

procedures and to review the list of scheduled participants for the February 20, 1998, meeting. The Committee will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 1998, at the Justice Joseph A. Rattigan State Building, 50 "D" Street, Conference Room 410, Santa Rosa, California 95404. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony from community representatives, State, Federal and local officials, and other individuals on police community relations in Sonoma County.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 23, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:45 p.m. and adjourn 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at the JC Penney, Government Relations Office, Board Room, Suite 1015, 1156 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The Advisory Committee will receive updates from its subcommittees and continue planning its next project for FY 1998.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Steven Sims, 202-862-4815, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at

least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 2:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at the Clarion Townhouse, 1615 Gervais Street, Columbia SC 29201. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Bobby D. Doctor, Director of the Southern Regional Office, 404-562-7000 (TDD 404-562-7004). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 22, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption; Partially Closed Meeting

A partially closed meeting of the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption will be held February 23, 1998, 2 p.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to

policies regarding commercial encryption products.

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Administration commercial encryption policy.
4. Discussion of task force development and work plan.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A Notice of determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the Subcommittee to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 522(c)(1) was approved July 21, 1997, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

William V. Skidmore,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-810]

Certain Stainless Steel Pipe From Korea; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty changed circumstances review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request by SeAH Steel Corporation (SeAH), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting a changed circumstances review to examine whether SeAH is the successor to Pusan Steel Pipe (PSP). As a result of this review, the Department preliminarily finds that SeAH is the successor to PSP, and should be assigned the antidumping deposit rate applicable to PSP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lesley Stagliano, Elisabeth Urfer, or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 27, 1997, SeAH requested that the Department conduct a changed circumstances administrative review pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) to determine whether SeAH should properly be considered the successor firm to PSP and if, as such, SeAH should be entitled to PSP's cash deposit rate. We published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances review on June 11, 1997 (62 FR 31789) to examine whether SeAH is the successor to PSP. The Department is conducting this changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(f).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by the review are shipments of welded austenitic stainless steel pipe (WSSP) that meets the standards and specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) for the welded form of chromium-nickel pipe designated ASTM A-312. The merchandise covered by the scope of this order also includes WSSP made according to the standards of other nations which are comparable to ASTM A-312.

WSSP is produced by forming stainless steel flat-rolled products into a tubular configuration and welding along the seam. WSSP is a commodity product generally used as a conduit to transmit liquids or gases. Major applications for WSSP include, but are not limited to, digester lines, blow lines, pharmaceutical lines, petrochemical stock lines, brewery process and transport lines, general food processing lines, automotive paint lines and paper process machines. Imports of WSSP are currently classifiable under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5015, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5065, and 7306.40.5085. Although these subheadings include both pipes and tubes, the scope of this review is limited to welded austenitic stainless steel pipes. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

This changed circumstances administrative review covers SeAH and any parties affiliated with SeAH.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we verified information provided by SeAH using standard verification procedures, including on-site inspection of the manufacturer's facilities, the examination of relevant financial records, and the selection of original documentation containing relevant information. Our verification results are outlined in the public version of the verification report.

Successorship

According to SeAH, PSP legally changed its name to SeAH on December 28, 1995, which change became effective on January 1, 1996. SeAH claims that its name change from PSP was a change in name only, and that the legal structure of the company, its management, and ownership were not affected by the name change. SeAH also claims that it is a part of a larger group of related companies, certain members of which had SeAH in their names prior to January 1, 1996.

In its request for a changed circumstances review, SeAH indicated that PSP had acquired certain production assets formerly owned by Sammi Metal Products Co. (Sammi). SeAH asserts that the acquisition, which occurred more than a year before the name change and was effective January 3, 1995, is not related to the name change. SeAH claims that its acquisition of the products and facilities of Sammi is functionally no different from PSP expanding its existing facilities or contracting a new manufacturing facility.

Based on the information submitted by SeAH, petitioner has argued that SeAH is the successor to Sammi.

In determining whether one company is the successor to another for purposes of applying the antidumping duty law, the Department examines a number of factors including, but not limited to, changes in (1) management, (2) production facilities, (3) suppliers, and (4) customer base. (See, e.g., Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, (57 FR 20460; May 13, 1992); Steel Wire Strand for Prestressed Concrete from Japan; Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, (55 FR 7759; March 5, 1990); and Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review (59 FR 6944,

February 14, 1994).) While no one or several of these factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of succession, the Department will generally consider one company to be a successor to a second if its resulting operation is essentially the same as that of its predecessor. (See Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, (55 FR 20460; May 13, 1992).) Thus, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity, the Department will assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.

The record in this review, as demonstrated by the following factors, indicates that SeAH is the successor to PSP for the production of subject merchandise, and is not a successor to Sammi.

(1) Management

All of the managers of the Changwon plant were transferred from PSP plants. One manager was transferred from the Pohang plant, one was transferred from the Seoul Head Office and the others were transferred from the Seoul plant. The manager and assistant manager of the Stainless Steel Pipe Production Team at the Changwon plant had worked for Sammi in the past, but this was prior to 1989, six years before PSP purchased the Changwon facility. The headquarters for the sales and marketing division remained at the head office in Seoul, and very little change occurred with respect to the individuals holding these management positions. None of Sammi's 1994 board of directors appear on SeAH's board of directors.

Currently, there are three team managers and one general manager at the Changwon plant. This management structure closely resembles the management structure in 1995 (before the name change). With respect to the executive management of PSP, the majority retained their positions after the name change to SeAH, although several top executives were transferred to or from related entities. SeAH's chart of its board of directors indicates that the Chairman & CEO, President & COO, Vice President, and four of six directors remain the same.

(2) Production Facilities

The purchase of the Changwon facility only involved physical assets. This was verified by a review of the contract for sale of the Changwon plant by Sammi to PSP. After purchasing the Changwon plant, PSP reconfigured and overhauled the plant. It moved

machinery and equipment from its Seoul plant, installed new pickling lines, enlarged the building, and scrapped machinery and equipment purchased from Sammi. In our examination of information on the record we find that production quantity also changed. SeAH stated in its November 20, 1997 letter that ninety of the factory employees were sent to the Changwon facility from former PSP plants, while other employees were hired. During verification we found that one of these new hires had worked for Sammi prior to 1989, and for an unaffiliated entity between 1989 and 1996. After PSP's name change to SeAH, only minimal changes occurred with respect to the number of people employed at Changwon plant. For further details, see the proprietary "Memorandum to Robert LaRussa, Successorship: Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea, Changed Circumstances Review," January 23, 1998.

(3) Suppliers

Information on the record indicates that there have been some changes in suppliers between 1994 and 1996. An examination of PSP's 1994 supplier list and SeAH's 1996 supplier list show some changes in suppliers. An examination of Sammi's 1994 supplier list (which SeAH stated was an informal list compiled by them from basic knowledge of the Korean Stainless Steel Pipe market) and SeAH's 1996 supplier list also show changes in suppliers. However, we believe these changes are not significant, see the proprietary "Memorandum to Robert LaRussa, Successorship: Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea, Changed Circumstances Review," January 23, 1998.

(4) Customer Base

SeAH states that it does not have Sammi's 1994 customer list; therefore, we are not able to compare SeAH's customer base to Sammi's. SeAH states that there are six other producers of WSSP in Korea, two of which are new companies, and that Sammi's former customers could go to any one of these companies to purchase WSSP. An analysis of the information submitted by SeAH indicates that PSP did not have a significant increase in its large-customer base due to the acquisition of the Changwon facility. With respect to SeAH's smaller-customer base, SeAH notes that it is likely that some of its new customers are due to the closure of Sammi's operations, but that without Sammi's lists, it cannot prove this. We found at verification that PSP used their

own marketing strategies and knowledge of the market to obtain their own customers. See "Report of Verification of SeAH Steel Corporation, Ltd. (SeAH) in the Changed Circumstances Review for Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea," page 7. A comparison of the customer lists submitted by SeAH indicates that there have been some small changes in the customer base between PSP in 1994 and SeAH in 1996.

We preliminarily find that SeAH is not the successor to Sammi as suggested by the petitioner. While the plant is a former Sammi facility, the plant was overhauled and redesigned. Further, none of Sammi's former managers work for SeAH, with the exception of two plant managers, who ceased working for Sammi long before the plant acquisition, and, therefore, were not hired as a result of that acquisition. PSP's suppliers did not change in a way that would be attributed to PSP's acquisition of the Changwon plant, and PSP did not acquire a significant number of new customers or substantial new business from such customers as a result of the Changwon acquisition.

With PSP's name change to SeAH, no major changes occurred with respect to PSP's management, plant facilities, customer base or supplier base. Therefore, we find that PSP was not the successor to Sammi and that SeAH is the successor to PSP.

These issues are more fully discussed in "Memorandum to Robert LaRussa: Successorship: Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea, Changed Circumstances Review," January 23, 1998.

Preliminary Results of the Review

We preliminarily conclude that, for antidumping duty cash deposit purposes, SeAH is the successor to PSP. SeAH will, therefore, be assigned the PSP antidumping deposit rate of 2.67 percent.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within five days. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results, which will be due on February 12, 1998. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, are due on February 17, 1998. Case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 353.38(e). A hearing, if requested, will be held on February 19, 1998. The Department will publish the final results of the changed circumstances review including the results of any such comment. This changed circumstances review and notice are in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(f).

Dated: January 29, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-489-501]

Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube From Turkey

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request by Allied Tube & Conduit and Wheatland Tube Company, the petitioners in this case, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube from Turkey. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter.¹ The period of review is May 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997.

We preliminarily determine that, for the one company that had shipments during the review period, sales have not been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results, we will instruct the Customs Service not to assess antidumping duties on the subject merchandise exported by this company.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results. Parties that submit arguments are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Riggle or Kris Campbell, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0650 or (202) 482-3813, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to

¹ As noted below, we initiated a review of three companies. However, two of these companies did not have shipments during the period of review. Accordingly, we have not reviewed any shipments by these companies.