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**Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Germany; Termination of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of termination of countervailing duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is terminating the administrative review of the countervailing duty order covering certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Germany initiated on September 8, 1994.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 24, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne D'Alauro or Richard Herring, Office of Countervailing Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On August 31, 1994, AG der Dillinger Huttenwerke (Dillinger), a German manufacturer and exporter of cut-to-length carbon steel plate, and its parent company, DHS-Dillinger Hutte Saarstahl AG (DHS), requested an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Germany for the period December 7, 1992, through December 31, 1993. No other interested party requested a review. On September 8, 1994, the Department published a notice initiating the administrative review for that period (59 FR 46391). On November 15, 1994, Dillinger and DHS submitted a timely withdrawal of their request for review. As a result, pursuant to 19 CFR § 355.22(a)(3), the Department is terminating the review.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR § 355.22(a)(3).

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.*

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**Certain Iron-Metal Castings From India Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration/Import Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain iron-metal castings from India for the period January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990. We preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 10.16 percent *ad valorem* for all manufacturers and exporters in India of certain iron-metal castings, except for certain firms which have significantly different aggregate benefits. A complete listing of the net subsidies for these firms can be found in the "Preliminary Results of Review" section of this notice. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 24, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Copyak or Lorenza Olivas, Office of Countervailing Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On October 2, 1991, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" (56 FR 49878) of the countervailing duty order on certain iron-metal castings from India (45 FR 68650; October 16, 1980). On October 23, 1991, the Municipal Castings Fair Trade Council and individually-named members, all of which are interested parties, requested an administrative review of the order. In addition, various respondent companies submitted timely requests for review. We initiated the review, covering the period January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990, on November 22, 1991 (56 FR 58878). The Department is now conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act).

**Scope of Review**

Imports covered by this review are shipments of Indian manhole covers and frames, clean-out covers and frames, and catch basin grates and

frames. These articles are commonly called municipal or public works castings and are used for access or drainage for public utility, water, and sanitary systems. During the review period, such merchandise was classifiable under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) item numbers 7325.10.0010 and 7325.10.0050. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

The review period is January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990. This review involves 14 producers/exporters and 14 programs.

*Calculation Methodology for Assessment and Deposit Purposes* Pursuant to *Ceramica Regiomontana, S.A. v. United States*, 853 F. Supp. 431 (CIT 1994), Commerce is required to calculate a country-wide CVD rate, *i.e.*, the all-other rate, by "weight averaging the benefits received by all companies by their proportion of exports to the United States, inclusive of zero rate firms and *de minimis* firms." Therefore, we first calculated a subsidy rate for each company subject to the administrative review. We then weight-averaged the rate received by each company using as the weight its share of total Indian exports to the United States of subject merchandise. We then summed the individual companies' weight-averaged rates to determine the subsidy rate from all programs benefitting exports of subject merchandise to the United States.

Since the country-wide rate calculated using this methodology was above *de minimis*, as defined by 19 CFR § 355.7 (1993), we proceeded to the next step and examined the net subsidy rate calculated for each company to determine whether individual company rates differed significantly from the weighted-average country-wide rate, pursuant to 19 CFR § 355.22(d)(3). Three companies received significantly different net subsidy rates during the review period pursuant to 19 CFR § 355.22(d)(3). These companies are treated separately for assessment and cash deposit purposes. All other companies are assigned the country-wide rate.

**Analysis of Programs**

*1. Pre-Shipment Export Financing*

The Reserve Bank of India, through commercial banks, provides pre-shipment financing, or "packing credit," to exporters. With these pre-shipment loans, exporters may purchase raw materials and packing materials based on presentation of a confirmed order or