

preapplication is consistent with the eligible purposes outlined in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, and section 310B(c)(2) of the CONACT. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, section 1942.305(b)(3), must be addressed in the preapplication. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the preapplication. Copies of 7 CFR Part 1942, subpart G, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this notice. All projects to receive technical assistance through these passenger transportation grant funds are to be identified when the preapplication is submitted to the Rural Development State Office. Multiple project preapplications must identify each individual project, indicate the amount of funding requested for each individual project, and address the criteria as stated above for each individual project. For multiple-project preapplication, the average of the individual project scores will be the score for that preapplication.

All eligible preapplications, along with tentative scoring sheets and the Rural Development State Director's recommendation, will be referred to the National Office no later than April 15, 1999, for final scoring and selection for award.

The National Office will score preapplications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, and Administrator's points, and will select an awardee subject to the awardee's satisfactory submission of a formal application and related materials in the manner and time frame established by RBS in accordance with 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G. It is anticipated that the grant awardee will be selected by June 1, 1999. All applicants will be notified by RBS of the Agency decision on the award.

The information collection requirements within this Notice are covered under OMB No. 0570-0022 and 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Wilbur T. Peer,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances antidumping duty administrative review, and intent to revoke order in part.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Canberra Industries, Inc., (Canberra), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating a changed circumstances antidumping duty administrative review and is issuing this notice of our intent to preliminarily revoke in part the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada. Although the scope of that order excludes certain types and sizes of cobalt-60-free cut-to-length plate, the scope currently *includes* the types and sizes of cobalt-60-free plate covered by Canberra's request. *See Antidumping Duty Orders: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada*, 58 FR 44162 (August 19, 1993); *see also, Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews and Intent to Revoke in Part*, 63 FR 37320 (July 10, 1998).

Pursuant to a prior request by Canberra, *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping Duty Order*, 61 FR 7471 (February 28, 1996), the Department excluded certain types and sizes of cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate. Canberra has now requested that the Department revoke the order in part with respect to imports of other types and sizes of certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate that is free of cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides (cobalt-60-free carbon steel plate), from Canada. In their letter to the Department of December 4, 1998, petitioners in the underlying proceeding, Bethlehem Steel Corp., U.S. Steel Group (a unit of USX

Corp.), Inland Steel Industries Inc., AK Steel Corp., LTV Steel Co., Inc., and National Steel Corp., expressed no interest in the importation or sale of certain cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate produced in Canada, as further described in the "Scope of Review" section below. Therefore, we preliminarily intend to revoke the order with respect to this merchandise.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hoadley (202-482-4106) or Rebecca Trainor (202-482-0666), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

THE APPLICABLE STATUTE AND REGULATIONS:

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Rounds Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR part 351, 62 FR 27295 (May 19, 1997).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 3, 1998, Canberra requested that the Department conduct a changed circumstances administrative review to determine whether to revoke in part the antidumping duty order with regard to certain cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate. The order with regard to imports of other cut-to-length carbon steel plate is not affected by this request. In addition, on December 4, 1998, petitioners informed the Department in writing that they do not object to the changed circumstances review, and have no interest in the importation or sale of cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate produced in Canada as described in the "Scope of Review" below.

Scope of Review

The antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada covers hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (i.e., flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters, but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters, and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic

substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness, and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters, and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000. Included in the scope are flat-rolled products of nonrectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (i.e., products which have been "worked after rolling")—for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and for Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Excluded from the scope are grade X-70 plates, and cobalt-60-free cut-to-length steel plates of the following specifications: (1) 100% dry steel plates, virgin steel, no scrap content (free of Co-60 and other radioactive nuclides); (2) .290 inches maximum thickness, plus 0.0, minus .030 inches; (3) 48.00 inch wide, plus .05, minus 0.0 inches; (4) 10 foot lengths, plus 0.5, minus 0.0 inches; (5) flatness, plus/minus 0.5 inch over 10 feet; (6) AISI 1006; (7) tension leveled; (8) pickled and oiled; and, (9) carbon content, .03 to .08 (max.).

The preceding description of the steel plate products covered by this order is included in Appendix 1 to the Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Argentina, 58 FR 37062 (July 9, 1993) as amended by *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part*, 60 FR 61536 (Nov. 30, 1995).

The merchandise covered by this changed circumstances review includes cut-to-length carbon steel plate meeting the following criteria: (1) 100% dry steel plates, virgin steel, no scrap content (free of cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides); (2) .300 inches maximum thickness, plus 0.0, minus .030 inches; (3) 48.00 inch wide, minimum; (4) 20

foot lengths; (5) flatness, plus/minus 0.5 inch over 10 feet; (6) AISI 1006; (7) tension leveled; (8) pickled and oiled; and (9) carbon content, .03 to .08 (max.).

This changed circumstances administrative review covers all manufacturers/exporters of the cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada described above.

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

Pursuant to section 751(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended (the Act), the Department may partially revoke an antidumping duty order based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (i.e., a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances administrative review to be conducted upon receipt of a request containing sufficient information concerning changed circumstances.

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.216(d) require the Department to conduct a changed circumstances administrative review in accordance with § 351.221 if it decides that changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review exist. Section 782(h) of the Act and § 351.222(g)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations further provide that the Department may revoke an order, in whole or in part, if it concludes that substantially all of the producers of the domestic like product to which the order pertains have expressed a lack of interest in the order, in whole or in part. In addition, in the event that the Department concludes that expedited action is warranted, § 351.221(c)(3)(ii) of the regulations permits the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

Therefore, based on petitioners' affirmative statement of no interest in the partial revocation requested, we are initiating this changed circumstances administrative review. Further, also based on petitioners' affirmative statement of no interest, we have determined that expedited action is warranted, and we have preliminarily determined that there are changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation of the order as it pertains to cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada as described by the above specifications. Because we have concluded that expedited action is warranted, we are combining these notices of initiation and preliminary results. Therefore, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty

order as it pertains to imports of certain cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada.

If final revocation in part occurs, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to end the suspension of liquidation and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of cobalt-60-free cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada with the specifications described above not subject to final results of an administrative review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4). We will also instruct Customs to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties will continue until publication of the final results of this changed circumstances review.

Public Comment

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice and any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than 28 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs and/or written comments from interested parties may be submitted not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to the issues raised in those comments, may be filed not later than 21 days after the date of publication of this notice. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f). Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing. The Department will publish the final results of this changed circumstances review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written comments.

This notice is in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) of the Act and §§ 351.216 and 351.222 of the Department's regulations.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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