

information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination.

#### Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.310, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on this preliminary determination. The hearing will tentatively be held 57 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and, (3) to the extent practicable, an identification of the arguments to be raised at the hearing. In addition, six copies of the business proprietary version and three copies of the nonproprietary version of the case briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 50 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination. As part of the case brief, parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Six copies of the business proprietary version and three copies of the nonproprietary version of the rebuttal briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 55 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination. An interested party may make an affirmative presentation only on arguments included in that party's case or rebuttal briefs. Written arguments should be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309 and will be considered

if received within the time limits specified above.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-351-829]

#### Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Brazil: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of postponement of time limit for preliminary results of countervailing duty investigation

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil because we deem this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated, and determine that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Lockard or Javier Barrientos, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2786.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

#### Postponement

On October 15, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil. See Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Certain Hot-Rolled

Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil, 63 FR 56623 (October 22, 1998). The preliminary determination currently must be issued by December 21, 1998. Respondents have indicated that they will be cooperating in the investigation. In addition, we are investigating several complex alleged countervailable subsidy practices. Accordingly, as detailed in the December 1, 1998, Memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce), we deem this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated, and determine that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), we are postponing the preliminary determination in this investigation to no later than January 25, 1999.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-412-811]

#### Certain Hot-Rolled Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products From the United Kingdom: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending by no longer than 120 days the time limit of the preliminary results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom (C-412-811), covering the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, since it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 7, 1998.