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Dear U.S. Candle Manufacturer,

The Antidumping Duty Order on Petroleum Wax Candles from China is subject to another five-year Sunset Review this year. The upcoming 5th Sunset Review is an automatic five-year review of the antidumping duty order to determine whether it should continue in effect or be revoked (i.e. sunset). The entire U.S. candle industry benefits from the existing Antidumping Duty Order on Candles from China. It levels the playing field and your cooperation is essential to keep this order effective.

The Notice of Initiation for this Sunset Review will be published in the Federal Register on April 1, 2021, after which we will have 30 days to file a response to the Notice with the International Trade Commission ("Commission"). The Federal Register notice will outline the required elements of our response, which will include data from U.S. producers of candles. Our International Trade Counsel, David Spooner and Christine Sohar Henter, and her team at Barnes & Thornburg are sending you each the attached questionnaire to assist us in gathering this data and market information needed for the initial submission.

Please note that although the Commission requires only one year of data (2020) for the initial response, the team will seek 2019 data also because it will provide insight into trends in the U.S. market for the substantive responses. Furthermore, the review period considered by the Commission in the Sunset Review is five years (2016-2020). Please know that this is much less data than is collected by the Commission in its questionnaires, which would be sent to U.S. producers, importers, purchases, and foreign producers, if a Full Sunset Review is required. Most importantly, any data that you submit to Counsel will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL and will not be disclosed to other members of NCA or other U.S. manufacturers of candles. Only Trade Counsel and their economist will review responses.

As you may recall, in the prior 3rd and 4th Sunset Reviews, the Commission voted to conduct an Expedited Sunset Review. However, as you also may recall, in the 2nd Sunset Review, the Commission voted to perform a Full Sunset Review. The Commission’s practice is to conduct a full review every three reviews, even when there is no respondent participation. More recently, however, due to their full calendar and docket of cases, the Commission has not been conducting periodic full reviews so reliably. In this Review, therefore, we hope that the Commission will vote for an Expedited Review. If the Commission performs an Expedited Review, the attached short questionnaire will be all of the data collected from your company.
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In contrast, a Full Review would entail significant additional work, including full questionnaires issued by the Commission, requesting detailed information going back to 2016. In order to encourage the Commission to perform an Expedited Review and to reach a determination that is favorable to the industry, we will need good (i.e. accurate and representative) data from the U.S. industry. Taking the time to fill out this abbreviated questionnaire completely and accurately now should help to avoid a much more painful questionnaire exercise in a few months.

The questionnaire collects data on your production, shipments and sales of candles. Please note that this information should reflect only candles produced in your U.S. production facilities. With respect to imports of candles from China, we are only interested in imports of candles for which your company is the importer of record and that are subject to the Antidumping Order. For this questionnaire, please provide data on any imports of candles from China by your company in 2019-2020 for which you paid antidumping duties.

We are conducting an initial assessment of the U.S. market to prepare for the initial submission due later this year and to develop an effective strategy for the success of the review. To those ends, we need to receive your completed questionnaire by Friday, January 15, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact our trade counsel: Christine Sohar Henter at 202-408-6915 / csoharhenter@btlaw.com, Kristen Krishnamurthy at 202-831-6708 / Kristen.Krishnamurthy@btlaw.com, and David Spooner at 202-371-6377 / DSpooner@btlaw.com.

As you are aware, our industry has invested a tremendous effort over the years to gain and maintain this Antidumping Order, which continues to contribute to the existence and health of our industry. Now it is our duty, and to the benefit of all, that we do our utmost to preserve the continuation of the Order. Therefore, please give this request your serious and timely attention. Furthermore, please let us know at this time if there is someone more appropriate in your organization who should receive and complete the abbreviated questionnaires, so that our International Trade Counsel can communicate with the most appropriate company officials.

We appreciate your assistance in this important matter to the industry.

Sincerely,

Chris Rakyta
President, National Candle Association