

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[A-570-828]

**Silicomanganese From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 11, 2000.

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**Information***Statutory Time Limits*

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the Date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days and for the final determination to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

*Background*

On January 25, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicomanganese from the People's Republic of China, covering the period December 1, 1997 through November 8, 1999, we published the preliminary results of review (64 FR 60784). In our notice of preliminary results, we stated our intention to issue the final results of this review no later than March 7, 2000.

*Extension of Final Results of Review*

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore we are extending the time

limits for completion of the final results until no later than May 6, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, dated December 17, 1999, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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[A-533-808]

**Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod From India; Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results and partial rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request by Viraj Group, Ltd. ("Viraj"), respondent, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod ("SSWR") from India. The period of review ("POR") is December 1, 1997, through November 30, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined that respondent Viraj has made sales below normal value ("NV"). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments in this segment of the proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 11, 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****The Applicable Statute**

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 ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

**Background**

On October 20, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rod from India (58 FR 54110). On December 8, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order (63 FR 67646).

On December 29, 1998, Mukand, Ltd. ("Mukand"), Panchmahal Steel, Ltd. ("Panchmahal") and Viraj requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rods from India. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b), we published a notice of initiation of the review of Panchmahal and Viraj on January 25, 1999 (64 FR 3682), and published a notice of initiation of the review of Mukand on February 22, 1999 (64 FR 8542). The review of Mukand was initiated at a later date due to an inadvertent omission in the January 25, 1999 **Federal Register** notice. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), on February 23, 1999, Mukand and Panchmahal timely withdrew their requests for review.

Respondent Viraj submitted its Section A questionnaire response on March 24, 1999, and its Sections B & C questionnaire responses on April 19, 1999.

On May 11, 1999, petitioners submitted a sales-below-cost allegation. This allegation was supplemented on July 2, 1999. Based on the request by petitioners, on July 23, 1999, the Department initiated a sales-below-cost investigation of stainless steel wire rod by Viraj. On August 30, 1999, respondent Viraj submitted its response to the Section D questionnaire. The Department, however, considered this response to be insufficient and requested Viraj to re-submit its Section D questionnaire response, which it did on October 14, 1999.

On August 31, 1999, due to the reasons set forth in the *Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review: Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod from*