

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until August 31, 1998, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)). See memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa from Joseph A. Spetrini regarding the extension of case deadline, dated March 18, 1998.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Steel Wire Rope from Thailand; Revocation of Countervailing Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of revocation of countervailing duty order: Steel wire rope from Thailand.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 753(b)(4) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the United States International Trade Commission has issued a negative injury determination with respect to the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand (63 FR 5816; February 4, 1998). Therefore, pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Act, the Department of Commerce is notifying the public of its revocation of the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maria MacKay or Constance Cunningham, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 26, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice in the **Federal Register** which informed domestic interested parties of their right under section 753(a) of the Act to request an injury investigation by

the International Trade Commission (the Commission) with respect to certain outstanding countervailing duty orders issued pursuant to former section 303 of the Act. Countervailing Duty Order: Opportunity to Request a Section 753 Injury Investigation (60 FR 27963; May 26, 1995). On June 30, 1995, the Committee of Domestic Steel Wire Rope and Speciality Cable Manufacturers timely requested that the Commission conduct an investigation under section 753(a) with regard to the outstanding countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand. On January 5, 1998, the Commission initiated its investigation (63 FR 2414; January 15, 1998).

On January 15, 1998, the Domestic Steel Wire Rope Committee filed a letter with the Commission withdrawing its request for such an investigation, and requesting that the Commission rescind the initiation of its investigation. The Commission accepted the party's withdrawal of its request for an investigation, and rescinded the initiation of its investigation pursuant to sections 753(b)(1)(A) and 704(a)(1)(A) of the Act. Pursuant to section 753(b)(4) of the Act, the Commission notified the Department of its negative determination with regard to the outstanding countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand (63 FR 5816; February 4, 1998).

Scope

This countervailing duty order covers steel wire rope from Thailand. Steel wire rope encompasses ropes, cables, and cordage of iron or steel, other than stranded wire, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles, and not made up of brass plated wire. The order excludes stainless steel wire rope, i.e., ropes, cables, and cordage other than stranded wire, of stainless steel, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles, which is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheading 7312.10.6000. Wire rope is currently classified under subheadings 7312.10.9030, 7312.10.9060, and 7312.10.9090 of the HTS. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determination of the Commission that an industry in the United States is not likely to be materially injured by reason of imports of the subject merchandise if the order is revoked, the Department hereby revokes the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand

pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Act. The revocation is effective January 1, 1995, the date Thailand became a Subsidies Agreement country.

Suspension of Liquidation

The Department will instruct the United States Customs Service to discontinue the suspension of liquidation for imports of steel wire rope from Thailand. The Department will also instruct Customs to refund, with interest, any cash deposits of countervailing duties collected since January 1, 1995, when liquidation was suspended pursuant to section 753(a)(4) of the Act.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Business Development Mission to Eastern Caribbean

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to inform the public of a business development and trade mission to Barbados, St. Lucia, and Grenada, to be held May 3-8, 1998 ("the mission"); provides interested U.S. firms with the opportunity to submit an application to participate in the mission; sets forth objectives, procedures, and selection review criteria for the mission; and requests interested parties to apply. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in the mission will be conducted in accordance with the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997 and reflected herein.

DATES: Applications should be received by April 8, 1998. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. The mission is scheduled for May 3-8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Request for and submission of applications: Application packets are available from the Project Officer; Ms. Rebecca Hunt, Regional Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy—Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, phone 1-809-221-2171 ex 404, fax 1-809-688-4838.