

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received a request to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Japan. On March 23, 1998, the Department initiated this administrative review covering the period February 1, 1997, through January 31, 1998.

Because of the complexity of certain issues in this case, it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (see Memorandum from Richard Moreland to Robert LaRussa, Re: Extension of Time Limit for Administrative Review of Stainless Steel Bar from Japan, October 23, 1998). Therefore, in accordance with that section, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results to February 28, 1999. The Department intends to issue the final results of review 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results. This extension of the time limit is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-810]

Stainless Steel Bar from India; Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received three requests to conduct a new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating this administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 30, 1998.

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Applicable Statute and Regulations

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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to section 351 of the regulations of the Department of Commerce ("the Department") are to the current regulations, as published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27296).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 18 and 31, 1998, the Department received requests from Jyoti Steel Industries ("Jyoti"), Shah Alloys Ltd. ("Shah"), and Parekh Bright Bars Pvt. Ltd. ("Parekh"), pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b), for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. This order has an August semiannual anniversary month. On August 25 and 31 and September 1, 1998, we asked that the initial requests be supplemented. Jyoti submitted the requisite additional information on September 3, 1998; Shah and Parekh did so on October 9 and 22, 1998, respectively. Accordingly, we are initiating a new shipper review for Jyoti, Shah, and Parekh as requested. The period of review is February 1, 1998 through July 31, 1998.

Initiation of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2) Jyoti, Shah, and Parekh each provided certification that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation; certification that, since the investigation was initiated, it has never been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation, including those not individually examined during the investigation; documentation establishing: (i) the date on which its stainless steel bar was first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, or if the exporter or producer could not establish the date of first entry, the date on which it first shipped the subject merchandise for export to the United States; (ii) the volume of that and subsequent shipments; and (iii) the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States. Therefore, in accordance

with section 751(a)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. We intend to issue the final results of this review not later than 270 days after the day on which this new shipper review is initiated.

Antidumping duty proceeding	Period to be reviewed
India: Stainless Steel Bar, A-533-810: Jyoti Steel Industries	02/01/98-07/31/98
Shah Alloys Ltd ...	02/01/98-07/31/98
Parekh Bright Bars Pvt. Ltd	02/01/98-07/31/98

We will instruct the Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by the above listed companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e). Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: October 22, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of