

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Rounds Agreements Act.

Postponement of Preliminary Results

The Department has determined that it is not practicable to issue its preliminary results within the original time limit. (See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III to Robert LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, February 11, 1998). The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until June 1, 1998 in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The Department is also extending the time limit for submission of factual information up to an additional 60 days.

The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-401-040]

Stainless Steel Plate From Sweden: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On January 12, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the final results of the review of the antidumping duty finding on stainless steel plate from Sweden. The review covered two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period June 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996. On January 14, 1998, Avesta Sheffield (Avesta) filed ministerial error comments with regard to these final results of review. Based on our

correction of a ministerial error, we are amending our final results for Avesta.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Heaney or Linda Ludwig, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4475/3833.

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 references to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR Part 353 (1997).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 12, 1998 the Department published the final results of the administrative review covering the period June 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996. On January 14, 1998, Avesta filed an allegation that the Department made a ministerial error in the final results.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of stainless steel plate which is commonly used in scientific and industrial equipment because of its resistance to staining, rusting and pitting. Stainless steel plate is classified under Harmonized Tariff schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers 7219.11.00.00, 7219.12.00.05, 7219.12.00.15, 7219.12.00.45, 7219.12.00.65, 7219.12.00.70, 7219.12.00.80, 7219.21.00.05, 7219.21.00.50, 7219.22.00.05, 7219.22.00.10, 7219.22.00.30, 7219.22.00.60, 7219.31.00.10, 7219.31.00.50, 7220.11.00.00, 7222.30.00.00, and 7228.40.00.00.

Although the subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

On July 11, 1995, the Department determined that Stavax ESR (Stavax), UHB Ramax (Ramax), and UHB 904L (904L) when flat-rolled are within the scope of the antidumping finding.

On November 3, 1995, the Department determined that stainless steel plate products Stavax, Ramax, and 904L when forged, are within the scope of the antidumping finding.

The review covers the period June 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996. The

Department has now completed this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act, as amended.

Ministerial Error

On January 12, 1998 Avesta filed an allegation of ministerial error. Avesta submitted revised model match and difference of merchandise (difmer) information on April 24, 1997. In reviewing the Department's preliminary results (July 8, 1997, 62 FR 36495), Avesta noted that the Department occasionally matched US product months with home market product months that differed from those in Avesta's April 24, 1997 submission. The Department corrected this error in its final results. In correcting this error, however, Avesta notes that the Department incorrectly applied difmer information from Avesta's January 27, 1997 submission.

We agree with Avesta that we incorrectly calculated difmer in our final results, and that this constitutes a ministerial error pursuant to 19 CFR 351.28(d). We have corrected this ministerial error in these amended final results, and have based our calculation of difmer on the data provided by Avesta in its April 24, 1997 submission.

Amended Final Results of Review

As a result of our correction of a ministerial error, we determine that the weighted average margin for Avesta is 24.67 percent for the period June 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996.

The U.S. Customs Service shall assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Individual differences between U.S. price and normal value may vary from the percentages stated above. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of stainless steel plate from Sweden entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The amended cash deposit rate for Avesta will be the rate stated above, (2) for previously investigated or reviewed companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company specific rate published for the most recent period, (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in the final results of these reviews, or the LTFV investigation; and (4) if neither

the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous reviews or the original fair value investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 4.46%.

We will calculate importer-specific duty assessment rates on a unit value per pound basis. To calculate the per pound unit value for assessment, we summed the margins on U.S. sales with positive margins, and then divided this sum by the entered pounds of all U.S. sales.

These amended final results of administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) and (h) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and (h)) and 19 CFR 353.28.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1120, 1123, 1124, 1126, and 1127) and modification 1 to permit 998. Issuance of scientific research permits (1094, 1106, 1107) and amendments to permits 822, 847, and 848.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following have applied in due form for permits that would authorize takes or possession of ESA-listed species for the purpose of scientific research and/or enhancement: the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1120); Mr. Edgard O. Espinoza, Deputy Laboratory Director of the National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory (1123); the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1124); the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW) (1126); and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes at Fort Hall, ID (SBT) (1127). Notice is also given that NMFS has issued permits to: the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW) (1094); David Wm. Owens, of Texas A&M University (1106); and Dr. Issac Wirgin, of Institute of Environmental Medicine - New York

University Medical Center (1107). Notice is further given that NMFS has issued amendments to permits to the Fish Passage Center at Portland, OR (FPC) (822); the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at La Grande, OR (ODFW) (847); and WDFW at Olympia, WA (848).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these requests must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Applications for permits 1106 and 1107: Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141). The application for permit 1107 may also be reviewed at: Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250)

Applications for permits 822, 847, 848, 1094, 1120, 1124, 1126, and 1127, and modification request for permits 998: Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Application for permit 1123: Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 822, 847, 848, 998, 1094, 1120, 1124, 1126, and 1127: Robert Koch, Protected Resources Division, 503-230-5424.

For permits 1107 and 1123: Terri Jordan, Endangered Species Division, 301-713-1401.

For permit 1106: Michelle Rogers, Endangered Species Division, 301-713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Permits are requested under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on these requests for permits should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,

NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Issuance of these permits, modifications, and amendments, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits, modifications, and amendments: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. These permits, modifications, and amendments were also issued in accordance with and are subject to parts 217-222 of Title 50 CFR, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting a take of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the application, including its proposed take of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

Applications Received

IDFG (1120) requests a five-year permit that would authorize takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with the continuation of a captive broodstock program, currently provided by permit 795. Permit 795 is due to expire on May 31, 1998. The captive broodstock program will help to preserve and perpetuate the species and provide Snake River sockeye salmon for future recovery actions. The captive broodstock program is a cooperative effort among IDFG, NMFS, SBT, the University of Idaho, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Funding is provided by BPA. ESA-listed adult and juvenile fish are proposed to be trapped annually by IDFG to obtain individuals for propagating the species in captivity. The resulting progeny are proposed to be reared in IDFG hatcheries and/or transported to NMFS hatcheries for rearing. ESA-listed juvenile fish generated from the captive broodstock program are proposed to be transported from the hatcheries and released into Stanley Basin lakes (Redfish, Pettit, and Alturas Lakes) and outlet streams