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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-821-807]

Ferrovandium and Nitrided Vanadium From the Russian Federation: Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On August 28, 1997, the Department of Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Ferrovandium and Nitrided Vanadium from the Russian Federation for one manufacturer or producer of ferrovandium and nitrided vanadium from the Russian Federation, Galt Alloys, Inc., covering the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. The Department of Commerce is terminating the review after confirming that Galt Alloys, Inc. made no sales of the subject merchandise during the period of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Goldberger or Mary Jenkins, Office 5, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4136 or (202) 482-1756, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made

to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations as published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1997. See Antidumping Duties: Countervailing Duties; Final Rule, 62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997).

Background

On July 31, 1997, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (the petitioner) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ferrovandium and nitrided vanadium from the Russian Federation for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997.

On August 15, 1997, Galt reported that it made no sales of the subject merchandise during the period of review (POR). Subsequently, the petitioner challenged Galt's assertion that no sales were made during the POR, arguing the U.S. import statistics showed subject merchandise imports from the Russian Federation prior to and during the POR.

On October 2 and 21, 1997, Galt provided submissions claiming that entries of the subject merchandise originally declared to U.S. Customs as being of Russian origin were in error and were actually from Tajikistan. On January 13, 1998, the Department conducted a verification of Galt's claim and confirmed that the entries of ferrovandium were actually from Tajikistan, as claimed by Galt (see January 29, 1998, memorandum reporting on verification of Galt's submitted data.)

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of this subject merchandise. In light of the fact that we determined that Galt did not make sales of the subject merchandise during the POR in question, we are terminating this review for Galt. We will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

In addition, petitioner requested on September 29, 1997, that the Department determine whether

antidumping duties have been absorbed by Galt or its affiliates, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.231(j). However, as Galt made no sales of the subject merchandise during the POR, there is no basis to conduct this inquiry.

This notice is published in accordance with § 353.213(d)(4).

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-816]

Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Taiwan, Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Time Limit

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the 1996-1997 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Company, Ltd., and the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. James at (202) 482-5222 or John Kugelman at (202) 482-0649, AD/CVD Enforcement Office Eight, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until June 1, 1998. See

Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, on file in Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building. The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: February 25, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-428-824]

Postponement of Final Antidumping Determination: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Germany

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sunkyu Kim or Everett Kelly, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2613 or (202) 482-4194, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (62 FR 27296, May 19, 1997).

Postponement of Final Determination

Pursuant to section 735(a)(2) of the Act, on March 2, 1998, Krupp Edelstahlprofile GmbH and Krupp Hoesch Steel Products Inc. (collectively "Krupp"), producers/exporters of the subject merchandise, requested that the Department postpone its final determination to 135 days after publication of the Department's preliminary determination. In addition, Krupp requested that the Department extend the period for provisional

measures to not more than six months. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2), because (1) our preliminary determination is affirmative, (2) Krupp accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, we are granting the respondent's request and are postponing the final determination until no later than July 20, 1998, which is 135 days after the publication of the preliminary determination (see Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Germany (63 FR 10847 March 5, 1998)). Suspension of liquidation will be extended accordingly.

Case briefs or other written comments in at least 10 copies must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than June 1, 1998, and rebuttal briefs no later than June 8, 1998. A list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, the hearing will be held on June 15, 1998, time and room to be determined, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within thirty days of the publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(g).

Dated: March 10, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-815]

Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe From Taiwan, Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Time Limit

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the final results of the 1995-1996 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on welded stainless steel pipe from Taiwan. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Company, Ltd., and the period December 1, 1995 through November 30, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. James at (202) 482-5222 or John Kugelman at (202) 482-0649, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office Eight, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until July 8, 1998. See Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, on file in Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: February 25, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.

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