

UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ETHAN ALLEN OPERATIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

**ASHLEY FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.,
HOME MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL,
INC., CITY FURNITURE, INC., HOOKER
FURNITURE CORPORATION, and STEIN
WORLD OPERATING COMPANY,**

Plaintiff-Intervenors,

v.

UNITED STATES,

Defendant,

**AMERICAN FURNITURE
MANUFACTURERS COMMITTEE FOR
LEGAL TRADE and VAUGHAN-BASSETT
FURNITURE COMPANY, INC.,**

Defendant-Intervenors.

Before: Jane A. Restani, Judge

Court No. 14-00147

OPINION

[Commerce's second remand results are sustained.]

Dated: February 29, 2016

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Restani, Judge: This matter is before the court following a remand to the United States Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) in Ethan Allen Operations, Inc. v. United States, Slip Op. 15-134, 2015 WL 7746717 (CIT Dec. 1, 2015) (“Ethan Allen”). Familiarity with that decision is presumed. In Ethan Allen, the court determined that the factors codified at 19 C.F.R. § 351.225(k)(1) (2014) (“(k)(1) factors”) were non-dispositive for three of the wooden chests—the Marlene, Nadine, and Serpentine chests—for which Ethan Allen Operations, Inc. (“Ethan Allen”) requested a scope ruling, and the court remanded to Commerce to consider the factors codified at 19 C.F.R. § 351.225(k)(2) (“(k)(2) factors”) for those three chests. 2015 WL 7746717, at *6. The court also determined that for the fourth chest—the Vivica chest—the (k)(1) factors were dispositive to “demonstrate that the Vivica chest is not within the scope” of the antidumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture (“WBF”). Id. at *7; see also Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People’s Republic of China, 70 Fed. Reg. 329, 329 (Dep’t Commerce Jan. 4, 2005) (“WBF Order”). The court then remanded for Ethan Allen to “complete the record,” so that Commerce could properly consider whether its liquidation instructions were lawful. Ethan Allen, 2015 WL 7746717, at *8–9.

On remand, Commerce evaluated each of the (k)(2) factors for the Marlene, Nadine, and Serpentine chests and ultimately concluded “that the weight of the record evidence supports a determination that the Nadine, Marlene, and Serpentine chests are not covered by the scope of

the WBF Order.” Final Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Ct. Order 9–14, ECF No. 56-1 (“Second Remand Results”). Commerce also determined that pursuant to the (k)(1) factors that “Ethan Allen’s Vivica chest is not wooden bedroom furniture subject to the WBF Order.” Id. at 8. As a result of these determinations, Commerce correctly recognized that the last issue regarding the lawfulness of Commerce’s liquidation instructions “has been mooted.” Id. at 15.

Commerce has complied with the court’s remand order in Ethan Allen to reconsider its treatment of Ethan Allen’s four wooden chests at issue, and no party challenges Commerce’s Second Remand Results. See Joint Status Report 1–2, ECF No. 58 (“The Parties . . . agree that the [Second Remand Results] comply with the Remand Order. . . . [and] propose that the Court . . . proceed[] to final disposition of the matter.”).

For the foregoing reasons, Commerce’s Second Remand Results are sustained. Judgment will issue accordingly.

/s/ Jane A. Restani
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Judge

Dated: February 29, 2016
New York, New York