

did not respond to our questionnaire (Jiangsu), and for all other PRC exporters, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC rate stated above; (3) for non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter.

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

#### Notification of Interested Parties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 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 a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d)(1). Timely written notification of the 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.

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

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### [A-351-806]

#### Silicon Metal From Brazil; Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limits for its preliminary results in the

administrative review of the antidumping order on silicon metal from Brazil. The review covers the period July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 7, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Braier or James Doyle, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3818.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results to May 14, 1997, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). (See Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce).

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the URAA (19 USC 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: February 5, 1997.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.*

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#### [A-533-810]

#### Stainless Steel Bar From India: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review: Stainless steel bar from India.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India in response to a request by one manufacturer/exporter, Isibars Limited ("Isibars"). This review covers sales of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period August 4, 1994 through January 31, 1996.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have not been made below normal value ("NV"). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review,

we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate subject entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 7, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Yeske or Zak Smith, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-0189 or (202) 482-1279, respectively.

#### Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 Round Agreements Act. 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).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 29, 1996, the Department received a request from Isibars to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. The Department published in the Federal Register, on March 19, 1996, a notice of initiation of an administrative review of Isibars covering the period August 4, 1994 through January 31, 1996 (61 FR 11184). In a notice published on August 20, 1996, the Department extended the time limit for the preliminary results of the review until February 28, 1997 (61 FR 43042). The Department is now conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act and section 353.22 of its interim regulations.

##### Scope of 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 these orders is dispositive.

#### Period of Review

This review covers one manufacturer/exporter, Isibars, and the period August 4, 1994 through January 1, 1996.

#### Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we verified information provided by the respondent by using standard verification procedures, including on-site inspection of the respondent's facilities, the examination of appropriate 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

In calculating United States Price ("USP"), we used export price ("EP"), in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act, because the subject merchandise was sold directly to the first unaffiliated purchaser in the United States prior to importation into the United States and constructed export price was not otherwise indicated.

We calculated EP based on the price from Isibars to an unaffiliated customer prior to importation into the United States. In accordance with section 772(c)(2) of the Act, we made deductions for foreign inland freight,

international freight, and containerization/handling charges.

Isibars claimed an upward adjustment to USP for a "duty drawback" scheme. Under this scheme the Indian government grants import duty credits equal to a certain percentage of the FOB value of SSB exports. The amount of the credit is intended to reflect the amount of duties that would have been paid on the input product, wire rod, had the input actually been imported. However, there is no requirement that Isibars actually import the input product, and in fact, Isibars did not import wire rod during the POR. The import credits can be used to offset import duties on any products imported by Isibars. It is the Department's practice to allow an upward adjustment to USP for duty drawback only if there is a reasonable link between the duties imposed and those rebated. In this case, there is no such link. Therefore, we have not made the adjustment.

#### Normal Value

In order to determine whether there was a sufficient volume of sales in the home market to serve as a viable basis for calculating NV, we compared respondent's volume of home market sales of the foreign like product to the volume of U.S. sales of the subject merchandise, in accordance with section 773(a) of the Act. Because the aggregate volume of home market sales of the foreign like product was greater than five percent of the aggregate volume of U.S. sales of the subject merchandise, we determined that the home market provides a viable basis for calculating NV. Therefore, in accordance with section 773(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Act, we based NV on the prices at which the foreign like product was first sold for consumption in the exporting country, in the usual commercial quantities, in the ordinary course of trade and at the same level of trade as the U.S. sales. Isibars reported, and we verified, no difference in the level of trade between home market and U.S. sales; therefore, an adjustment pursuant to section 773(a)(7)(A) is unwarranted.

We compared the EPs of individual transactions, pursuant to section 777A(d)(2) of the Act, to the weighted-average price of contemporaneous sales of the foreign like product. We based NV on ex-factory prices to unaffiliated purchasers in the home market. We adjusted for differences in packing costs between the two markets. We made circumstance-of-sale adjustments for differences in credit costs and bank charges between the two markets. Isibars reported that it paid

commissions in the home market, but not the U.S. market. We have not adjusted for the home market commissions, however, because Isibars failed to report the U.S. indirect selling expenses which would be used to offset the home market commissions.

#### Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of our comparison of EP and NV, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists:

Manufacturer/exporter	Period	Margin
Isibars .....	8/4/94-1/1/96	0.00

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 34 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter.

Interested parties may submit case briefs within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 27 days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results.

Upon completion of this administrative review, the Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service. The results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise sold during the POR and covered by the determination and for future deposits of estimated duties.

The following deposit requirement will be effective upon publication of the final results of this antidumping duty 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 established in the final results of this review; (2) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, but was covered in a previous review or the original less-than-fair-value ("LTFV") investigation, 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 review, a previous review, or the original LTFV 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 and/or exporters of this merchandise, shall be 12.45 percent, the "all others" rate established in the LTFV investigation (59 FR 66915, December 28, 1994).

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

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 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 (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22(c).

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## International Trade Administration

[A-570-601]

### **Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China; Extension of Time Limit of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results in the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings (TRBs) from the People's Republic of China, covering the period

June 1, 1995, through May 31, 1996. The Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Tariff Act), as amended.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 7, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kris Campbell or Kristie Strecker, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4733.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

##### Background

On August 8, 1996, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings from the People's Republic of China, covering the period June 1, 1995, through May 31, 1996 (61 FR 41375). In our notice of initiation we stated that we intended to issue the preliminary results of this review not later than March 3, 1997.

##### Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act requires the Department to issue preliminary results within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to issue the preliminary results in 245 days, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to 365 days.

We determine that it is not practicable to issue the preliminary results of this review within 245 days because we must address complicated issues related to separate rates, valuation of factors of production, and facts available. See Memorandum from Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement to Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, March 3, 1997, on file in Room B-099 at the Department.

Accordingly, we are extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review. We intend to issue the preliminary results of this review by June 30, 1997. We will issue the final results of review within 120 days after publication of the preliminary results. This extension is in accordance

with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Richard Moreland,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement.*

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## International Trade Administration

### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Docket Number:* 96-120. *Applicant:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati, OH 45268. *Instrument:* ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model PlasmaQuad 3. *Manufacturer:* Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 61 FR 66018, December 16, 1996.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides sensitivities to 200×10<sup>6</sup> counts per second per ppm with a detection limit of 2.0 ng/L for Hg. This capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purposes and we know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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### **Penn State University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and