

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-533-810]

Stainless Steel Bar From India: Final Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty new shipper review: Stainless steel bar from India.

SUMMARY: On March 6, 2001, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of the new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter, Snowdrop Trading Pvt. Ltd. and sales of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period February 1 through September 30, 2000. We received no comments on the preliminary results of review. The final results do not differ from the preliminary results of review, in which we found that the respondent did not make sales in the United States at prices below normal value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 18, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Blanche Ziv, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

Background

On March 6, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of its new shipper review of stainless steel bar from India. See *Preliminary Results of the New Shipper Review*, 66 FR 13496 (March 6, 2001). We invited parties to comment on our preliminary results of review. We received no comments. The Department has now completed the new shipper review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of stainless steel bar ("SSB"). SSB means articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons, or other convex polygons. SSB includes cold-finished SSBs that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (*i.e.*, cut length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (*i.e.*, cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

The SSB subject to these orders is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.10.0005, 7222.10.0050, 7222.20.0005, 7222.20.0045, 7222.20.0075, and 7222.30.0000 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Final Results of the Review

We received no comments from interested parties on our preliminary results. In addition, we have determined that no changes to our analysis are warranted for purposes of these final results. The weighted-average dumping margin for Snowdrop for the period February 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, is as follows:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Margin (percent)
Snowdrop Trading Pvt. Ltd. ("Snowdrop")	0.00

Because the weighted-average dumping margin is zero, we will instruct the Customs Service to liquidate entries made during this review period without regard to antidumping duties for the

subject merchandise that Snowdrop exported.

Cash-Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements shall be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of stainless steel bar from India, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash-deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate indicated above; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed companies, 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 or any previous review or the original less-than-fair-value investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash-deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash-deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 12.45 percent, the all-others rate.

These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing these final results in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: May 14, 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Request for Proposals for FY 2001—NOAA Educational Partnership Program With Minority Serving Institutions: Environmental Entrepreneurship Program

AGENCY: Office of Finance and Administration (OFA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Finance and Administration (OFA) in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Department of Commerce, is soliciting proposals for the NOAA Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions (EPP/MSI) Environmental Entrepreneurship Program. The goal of the Program is to strengthen the capacity of Minority Serving Institutions to foster student careers in environmental fields. The Program will provide funds on a competitive basis to eligible minority serving institutions to support education, training, research, and outreach in environmental fields related to NOAA's mission. The term "environmental fields" is defined as those environmental, natural and social sciences and engineering, professional and technical fields that are relevant to NOAA's mission which is to "describe and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and manage wisely the Nation's coastal and marine resources to ensure sustainable economic opportunities."

Eligible Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) include educational institutions identified by the Department of Education as (i) Historically Black Colleges and Universities, (ii) Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and (iii) Tribal Colleges and Universities (see Section III. Eligibility.)

In Fiscal Year 2001, NOAA expects to make available a total of \$3,300,000 to support the EPP/MSI Environmental Entrepreneurship Program. The funds

will be allocated competitively to support projects at eligible minority serving institutions, of up to three years duration, in the following two categories:

(1) Program Development and Enhancement Grants—approximately six grants, each up to \$250,000 total for up to three years. These grants will support the development of effective academic education, training, and research programs, at eligible MSIs, focused on issues directly related to NOAA's environmental management, assessment, and prediction mission. The goal is to enhance education, training, and research opportunities that will strengthen developing environmental programs at MSIs and facilitate the entry of MSI students into careers in environmental fields.

(2) Environmental Restoration Demonstration Projects—approximately six grants, each up to \$300,000 total for up to three years. These grants will support the engagement of MSI faculties and students in demonstration projects that integrate education and training opportunities with outreach and/or research activities focused on the application of sound methods and technologies to environmental restoration and ecosystem protection.

While partnerships, particularly with NOAA programs and facilities, are encouraged where appropriate, there is no requirement for a partner or a requirement for the applicant to provide matching funds. NOAA retains the right to allocate funds differently than indicated above if the number of proposals received is not balanced across these two categories, or the proposal quality does not warrant the stated allocation. In such cases, funds may be shifted between the two grant categories.

DATES: A Letter of Intent is requested by June 18, 2001. Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on July 20, 2001. (See Section VI. Instructions for Application: Timetable)

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be submitted to: Dr. Francis Schuler, EPP/MSI Environmental Entrepreneurship Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Room 11837, SSMC3 (R/SG), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Francis Schuler, EPP/MSI Environmental Entrepreneurship Program, NOAA, Room 11837 SSMC3 (R/SG), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Tel. (301) 713-2445 ext. 158; e-mail: msi@oar.noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Program Authority

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1540, 49 U.S.C. 44720, 33 U.S.C. 883d, 33 U.S.C. 1442, 16 U.S.C. 1854(e), 16 U.S.C. 661, 16 U.S.C. 753(a), 16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., 16 U.S.C. 1431, 33 U.S.C. 883a and Executive Orders 12876, 12900 and 13021. Catalog of Federal Assistance Number: 11.481—Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions.

II. Program Description

Background

To meet its principal goals of environmental stewardship, assessment, and prediction, NOAA provides science, technology, and services to describe and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and manage wisely the Nation's coastal and marine resources to ensure sustainable economic opportunities. NOAA has made a commitment to expand and strengthen its partnership with MSIs. In accordance with NOAA's overall mission, and with the policy of NOAA and the U.S. Department of Commerce to increase education and training of underrepresented minorities in NOAA-related sciences at MSIs, the purposes of the NOAA EPP/MSI Environmental Entrepreneurship Program are:

1. To provide opportunities for undergraduate MSI students to gain exposure to the fields related to NOAA's mission and to increase the number of underrepresented minority students pursuing professional environmental-related career fields.

2. To build the capacity of educational programs in environmental fields at MSIs in order to facilitate entrance of well-prepared students into environmental career fields or advanced academic programs.

3. To accelerate the development of strong partnerships, where appropriate, with NOAA programs and facilities or with other universities and research institutions, industry, government agencies, and organizations (public, nonprofit, or private) that strengthen cooperative education and training, student experiential internships, and faculty development opportunities in environmental fields.

4. To design and encourage the structuring and implementation of curricula and training opportunities that facilitate the integration of environmental knowledge with entrepreneurship for students interested in pursuing careers in the field of environmental restoration.

Rationale

The recruitment of minorities, particularly underrepresented