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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-821-807]

Ferrovandium and Nitrided Vanadium From the Russian Federation: Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On August 28, 1997, the Department of Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Ferrovandium and Nitrided Vanadium from the Russian Federation for one manufacturer or producer of ferrovandium and nitrided vanadium from the Russian Federation, Galt Alloys, Inc., covering the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. The Department of Commerce is terminating the review after confirming that Galt Alloys, Inc. made no sales of the subject merchandise during the period of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Goldberger or Mary Jenkins, Office 5, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4136 or (202) 482-1756, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made

to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations as published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1997. See **Antidumping Duties: Countervailing Duties; Final Rule**, 62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997).

Background

On July 31, 1997, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (the petitioner) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ferrovandium and nitrided vanadium from the Russian Federation for the period July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997.

On August 15, 1997, Galt reported that it made no sales of the subject merchandise during the period of review (POR). Subsequently, the petitioner challenged Galt's assertion that no sales were made during the POR, arguing the U.S. import statistics showed subject merchandise imports from the Russian Federation prior to and during the POR.

On October 2 and 21, 1997, Galt provided submissions claiming that entries of the subject merchandise originally declared to U.S. Customs as being of Russian origin were in error and were actually from Tajikistan. On January 13, 1998, the Department conducted a verification of Galt's claim and confirmed that the entries of ferrovandium were actually from Tajikistan, as claimed by Galt (see January 29, 1998, memorandum reporting on verification of Galt's submitted data.)

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of this subject merchandise. In light of the fact that we determined that Galt did not make sales of the subject merchandise during the POR in question, we are terminating this review for Galt. We will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

In addition, petitioner requested on September 29, 1997, that the Department determine whether

antidumping duties have been absorbed by Galt or its affiliates, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.231(j). However, as Galt made no sales of the subject merchandise during the POR, there is no basis to conduct this inquiry.

This notice is published in accordance with § 353.213(d)(4).

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-816]

Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Taiwan, Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Time Limit

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the 1996-1997 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Company, Ltd., and the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. James at (202) 482-5222 or John Kugelman at (202) 482-0649, AD/CVD Enforcement Office Eight, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because 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, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until June 1, 1998. See