

urge interested parties to apply for access to proprietary information under administrative protective order ("APO") immediately following publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation of the sunset review. The Department's regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304-306 (see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Administrative Protective Order Procedures; Procedures for Imposing Sanctions for Violation of a Protective Order*, 63 FR 24391 (May 4, 1998)).

Information Required from Interested Parties

Domestic interested parties (defined in 19 CFR 351.102 (1998)) wishing to participate in the sunset review must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The required contents of the notice of intent to participate are set forth in the *Sunset Regulations* at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(ii). In accordance with the *Sunset Regulations*, if we do not receive a notice of intent to participate from at least one domestic interested party by the 15-day deadline, the Department will automatically revoke the order without further review.

If we receive a notice of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, the *Sunset Regulations* provide that *all parties* wishing to participate in the sunset review must file substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response are set forth in the *Sunset Regulations* at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for foreign and domestic parties. Also, note that the Department's information requirements are distinct from the International Trade Commission's information requirements. Please consult the *Sunset Regulations* for information regarding the Department's conduct of sunset reviews.¹ Please consult the Department's regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (1998) for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning

¹ A number of parties commented that these interim-final regulations provided insufficient time for rebuttals to substantive responses to a notice of initiation (*Sunset Regulations*, 19 CFR 351.218(d)(4)). As provided in 19 CFR 351.302(b) (1998), the Department will consider individual requests for extension of that five-day deadline based upon a showing of good cause.

antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Robert LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Silicon Metal From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of new shipper antidumping administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received a request from Zunyi Titanium Plant (ZTP) to conduct a new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which has a June anniversary date. In accordance with the Department's current regulations, we are initiating this administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Nulman or Maureen Flannery, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4052 or (202) 482-3020, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, codified at 19 CFR part 351, 62 FR 27296 (1998).

Background

On December 7, 1998, the Department received a timely request, in accordance

with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, and section 351.214(c) of the Department's regulations, for a new shipper review of this antidumping duty order which has a June anniversary date.

Initiation of Review

In its December 7, 1998 request for review, ZTP certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI), and that it is not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. ZTP also certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC. Pursuant to the Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), ZTP submitted documentation establishing the date on which the merchandise was first entered for consumption in the United States, the volume of that shipment, and the date of first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the PRC. We intend to issue the final results of this review no later than 270 days from the publication of this notice.

The standard period of review (POR) in a new shipper review initiated in the month immediately following the semiannual anniversary month is the six-month period immediately preceding the semiannual anniversary month. Therefore, the POR for this new shipper review is June 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998.

Concurrent with publication of this notice and in accordance with CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by the company listed above, until the completion of the review.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: January 25, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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