

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 appraisal 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

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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 Alysia 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 Specialities S.a.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