

Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751 (c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than July 2005.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-826]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Paper Clips From the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Paper Clips from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On July 5, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from the People's Republic of China ("China"), is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. See 65 FR 41434 (July 5, 2000).

On August 2, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See 65 FR 47518 (August 2, 2000). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthitt or James P. Maeder, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5050 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (64 FR 67247 and 64 FR 67320) of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its review, the Department found on July 5, 2000, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the order revoked. See 65 FR 41434 (July 5, 2000).

On August 2, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See *Paper Clips From China*, 65 FR 47518 (August 2, 2000) and USITC Publication 3330 (July 2000), Investigation No. 731-TA-663 (Review).

Scope

The products covered by this order are certain paper clips, wholly of wire of base metal, whether or not galvanized, whether or not plated with nickel or other base metal (e.g., copper), with a wire diameter between 0.025 inches and 0.075 inches (0.64 to 1.91 millimeters), regardless of physical configuration, except as specifically excluded. The products subject to this order may have rectangular or ring-like shape and include, but are not limited to, clips commercially referred to as No. 1 clips, No. 3 clips, Jumbo or Giant clips, Gem clips, Frictioned clips, Perfect Gems, Marcel Gems, Universal clips, Nifty clips, Peerless clips, Ring clips, and Glide-On clips. Specifically excluded from the scope of this order are plastic and vinyl covered paper clips, butterfly clips, binder clips, or other paper fasteners that are not made wholly of wire of base metal and are covered under a separate subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The products subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheading 8305.90.3010 of the HTSUS. Although the HTSUS subheadings is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determination by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the antidumping duty

order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on paper clips from China. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of this order will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751 (c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than July 2005.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-791-805]

Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From South Africa; Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request by petitioners Allegheny Ludlum, AK Steel Corporation (formerly Armco, Inc.), J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., North American Stainless, Butler-Armco Independent Union, Zanesville Armco Independent Union, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils from South Africa (A-791-805). This review covered one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period November 4, 1998 through April 30, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert James at (202) 482-0649, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import

Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The 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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils from South Africa on May 21, 1999 (64 FR 27756). On May 16, 2000, the Department published its notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" for the period November 4, 1998 through April 30, 2000 (65 FR 31141). On May 31, 2000, petitioners filed a request for review of Columbus Stainless Steel Company Ltd. and its affiliates (Columbus). On July 7, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review covering the period November 4, 1998 through April 30, 2000 (65 FR 41942).

On July 31, 2000, the petitioners withdrew their request for administrative review. Section 19 CFR 351.213 (d)(1) of the Department's regulations stipulates that the Secretary may permit a party that requests a review to withdraw the request not later than 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. In this case petitioners have withdrawn their request for review within the 90 day period. No other interested party requested a review and we have received no other submissions regarding petitioner's withdrawal of their request for review. Therefore, we are terminating this review of the antidumping duty order in stainless steel plate in coils from South Africa.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act and section 19 CFR 351.213 (d)(1) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: August 7, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 473-1433-01

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Jan Straley, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology, University of Southeast Alaska, 1332 Seward Avenue, Sitka, Alaska 99835-9498, has requested an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 473-1433-01.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before September 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment **in the following office(s):**

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, 4th Floor, Juneau, Alaska 99801, (907/586-7221).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 301/713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski or Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 473-1433-00, issued on December 12, 1997 (62 FR 67052) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of

Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 473-1433-00 authorizes the applicant to conduct photo-identification research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in Alaskan waters. The objective of the proposed research is to develop long-term sighting histories of individual humpback whales to assess stock structure, life history parameters, feeding behaviors, social behaviors of feeding populations, and population estimates. During the course of research, killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and fin whales (*B. physalus*) may also be opportunistically photo-identified. The authority of this permit expires on November 30, 2002.

The permit holder is now requesting authorization to photo-id (100 annual takes) and critter cam tag (25 annual takes) sperm whales (*Physeter catodon*) in Alaskan waters.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 731-1509-01

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.