

Africa. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public versions of each petition to each exporter named in the petition, as appropriate.

*International Trade Commission Notification*

We have notified the ITC of our initiations, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

*Preliminary Determinations by the ITC*

The ITC will determine, by no later than September 3, 1999, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of certain small diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line and pressure pipe from the Czech Republic, Japan, the Republic of South Africa and Romania, and certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line and pressure pipe from Japan and Mexico are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination for any country will result in the investigation being terminated with respect to that country; otherwise, these investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: July 20, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-806]

**Silicon Metal From the People's Republic of China; Notice of rescission of New Shipper Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Rescission of New Shipper Review.

**SUMMARY:** On December 7, 1998, in response to a request by Zunyi Titanium Plant, an exporter and producer, the Department of Commerce initiated a new shipper review concerning the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The period of review was June 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998. This review has now been rescinded as a result of the withdrawal of the request for review by Zunyi

Titanium Plant, the only party that requested the review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 28, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Ellerman or Maureen Flannery, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4106 and (202) 482-3020, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On June 10, 1991, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published an antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the PRC (56 FR 26649). On December 7, 1998, Zunyi Titanium Plant, an exporter and a producer, requested a new shipper review in reference to the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the PRC. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(d), we published the initiation of the review on February 1, 1999 (64 FR 4842) covering the period of June 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998. On May 11, 1999, Zunyi Titanium Plant withdrew its request for review.

**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 refer to 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

**Rescission of Review**

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.214(f)(1) provide that the Department "may rescind a new shipper review \* \* \* if a party that requested a review withdraws its request no later than 60 days after the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review." Zunyi Titanium Plant withdrew its request for new shipper review on May 11, 1999.

Although this date is more than 60 days from the date of initiation, consistent with the Department's past practice in the context of administrative reviews conducted under section 751(a) of the Act, the Department has discretion to extend the time period for withdrawal on a case-by-case basis. (See *e.g. Iron Construction Casings from Canada: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 63 FR 45797 (August 27, 1998).) In this case, the Department has

determined to grant the request to rescind this new shipper review based on the fact that the Department has not yet devoted considerable time and resources to this proceeding. Moreover, rescission of this review would not prejudice any party in this proceeding, as Zunyi Titanium Plant would continue to be included in the PRC-wide rate to which it was subject at the time of its request for this new shipper review.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-856]

**Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Synthetic Indigo From the People's Republic of China**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 28, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dinah McDougall or David J. Goldberger, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3773 or (202) 482-4136, respectively.

**Initiation of Investigation**

*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