SUMMARY: In response to a request from the respondent, IPSCO Inc. (IPSCO), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Canada. We initiated the review on July 14, 1995 (60 FR 36260).

Due to the federal government shutdown and the necessity for verification, the Department extended the time limits for the deadlines for the preliminary and final results of review. See Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews; Time Limits, 61 FR 9676 (March 11, 1996).

The Department is now conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Intent To Revoke

In its submission of June 21, 1995, IPSCO requested, pursuant to 19 CFR 353.25(b), revocation of the order with respect to its sales of OCTG. In accordance with 19 CFR 353.25(b), IPSCO submitted: (1) a certification that it sold the subject merchandise at not less than normal value (NV) for a period of at least three consecutive years and is not likely to sell the subject merchandise at less than NV in the future. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 1996.

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, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-5253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

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 Rounds Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department’s regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on OCTG from Canada on June 16, 1986 (51 FR 21782) and an amended order on August 19, 1986 (51 FR 29579). The Department published a notice of “Opportunity To Request an Administrative Review” of the antidumping duty order for the 1994/1995 reviews period on June 6, 1995 (60 FR 29821). On June 21, 1995, IPSCO requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Canada. We initiated the review on July 14, 1995 (60 FR 36260).
in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG; a minimum of 40,000 PSI yield strength and a minimum 60,000 PSI tensile strength; and if with seams, must be electric resistance welded. Furthermore, imports covered by this review include OCTG with non-standard size wall thickness greater than the minimum identified for a given outer diameter as published in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG, with surface scabs or slivers, irregularly cut ends, ID or OD weld flash, or open seams; OCTG may be bent, flattened or oval, and may lack certification because the pipe has not been mechanically tested or has failed those tests.

This merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) item numbers 7304.20, 7305.20, and 7306.20. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Verification

In accordance with section 353.25(c)(2)(ii) of the Department’s regulations, we verified information provided by IPSCO using standard verification procedures, including the examination of relevant sales and financial records, and selection of original documentation containing relevant information. Our verification results are outlined in the public version of the verification report.

United States Price

We used export price (EP) as the basis for U.S. price (USP), as defined in section 772(a) of the Act. IPSCO reported that EP was based on the delivered price to unaffiliated purchasers in the United States. We made deductions for freight from the plant to the customer, and U.S. duty and brokerage charges, in accordance with section 772(c)(2)(A) of the Act, because these expenses were incident to bringing the subject merchandise from the original place of shipment in the exporting country to the place of delivery in the United States. We also made a deduction for early payment discounts. No other adjustments to the EP were claimed or allowed.

Normal Value

We based NV on the price which the foreign like product is first sold for consumption in the exporting country, in the usual commercial quantities and in the ordinary course of trade, and to the extent practicable, at the same level of trade as the export price, as defined by section 773(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Act. The NV price was reported on a Goods and Services Tax-exclusive basis. We reduced NV for home market credit expense, in accordance with section 773(a)(6)(C)(iiii), due to differences in circumstances of sale. We also reduced NV by packing and freight costs incurred in the home market, in accordance with sections 773(a)(6)(B)(i) and 773(a)(6)(B)(iii), respectively. In addition, we increased NV for U.S. packing costs and U.S. credit expenses, in accordance with sections 773(a)(6)(A) and 773(a)(6)(C)(iii) of the Act, respectively. No other adjustments were claimed or allowed.

Preliminary Results

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that dumping margins exist for IPSCO for the period June 1, 1994, through May 31, 1995.

Parties to this proceeding may request disclosure within five days of publication of this notice and any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttal written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of the final results of the administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at the hearing, within 120 days from the issuance of these preliminary results.

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Individual differences between USP and NV may vary from the percentages stated above. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to Customs. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review and for future deposits of estimated duties.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of OCTG from Canada 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: (1) The cash deposit rate for IPSCO will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit will continue to be the most recent rate published in the final determination or final results for which the manufacturer or exporter received a company-specific rate; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in the final results of this review, or the LTFV investigation; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review, the cash deposit rate will be 16.65 percent, the “all-others” rate established in the LTFV investigation.

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

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26(b) 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 administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 12, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Shark Operations Team; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Shark Operations Team (OT) will hold a meeting on August 27–28, 1996, at NMFS in Silver Spring, MD.

DATES: The meeting will begin on August 27, 1996 at 1 p.m. and will