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UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 11, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 1998 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. State Advisory Committee Appointments for Michigan
- IV. Future Agenda Items.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-830]

Notice of Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Taiwan

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

ACTION: Amended preliminary determination of antidumping duty investigation.

SUMMARY: On November 4, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the preliminary

determination of its antidumping duty investigation of stainless steel plate in coils ("SSPC") from Taiwan. This investigation covers two respondents, Yieh United Steel Corporation ("YUSCO") and Ta Chen Stainless Steel Pipe, Ltd. ("Ta Chen").

YUSCO submitted a ministerial error allegation on November 6, 1998 with respect to the preliminary determination published on November 4, 1998. On November 10, 1998, petitioners (Armco, Inc.; J&L Specialty Steel, Inc.; Lukens, Inc.; North American Stainless; the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC; the Butler Armco Independent Union; and Zanesville Armco Independent Organization, Inc.) submitted ministerial error allegations with respect to the middleman dumping portion of the preliminary determination. Based on the correction of certain ministerial errors made in the preliminary determination, we are amending our preliminary determination. (See 19 CFR 351.224(e).)

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 references to the Department's regulations are to the regulations set forth at 19 CFR part 351.

Significant Ministerial Errors

We are amending the preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value for SSPC from Taiwan to reflect the correction of significant ministerial errors made in the margin calculations regarding both YUSCO and Ta Chen in that determination, pursuant to 19 CFR 224(g)(1) and (2). A significant ministerial error is defined as a correction which, singly or in combination with other errors, (1)

would result in a change of at least 5 absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted average dumping margin calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination; or (2) would result in a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or *de minimis* and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than *de minimis* or vice versa. We are publishing this amendment to the preliminary determination pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Scope of the Investigation

For purposes of these investigations, the product covered is certain stainless steel plate in coils. Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject plate products are flat-rolled products, 254 mm or over in width and 4.75 mm or more in thickness, in coils, and annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject plate may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, etc.) provided that it maintains the specified dimensions of plate following such processing. Excluded from the scope of this investigation are the following: (1) plate not in coils, (2) plate that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled, (3) sheet and strip, and (4) flat bars.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) at subheadings: 7219.11.00.30, 7219.11.00.60, 7219.12.00.05, 7219.12.00.20, 7219.12.00.25, 7219.12.00.50, 7219.12.00.55, 7219.12.00.65, 7219.12.00.70, 7219.12.00.80, 7219.31.00.10, 7219.90.00.10, 7219.90.00.20, 7219.90.00.25, 7219.90.00.60, 7219.90.00.80, 7220.11.00.00, 7220.20.10.10, 7220.20.10.15, 7220.20.10.60, 7220.20.10.80, 7220.20.60.05, 7220.20.60.10, 7220.20.60.15, 7220.20.60.60, 7220.20.60.80, 7220.90.00.10, 7220.90.00.15, 7220.90.00.60, and 7220.90.00.80. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the