059; 4412.39.4061; 4412.39.4062; 4412.39.4069; 4412.39.5010; 4412.39.5030; 4412.39.5050; 4412.94.1030; 4412.94.1050; 4412.94.3105; 4412.94.3111; 4412.94.3121; 4412.94.3131; 4412.94.3141; 4412.94.3160; 4412.94.3171; 4412.94.4100; 4412.94.5100; 4412.94.6000; 4412.94.7000; 4412.94.8000; 4412.94.9000; 4412.94.9500;

4412.99.0600; 4412.99.1020; 4412.99.1030; 4412.99.1040; 4412.99.3110; 4412.99.3120; 4412.99.3130; 4412.99.3140; 4412.99.3150; 4412.99.3160; 4412.99.3170; 4412.99.4100; 4412.99.5100; 4412.99.5105; 4412.99.5115; 4412.99.5710; 4412.99.6000; 4412.99.7000; 4412.99.8000; 4412.99.9000; 4412.99.9500; 4418.71.2000; 4418.71.9000; 4418.72.2000; 4418.72.9500; and 9801.00.2500.

While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

#### Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Because no party submitted a case brief in response to the Department's *Preliminary Results*, and because the record contains no other information or evidence that calls into question the *Preliminary Results*, the Department continues to find that Sino-Maple is the successor-in-interest to Jiafeng, and is entitled to Jiafeng's cash deposit rate with respect to entries of merchandise subject to the AD order on MLWF from the PRC.<sup>6</sup>

#### Instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Based on these final results, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect estimated ADs for all shipments of subject merchandise exported by Sino-Maple and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register** at the current AD cash deposit rate for Jiafeng (*i.e.*, 13.74 percent). This cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed

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<sup>6</sup> For a complete discussion of the Department's findings, which remain unchanged in these final results and which are herein incorporated by reference and adopted by this notice, *see generally* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum accompanying the *Preliminary Results*.

under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this final results notice in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.216.

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