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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Sweden

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1998.

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The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351, 62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997).

Scope of Order

For purposes of this order, stainless steel wire rod (SSWR) comprises products that are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled and/or descaled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils, that may also be coated with a lubricant containing copper, lime or oxalate. SSWR is made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are manufactured only by hot-rolling or hot-rolling annealing, and/or pickling and/or descaling, are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross-section. The majority of SSWR sold in the United States is round in cross-sectional shape, annealed and pickled, and later cold-finished into stainless steel wire or small-diameter bar. The most common size for such products is 5.5 millimeters or 0.217 inches in diameter, which represents the smallest size that normally is produced on a rolling mill

and is the size that most wire-drawing machines are set up to draw. The range of SSWR sizes normally sold in the United States is between 0.20 inches and 1.312 inches in diameter.

Certain stainless steel grades are excluded from the scope of the order. SF20T and K-M35FL are excluded. The following proprietary grades of Kanthal AB are also excluded: Kanthal A-1, Kanthal AF, Kanthal A, Kanthal D, Kanthal DT, Alkrothal 14, Alkrothal 720, and Nikrothal 40. The chemical makeup for the excluded grades is as follows:

SF20T

Carbon—0.05 max
Manganese—2.00 max
Phosphorous—0.05 max
Sulfur—0.15 max
Silicon—1.00 max
Chromium—19.00/21.00
Molybdenum—1.50/2.50
Lead—added (0.10/0.30)
Tellurium—added (0.03 min)

K-M35FL

Carbon—0.015 max
Silicon—0.70/1.00
Manganese—0.40 max
Phosphorous—0.04 max
Sulfur—0.03 max
Nickel—0.30 max
Chromium—12.50/14.00
Lead—0.10/0.30
Aluminum—0.20/0.35

Kanthal A-1

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.40 max
Aluminum—5.30 min, 6.30 max
Iron—balance
Chromium—20.50 min, 23.50 max

Kanthal AF

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.40 max
Chromium—20.50 min, 23.50 max
Aluminum—4.80 min, 5.80 max
Iron—balance

Kanthal A

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.50 max
Chromium—20.50 min, 23.50 max
Aluminum—4.80 min, 5.80 max
Iron—balance

Kanthal D

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.50 max
Chromium—20.50 min, 23.50 max
Aluminum—4.30 min, 5.30 max
Iron—balance

Kanthal DT

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.50 max
Chromium—20.50 min, 23.50 max
Aluminum—4.60 min, 5.60 max
Iron—balance

Alkrothal 14

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.50 max
Chromium—14.00 min, 16.00 max
Aluminum—3.80 min, 4.80 max
Iron—balance

Alkrothal 720

Carbon—0.08 max
Silicon—0.70 max
Manganese—0.70 max
Chromium—12.00 min, 14.00 max
Aluminum—3.50 min, 4.50 max
Iron—balance

Nikrothal 40

Carbon—0.10 max
Silicon—1.60 min, 2.50 max
Manganese—1.00 max
Chromium—18.00 min, 21.00 max
Nickel—34.00 min, 37.00 max
Iron—balance

The products investigated are currently classifiable under subheadings 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, and 7221.00.0075 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Antidumping Order

On September 8, 1998, in accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) notified the Department that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of SSWR from Sweden, pursuant to section 735(b)(1)(A) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct the United States Customs Service to assess, upon further advice by the Department, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the normal value of the merchandise exceeds the export price and constructed export price of the merchandise for all relevant entries of SSWR from Sweden. These antidumping duties will be assessed on all unliquidated entries of SSWR from Sweden entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 5, 1998, the date on which the Department published its preliminary determination notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 10825).

On or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, Customs officers must require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties, the cash deposits listed below for the subject merchandise. The All Others rate applies to all exporters of SSWR not specifically listed below.

The weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/producer	Weighted-average margin percentage
Fagersta Stainless AB	5.71
All Others	5.71

This notice constitutes the antidumping duty order with respect to stainless steel wire rod from Sweden, pursuant to section 736(a) of the Act. Interested parties may contact the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building, for copies of an updated list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect.

This order is published in accordance with section 736(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Spain

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Smith or Wendy Frankel, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5193 or (202) 482-5849, respectively.

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Amendment to the Final Determination

On July 20, 1998, in accordance with section 735(a) of the Act, the Department made a final determination that stainless steel wire rod (SSWR) from Spain is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Spain*, 63 FR 40391 (July 29, 1998) (final determination). On August 3, 1998, petitioners filed a timely allegation that the Department had made a ministerial error in its final determination. Specifically, petitioners assert that while the Department found in its final determination that the reported cost of production (COP) and constructed value (CV) should be increased by the amount of an inventory write-down that respondent subtracted from reported costs, the Department made an arithmetic error in adjusting the reported costs which inadvertently decreased, rather than increased costs by the inventory write-down.

We have determined, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224, that a ministerial error was made in adjusting the COP and CV that were reported in the final determination. For a detailed discussion of the alleged ministerial error, see the memorandum from Howard Smith to Holly Kuga on the subject, "Ministerial Error Allegation" regarding the antidumping duty investigation of stainless steel wire rod from Spain—final determination, dated August 20, 1998.

Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e), we are amending the final determination of the antidumping duty investigation of stainless steel wire rod from Spain. The revised weighted-average dumping margins are in the "Antidumping Duty Order" section below.

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For purposes of this investigation, SSWR comprises products that are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled and/or descaled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils, that may also be coated with a lubricant containing copper, lime or oxalate. SSWR is made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more

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