Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Mexico; Termination of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Termination of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On September 15, 1995 (60 FR 47930), in response to a request from Altos Hornos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (AHMSA), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico. In accordance with 19 CFR 355.22(a)(3)(1994), the Department is now terminating this review because AHMSA has withdrawn its request for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorenza Olivas or Kelly Parkhill, 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, 1995, the Department received a request for an administrative review of this countervailing duty order from AHMSA, a Mexican exporter of the subject merchandise, for the period January 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994. No other interested party requested a review of the countervailing duty order. On September 15, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register (60 FR 47930) a notice of "Initiation of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review" initiating the administrative review of AHMSA for that period. On December 4, 1995, AHMSA withdrew its request for review.

Section 355.22(a)(3) 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 In this case, AHMSA has withdrawn its request for review within the 90-day period. No other interested party requested a review, and we have received no submissions regarding AHMSA's withdrawal of its request for review. Therefore, we are terminating the review of the countervailing duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico.

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

Dated: January 16, 1996.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.

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Leather Wearing Apparel From Mexico; Amended Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review in Accordance With Decision on Remand

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

ACTION: Notice of Amended Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On October 20, 1995, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Panel ("Panel") affirmed the Department of Commerce's ("the Department") remand results in Leather Wearing Apparel from Mexico, Secretariat File No. USA–94–1904–02 (July 19, 1995). On November 7, 1995, the NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, provided a Notice of Final Panel Action in this proceeding. As a result, the Department is amending the final results of the 1992 administrative review of the countervailing duty order on leather wearing apparel from Mexico for purposes of the entries subject to the Panel's review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Albright or Cameron Cardozo, 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 25, 1994 (59 FR 43815), the Department published the final results of its 1992 administrative review of the countervailing duty order on leather wearing apparel from Mexico, covering the period January 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992. These results were challenged by Maquiladora Pieles Pitic (Pieles Pitic) and Finapiel de Mexico (Finapiel), exporters of the subject merchandise, before a Panel pursuant to Article 1904 of the NAFTA.

The Panel issued its decision on July 19, 1995, and therein remanded the Department to reopen the 1992 administrative review. Leather Wearing Apparel from Mexico, Secretariat File No. USA–94–1904–02. In particular, the Panel directed the Department to conduct a review of the 1992 entries of Pieles Pitic and Finapiel. Pursuant to the remand order, the Department submitted to the Panel its final results of redetermination on September 19, 1995, finding that Pieles Pitic and Finapiel did not receive any benefits during 1992 from the programs examined by the Department.

On October 20, 1995, the Panel affirmed the Department's remand results. Therefore, the Department is amending the final results of the 1992 administrative review to reflect a subsidy rate of zero for Pieles Pitic and Finapiel, as determined by the Department in its final remand results.

Amended Final Results of Review

The Department will instruct the Customs Service to liquidate without regard to countervailing duties all shipments of leather wearing apparel from Mexico exported by Pieles Pitic or Finapiel on or after January 1, 1992 and on or before December 31, 1992.

Pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, the Department revoked this order effective January 1, 1995, and has refunded, with interest, the estimated countervailing duties collected since that date. See Revocation of Countervailing Duty Orders (60 FR 40568; August 9, 1995). Therefore, the suspension of liquidation has been lifted, and there is no cash deposit requirement, on all shipments of the subject merchandise exported on or after January 1, 1995.

This amended notice of final results is published in accordance with 19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and 19 CFR § 355.22.