Notices

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Committee of Nine Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972, (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770–776), the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service announces the following meeting:

Name: Committee of Nine.
Date: December 5, 1995.
Time: 1:00 p.m., EST.
Place: USDA, CSREES, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3851, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250.
Type of Meeting: Conference Call. Open to the public. Persons may participate in the meeting as time and space permit.
Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.
Purpose: To evaluate and recommend proposals for cooperative research on problems that concern agriculture in two or more States, and to make recommendations for allocation of regional research funds more States, and to make recommendations for cooperative research on problems that concern agriculture in two or more States, and to make recommendations for allocation of regional research funds appropriated by Congress under the Hatch Act for research at the State Agriculture Experiment Stations.
Contact person for Agenda and more information: Dr. George E. Cooper, Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3851, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: 202–720–4088.
Done at Washington, D.C. this 31st day of October 1995.
Colleen Hefferan,
Acting Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[DOCKET 72–95]

Foreign-Trade Zone 21, Charleston, South Carolina Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA), grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 21, Charleston South Carolina, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Charleston, South Carolina area, within the Charleston Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on November 7, 1995.

FTZ 21 was approved on June 12, 1975 (Board Order 106, 40 FR 25613, 6/17/75) and expanded on February 28, 1995 (Board Order 734, 60 FR 12735, 3/8/95). The zone project includes 6 general-purpose sites in the Charleston, South Carolina area: Site 1 (134 acres)—Tri-County Industrial Park, Summerville; Site 2 (57 acres)—Cainhoy Industrial Park, Wando; Site 3 (160 acres)—Crawford Corporate Center, Goose Creek; Site 4 (998 acres)—Low Country Regional Industrial Park, Early Branch; Site 5 (2,017 acres)—SCSPA’s terminal complex, Charleston; Site 6 (19 acres)—Meadow Street Business Park, Loris; and, Temporary Site (Site 8) (23 acres; expires 12/31/97)—Wando Park, Mount Pleasant. An application is currently pending with the Board for an additional site (proposed Site 7) in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (Docket No. 44–95, filed 8/15/95).

The applicant is now requesting authority to further expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site (proposed Site 9–548 acres) at the 993-acre Charleston Business Park on Clements Ferry Road, Charleston. The property is owned by Jack Primus Partners, L.P.

No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 22, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to February 5, 1996). A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce District Office, 81 Mary Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29402
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230


Dennis Puccinelli,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Titanium Sponge From Ukraine; Preliminary Result of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from petitioners, Oregon Metallurgical Corporation (OREMET) and Titanium Metals Corporation (TIMET), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping finding on titanium sponge from Ukraine. This review covers sales of the subject merchandise to the United States from Ukraine during the period from August 1, 1992, through July 31, 1993. The review indicates that no shipments of the subject merchandise entered the commerce of the United States for
consumption during the period of review. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 22, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
David Genovese or Zev Primor, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–5254.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On August 28, 1968, the Department of the Treasury published an antidumping finding on titanium sponge from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)(33 FR 12138). In December 1991, the USSR divided into 15 independent states. To conform to these changes, the Department changed the original antidumping finding into 15 findings applicable to the Baltic states and the former Republics of the Soviet Union (57 FR 36070, August 12, 1992).

On August 3, 1993, the Department published a notice of “Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review” (58 FR 41239) of the antidumping finding on titanium sponge from Ukraine. Both OREMET and TIMET requested that an administrative review be conducted. The Department initiated the review on September 30, 1993 (58 FR 51053), covering the period August 1, 1992, through July 31, 1993. The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

**Scope of the Review**

The merchandise covered by this review is all imports of titanium sponge from Ukraine. Titanium sponge is chiefly used for aerospace vehicles, specifically in the construction of compressor blades and wheels, stator blades, rotors, and other parts in aircraft gas turbine engines.

Imports of titanium sponge are currently classifiable under the harmonized tariff schedule (HTS) item number 8108.10.50.10. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes; our written description of the scope of this finding is dispositive.

This review covers sales and entries by Ukrainian exporters, producers, sellers, and resellers of the subject merchandise during the period August 1, 1992, through July 31, 1993.

**Preliminary Results of Review**

Information maintained by the U.S. Customs Service established that titanium sponge from Ukraine for the period of review was only entered under temporary importation bond (TIB) procedures. See U.S. Note 1 of subchapter XIII, Chapter 98, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (1994). Merchandise entered under TIB is not entered for consumption, and the AD/CVD laws restrict the assessment of duties and the collection of cash deposits to merchandise that is “entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption.” Titanium Metals Corp. v. United States, Slip Op. 95–153 (CIT, Aug. 30, 1995).

Because TIB entries are not entries for consumption, they cannot be considered merchandise subject to the antidumping duty order and included within a determination resulting from a 751(a) administrative review. The statute provides that a determination in an administrative review must be based on the “United States price of each entry of merchandise subject to the antidumping duty order and included within that determination.” Section 751(a)(2)(A). TIB entries do not satisfy this standard for inclusion in a review. Moreover, a review of TIB entries cannot serve as the “basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of the merchandise included within the determination and for deposits of estimated duties,” which is the purpose of an administrative review. Section 751(a)(2) of the Act. For these reasons, we have determined that there is no basis for conducting an administrative review of the Ukrainian respondent’s TIB entries.

Accordingly, we have preliminarily determined to maintain the cash deposit rate at 83.96 percent, which is the rate established in the final results of the last review of the antidumping finding on titanium sponge from the USSR (52 FR 9323, March 24, 1987).

Interested parties may request disclosure within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice and may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs and/or written comments from interested parties may be submitted not later than 30 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to the issues raised in the case briefs and comments, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of any such written comments or hearing.

Furthermore, the cash deposit rate for entries of titanium sponge from Ukraine will be that rate established in the final results of this administrative review. This rate will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise, 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. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.


Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary, for Import Administration.

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**Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Thailand; Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Thailand. We preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 0.22 percent ad valorem for all companies for the period January 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992. In accordance with 19 CFR 355.7, any net subsidy less than 0.5 percent ad valorem is de minimis. If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate, without regard to countervailing duties, all shipments of the subject merchandise from Thailand entered on or after January 1, 1992, and on or before December 31, 1992. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.