AD/CVD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015 THROUGH MID-MARCH 2015

• Closed 55 evasion allegations.
• Reviewed and activated 654 Commerce AD/CVD instructions and processed 38 CIT injunctions.

VALIDATION ACTIVITIES

A Validation Activity (VA) is the framework for conducting entry summary reviews in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). CBP conducts entry summary reviews to determine compliance with AD/CVD and other import requirements and records the results of these reviews in a VA record. VAs are also used to automate the process of sending and receiving requests for information to importers and customs brokers who have ACE portal accounts.

In FY 2014, CBP conducted 35,148 VA entry summary reviews of AD/CVD issues. As a result of these reviews, CBP identified over $71,400,000 in discrepancies.

GARLIC ENFORCEMENT

According to garlic industry sources, this year has been one of the better years for the garlic business in recent memory, and the reason is CBP has stopped some of the unscrupulous exporters that cause wild swings in the market. Industry sources noted that for the past year, there has been a stable, orderly market, and it looks promising it will remain that way for at least the near future.

CBP continues to monitor garlic imports and collect the required AD/CVD cash deposit on Chinese garlic imports.

Garlic from China that was abandoned by the importer after the importer failed to provide the Single Transaction Bonds required by CBP.

ACE CARGO RELEASE TEST EXPANDED TO AD/CVD ENTRIES

CBP announced on March 27, 2015 that it is now allowing brokers and importers, who are also ACE participants, to file, for air, ocean, rail, and truck modes of transportation, a simplified entry for release of cargo subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty proceeding, which ACS termed Type 03 entries. For details, see the March 27, 2015 Federal Register (80 FR 16414).

MEXICAN SUGAR

Additional guidance regarding the requirements for export licenses for imports of sugar from Mexico was published in Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) 15-000117. Further technical requirements for submitting entry information was provided in CSMS 15-000117 and CSMS 15-000137.

These messages notified importers that any entries of Mexican sugar that are released without the submission of the required export license are subject to redelivery; and that failure to redeliver shipments at the request of CBP will result in the imposition of liquidated damages. The messages also updated importers and customs brokers on the format for reporting the export license and export license number.