

We will disclose the calculations used in our analysis to parties to this proceeding within five days of the publication date of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.224(b). Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). If requested, a hearing will be held 44 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter.

Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs and rebuttal briefs. Case briefs from interested parties and rebuttal briefs, limited to the issues raised in the respective case briefs, may be submitted not later than 30 days and 37 days, respectively, from the date of publication of these preliminary results. See 19 CFR 351.309(c) and (d). Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Parties are also encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited.

The Department will issue the final results of these administrative reviews, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written briefs or at the hearing, if held, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Room B-099, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

Assessment Rates

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appropriate appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service upon completion of these reviews. The final results of these reviews shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of these reviews and for future deposits of estimated duties. We will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by these reviews if any importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of these reviews is above *de minimis*. For assessment purposes, we intend to calculate importer-specific

assessment rates for the subject merchandise by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales examined and dividing this amount by the total entered value of the sales examined.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during these review periods. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of these administrative reviews, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rates for the reviewed companies will be those established in the final results of these reviews, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent, and therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(d)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in these reviews, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 58.69 percent, the "All Others" rate made effective by the LTFV investigation. These requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

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

Dated: September 30, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration
[A-580-839, A-583-833]

Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vincent Kane (Republic of Korea) or Alycia Wilson (Taiwan), AD/CVD Enforcement, Group I, Office 1, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-2815 or 482-0108, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On April 29, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published its notice of initiation of antidumping investigations of certain polyester staple fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan. See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan*, 64 FR 23053. The initiation notice stated that we would issue our preliminary determinations by September 9, 1999. On August 25, 1999, at the request of E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.; Arteva Specialties S.r.l., d/b/a KoSa; Wellman, Inc.; and Intercontinental Polymers, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the petitioners")¹, the Department extended the preliminary determination until no later than September 29, 1999. See *Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan*, 64 FR 47766 (September 1, 1999).

On September 29, 1999, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, the petitioners requested that the Department postpone the preliminary determinations in these investigations. Since the Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request, we are postponing the deadline for issuing these determinations until no later than October 4, 1999.

This extension and notice are in accordance with section 733(c) of the Act.

¹ E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc. is not a petitioner in the Taiwan case.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A-357-804]

Silicon Metal From Argentina: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of
antidumping duty administrative
review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from
the respondent, the Department of
Commerce (the Department) is
conducting an administrative review of
the antidumping duty order on silicon
metal from Argentina. The review
covers one manufacturer/exporter of the
subject merchandise to the United
States and the period September 1, 1997
through August 31, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined
that respondent has not made sales
below normal value during the period of
review. If these preliminary results are
adopted in our final results of review,
we will instruct the U.S. Customs
Service not to assess antidumping
duties on entries subject to this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Helen M. Kramer or Linda Ludwig,
Import Administration, International
Trade Administration, U.S. Department
of Commerce, 14th Street and
Constitution Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone
(202) 482-0405 or 482-3833,
respectively.

APPLICABLE STATUTE AND REGULATIONS:
Unless otherwise indicated, all citations
to the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as
amended (the Act) are references to the
provisions effective January 1, 1995, the
effective date of the amendments made
to the Act by the Uruguay Round
Agreements Act of 1994 (URAA). In
addition, unless otherwise indicated, all
references to the Department's
regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351
(1998).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 26, 1991, the
Department published an antidumping

duty order on silicon metal from
Argentina (56 FR 48779), which was
amended on July 10, 1995, pursuant to
court remand (60 FR 35551). The
Department published a notice of
“Opportunity To Request
Administrative Review” of the
antidumping duty order for the 1997/
1998 review period on September 11,
1998 (63 FR 49543). On September 30,
1998, the respondent,
Electrometalurgica Andina S.A.I.C.
("Andina") filed a request for review.
We published a notice of initiation of
this review on October 29, 1998 (63 FR
58009).

Due to the complexity of issues
involved in this case, the Department
extended the time limit for completion
of the preliminary results until
September 30, 1999, in accordance with
section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. See 64
FR 23056 (April 29, 1999). The deadline
for the final results of this review will
continue to be 120 days after the date of
publication of this notice. The
Department is conducting this review in
accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this review is
silicon metal. During the less-than-fair
value (LTFV) investigation, silicon
metal was described as containing at
least 96.00 percent, but less than 99.99
percent, silicon by weight. In response
to a request by the petitioners for
clarification of the scope of the
antidumping duty order on silicon
metal from the People's Republic of
China, the Department determined that
material with a higher aluminum
content containing between 89 and 96
percent silicon by weight is the same
class or kind of merchandise as silicon
metal described in the LTFV
investigation. See Final Scope Rulings—
Antidumping Duty Orders on Silicon
Metal From the People's Republic of
China, Brazil and Argentina (February 3,
1993). Therefore, such material is
within the scope of the orders on silicon
metal from the PRC, Brazil and
Argentina. Silicon metal is currently
provided for under subheadings
2804.69.10 and 2804.69.50 of the
Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and
is commonly referred to as a metal.
Semiconductor-grade silicon (silicon
metal containing by weight not less than
99.99 percent of silicon and provided
for in subheading 2804.61.00 of the
HTS) is not subject to this review. These
HTS subheadings are provided for
convenience and U.S. Customs
purposes. Our written description of the
scope of the proceeding is dispositive.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the
Act, we verified sales and cost
information provided by Andina at its
headquarters in Buenos Aires and at its
plant in San Juan, Argentina from May
17 through 28, 1999, using standard
verification procedures, including
inspection of the manufacturing
facilities, examination of relevant sales
and financial records, and selection of
original documentation containing
relevant information. As a result of our
findings at verification, we adjusted the
costs of wood chips and electricity. See
“Verification of Cost at
Electrometalurgica Andina S.A.I.C., San
Juan and Buenos Aires, Argentina, May
17–21, 1999,” dated August 6, 1999,
“Verification of Sales at
Electrometalurgica Andina S.A.I.C., San
Juan and Buenos Aires, Argentina, May
24–28, 1999,” dated August 6, 1999, and
“Analysis of Electrometalurgica Andina
S.A.I.C. for the Preliminary Results of
the Administrative Review of Silicon
Metal from Argentina for the Period
September 1, 1997 through August 31,
1998,” dated September 10, 1999.

Cost of Production Analysis

Because all of Andina's sales in the
home market during the last completed
segment of the proceeding failed the
cost test and, as such, were disregarded,
we initiated a cost of production
("COP") analysis in accordance with
section 773(b) of the Act. We conducted
the COP analysis as described below.

A. Calculation of COP

In accordance with section 773(b)(3)
of the Act, we calculated the weighted-
average COP based on the sum of the
cost of materials, processing,
depreciation, interest expenses, general
and administrative expenses, and
packing costs. We used the period
January through September 1998, as
there was no production of silicon metal
during the POR until January, and in the
normal course of business Andina
accounts for costs on a quarterly basis
ending in September. We revised the
reported cost of the first stage of
production by increasing the cost of
wood chips purchased from an affiliated
supplier to reflect more closely the
affiliate's actual costs. We increased the
cost of energy purchased during the
months of August and September to
include a price increase not reflected in
respondent's accounts until the
preparation of the audited financial
statements. We corrected the reported
financial expenses by deducting interest
revenue received from customers.
Pursuant to section 773(f)(1)(C)(ii) of the