

the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (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 (April, 1999).

Background

On August 1, 2000, the Department received a request from General Development Corporation and its subsidiary Printing Developments, Inc. (PDI) for a changed circumstance review and an intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty (AD) order with respect to specific stainless steel lithographic sheet. The Department received a letter on August 15, 2000, from petitioners Allegheny Ludlum, AK Steel Corporation (formerly Armco, Inc.), J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., North American Stainless, the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, the Butler-Armco Independent Union, and the Zanesville Armco Independent Union, expressing no opposition to the request of General Development Corporation and its subsidiary PDI for revocation, in part, of the order pursuant to a changed circumstances review with respect to the subject merchandise defined in the Scope of the Review section below. Petitioners confirm that they have no objection to the retroactive application of the exclusion to the entries made from the date of the preliminary determination in the antidumping investigation, January 4, 1999, forward.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.222 (g)(1)(i) we preliminarily determined that petitioners' affirmative statement of no interest constituted changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review and partial revocation of the order. Consequently, on September 13, 2000, the Department published an initiation of a changed circumstances review and preliminary results of review with an intent to revoke the order in part (65 FR 55221).

The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under subheading 7220.20.70 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Scope of Changed Circumstance Review

The products covered by this exclusion request and changed circumstances review are certain stainless steel lithographic sheet. This sheet is made of 304-grade stainless

steel and must satisfy each of the following fifteen specifications. The sheet must (1) Have an ultimate tensile strength of minimum 75 KSI; (2) a yield strength of minimum 30 KSI; (3) a minimum elongation of 40 percent; (4) a coil weight of 4000–6000 lbs.; (5) a width tolerance of -0/+0.0625 inch; and (6) a gauge tolerance of +/-0.001 inch. With regard to flatness, (7) the wave height and wave length dimensions must correspond to both edge wave and center buckle conditions; (8) the maximum wave height shall not exceed 0.75 percent of the wave length or 3 mm (0.118 inch), whichever is less; and (9) the wave length shall not be less than 100 mm (3.937 inch). With regard to the surface, (10) the surface roughness must be RMS (RA) 4–8; (11) the surface must be degreased and no oil will be applied during the slitting operation; (12) the surface finish shall be free from all visual cosmetic surface variations or stains in spot or streak form that affect the performance of the material; (13) no annealing border is acceptable; (14) the surface finish shall be free from all defects in raised or depression nature (e.g., scratches, gouges, pimples, dimples, etc.) exceeding 15 microns in size and with regard to dimensions; and (15) the thickness will be .0145+/-0.001 and the widths will be either 38", 38.25", or 43.5" and the thickness for 39" material will be .0118 +/-0.001 inches.

Comments

In the preliminary results, we provided parties the opportunity to comment (65 FR 55221). We did not receive any comments from the interested parties.

Final Results of Review and Partial Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order

The affirmative statement of no interest by petitioners concerning the stainless steel lithographic sheet and the fact that no interested parties objected to or otherwise commented on our preliminary results of review, constitute changed circumstances sufficient to warrant partial revocation of the order. Therefore, the Department is partially revoking the order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils with respect to the product described above, in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i).

The Department will instruct the Customs Service (Customs) to proceed with liquidation, without regard to antidumping duties, of any unliquidated entries of stainless steel lithographic sheet, as specifically described in the

"Scope of Changed Circumstance Review" section above, and entered, or withdrawn from the warehouse, for consumption on or after January 4, 1999. The Department will further instruct Customs to refund with interest any estimated duties collected with respect to unliquidated entries of stainless steel lithographic sheets entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this changed circumstances review, in accordance with section 778 of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4).

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protection orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Failure to timely notify the Department in writing of the return/destruction of APO material is a sanctionable violation.

This changed circumstances review, partial revocation of the antidumping duty order, and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and sections 351.216, 351.221(c)(3), and 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–588–845]

Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstance Antidumping Duty Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstance antidumping duty review, and intent to revoke order in part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 2000.

SUMMARY: On August 17, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("Department") received a request on behalf of NIPPON Metalworking U.S.A., ("NIPPON") for a changed circumstance antidumping duty ("AD") review and to revoke in part the AD order with respect

to certain nickel-clad stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan. The Department received a letter on September 6, 2000, from Allegheny Ludlum, AK Steel (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, ("petitioners") indicating that they do not oppose NIPPON's request for revocation in part of the order pursuant to a changed circumstance review with respect to the subject merchandise defined in the Scope of the Review section below. Based on this expression of no interest we are initiating a changed circumstance review and preliminarily determine that the AD order should be revoked in part with respect to that product.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alex Villanueva or James C. Doyle, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-6412 and (202) 482-0159, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("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 (April 1999).

Background

On July 27, 1999, the Department published the Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan (64 FR 40565).

On August 17, 2000, NIPPON requested revocation in part of the antidumping order pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act and section 351.216(b) of the Department's regulations with respect to specific stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan, as described below. NIPPON further requested that revocation be effective for all unliquidated entries on or after the date of publication of the Department's January 4, 1999 preliminary less than fair value ("LTFV") determination (64

FR 108). On September 6, 2000, petitioners indicated that they do not oppose this request for revocation in part, as noted above. Petitioners have no objection to the retroactive application of this exclusion from January 4, 1999, the date of the preliminary determination, forward.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this exclusion request is nickel-clad stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan. This nickel clad stainless steel sheet must satisfy each of the following specifications. The sheet must: (1) Have a maximum coil weight of 1000 pounds; (2) with a coil interior diameter of 458 mm and an outside diameter of 508; (3) with a thickness of .33 mm and a width of 699.4 mm; (4) fabricated in three layers with a middle layer of grade 316L or UNS 531603 sheet and strip sandwiched between the two layers of nickel cladding, using a roll bonding process to apply the nickel coating to each side of the stainless steel, each nickel coating being not less than 99 percent nickel and a minimum .038 mm in thickness. The resultant nickel-clad stainless steel sheet and strip also must meet the following additional chemical composition requirement (by weight): The first layer weight is 14%, specification Ni201 or N02201, Carbon 0.009, Sulfur 0.001, Nickel 99.97, Molybdenum 0.001, Iron 0.01, Copper 0.001 for a combined total of 99.992. The second layer weight is 72%, specification 316L or UNS 531603, Carbon .02, Silicon 0.87, Manganese 1.07, Phosphorus 0.033, Sulfur 0.001, Nickel 12.08, Chromium 17.81, Molybdenum 2.26, Iron 65.856 for a combined total of 100. The third layer is 14%, specification Ni201 or N02201, Carbon 0.01, Sulfur 0.001, Nickel 99.97, Molybdenum 0.001, Iron 0.01, Copper 0.001 for a combined total of 99.993. The weight average weight is 100%. The following is the weighted average: Carbon 0.01706, silicon 0.6264, Manganese 0.7704, Phosphorus 0.02376, Sulfur 0.001, Nickel 36.6892, Chromium 12.8232, Molybdenum 1.62748, Iron 47.41912, and Copper is 0.00028. The above-described material sold as grade 316L and manufactured in accordance with UNS specification 531603. This material is classified at subheading 7219.90.00.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstance AD Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

At the request of NIPPON, and in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 751(d)(1) of the Act and section 351.216

of the Department's regulations, the Department is initiating a changed circumstance review of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan to determine whether partial revocation of the antidumping order is warranted with respect to the stainless steel sheet and strip subject to this request. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and section 351.222(g)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations provide that the Department may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part. In addition, in the event the Department determines that expedited action is warranted, section 351.221(c)(3)(ii) of the regulations permits the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

In accordance with section 751(b) of the Act, and sections 351.222(g)(1)(i) and 351.221(c)(3) of the Department's regulations, we are initiating this changed circumstance review and have determined that expedited action is warranted. Our decision to expedite this review stems from the domestic industry's lack of interest in applying the antidumping order to the specific stainless steel sheet and strip covered by this request. Additionally, in accordance with section 351.216(c) we find that the petitioners' affirmative statement of no interest constitutes good cause for the conduct of this review.

Based on the expression of no interest by petitioners and absent any objection by any other domestic interested parties, we have preliminarily determined that substantially all of the domestic producers of the like product have no interest in continued application of the AD order to the certain nickel clad stainless steel sheet and strip subject to this request. Therefore, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke, in part, the AD order as it relates to imports of the merchandise described above from Japan.

Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 14 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 21 days after the date of publication. The Department will issue the final results of this changed circumstance review, which will include the results of its analysis raised in any such written comments, no later than 270 days after the date on which

this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary determination. See section 351.216(e) of the Department's regulations.

If final revocation occurs, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to end the suspension of liquidation for the merchandise covered by the revocation effective on or after January 4, 1999, the date of publication of the Department's preliminary LTFV determination (64 FR 108) and to release any cash deposit or bond. See section 351.222(g)(4) of the Department's regulations. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on all subject merchandise will continue unless and until it is modified pursuant to the final results of this changed circumstance review.

This initiation of review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221, and 351.222.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Postponement of Final Antidumping Duty Determinations: Steel Wire Rope From Malaysia and the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Kemp or Tracy Levstik, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 5, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1276 and (202) 482-2815, respectively.

Postponement of Final Determinations

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is postponing the final determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of steel wire rope from Malaysia and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

On March 17, 2000, the Department initiated antidumping investigations of steel wire rope from India, Malaysia, the

PRC, and Thailand.¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Steel Wire Rope from India, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, and Thailand*, 65 FR 16173 (March 27, 2000). On September 25, 2000, we issued the preliminary determinations of these investigations. See *Notice of Preliminary Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Steel Wire Rope from India and the People's Republic of China; Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value: Steel Wire Rope from Malaysia*, 65 FR 58736 (October 2, 2000). The notice stated that the Department would issue its final determinations for the Malaysian and PRC cases no later than 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations. The notice also stated that we extended the deadline for issuance of the final determination in the Indian case to no later than 135 days after the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

On September 27, 2000, the Committee of Domestic Steel Wire Rope and Specialty Cable Manufacturers (the petitioners) requested that the Department postpone the issuance of the final determination in the investigation of steel wire rope from Malaysia. On October 4, 2000, Fasten Group Import and Export Co., Ltd. (Fasten), a respondent in the PRC case, accounting for a significant proportion of exports of the merchandise subject to the investigation, requested that the Department postpone the issuance of the final determination in the investigation of steel wire rope from the PRC. Fasten also requested an extension to the imposition of provisional measures.² The petitioners' and Fasten's requests for postponement were timely, and the Department finds no compelling reason to deny them.

Therefore, in accordance with section 735(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, we are postponing the deadline for issuing these determinations until February 14, 2001, which is 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determinations.

¹ The International Trade Commission issued a negative preliminary determination in the case involving Thailand, on April 20, 2000. Therefore, that case was terminated.

² It was unnecessary to extend the provisional measures for the Malaysian case because Kiswire received a *de minimis* margin at the preliminary determination, and, therefore, liquidation has not been suspended for subject merchandise from Malaysia.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe From Italy; Preliminary Results of Sunset Review of Countervailing Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Full Sunset Review: Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe from Italy.

SUMMARY: On July 3, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the countervailing duty order on seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line and pressure pipe ("seamless pipe") from Italy (65 FR 41053) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of substantive responses filed by domestic and respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct a full review. As a result of this review, the Department preliminarily finds that revocation of the countervailing duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of subsidies at the levels indicated in the Preliminary Results of Review section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn B. McCormick or James Maeder, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1930 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statute and Regulations

This review is being conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act. The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Countervailing and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998).