

Preliminary Results of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we calculated a subsidy rate for NHCI, the sole producer/exporter subject to these administrative reviews. For the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy rate for NHCI to be 2.02 percent *ad valorem*. If the final results of these reviews remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the Customs Service to assess countervailing duties at the net subsidy rate.

The Department also intends to instruct the Customs Service to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties (exclusive of the net subsidy rate calculated for the water program, see section I. A. above), at the rate of 1.84 percent of the f.o.b. value of all shipments of the subject merchandise from NHCI entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of these administrative reviews.

Because the URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies, the procedures for establishing countervailing duty rates, including those for non-reviewed companies, are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. The requested reviews will normally cover only those companies specifically named. See 19 CFR 351.213(b). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(c), for all companies for which a review was not requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate, and cash deposits must continue to be collected, at the rate previously ordered. As such, the countervailing duty cash deposit rate applicable to a company can no longer change, except pursuant to a request for a review of that company. See *Federal-Mogul Corporation and The Torrington Company v. United States*, 822 F. Supp. 782 (CIT 1993) and *Floral Trade Council v. United States*, 822 F. Supp. 766 (CIT 1993) (interpreting 19 CFR 353.22(e), the antidumping regulation on automatic assessment, which is identical to 19 CFR 355.22(g), the predecessor to 19 CFR 351.212(c)). Therefore, the cash deposit rates for all companies except those covered by these reviews will be unchanged by the results of these reviews.

We will instruct the the Customs Service to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies,

except Timminco Limited (which was excluded from the orders during the investigation), at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company. Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to non-reviewed companies covered by these orders are those established in the most recently completed administrative proceeding, conducted pursuant to the statutory provisions that were in effect prior to the URAA amendments. See *Final Results of the Second Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews: Pure Magnesium and Alloy Magnesium from Canada*, 62 FR 48607 (September 16, 1997). These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested. In addition, for the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, the assessment rates applicable to all non-reviewed companies covered by these orders are the cash deposit rates in effect at the time of entry, except for Timminco Limited (which was excluded from the orders during the original investigation).

Public Comment

Interested parties may request a hearing not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted five days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit an argument in these proceedings are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii), are due.

The Department will publish the final results of these administrative reviews, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal briefs or at a hearing.

These administrative reviews and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Extending Comment Period to May 14, 1999

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extending comment period to May 14, 1999.

SUMMARY: In connection with the Department of Commerce's request for public comments on its proposed safe harbor documents announced in the notice published on April 22, 1999 (pages 19747-19748), the Department has posted new "Frequently Asked Questions" and extended the comment period on all posted documents to May 14, 1999. All documents for comment are posted on the Department's web page, at <http://www.ita.doc.gov/ecom>.

DATES: The deadline for public comments is May 14, 1999.

Comment Submission Procedure

Please submit comments on any draft documents to the Department of Commerce electronically in an HTML format to the following email address: Ecommerce@ita.doc.gov. If organizations do not have the technical ability to provide comments in an HTML format, they can forward them in the body of the email, or in a Word or WordPerfect format. If necessary, hard copies of comments can be mailed to the Electronic Commerce Task Force, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2009, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington DC 20230, or faxed to 202-501-2548. If you would like to speak to someone or want hard copies please call Brenda Carter-Nixon on (202) 482-5227.

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