

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[C-475-812]****Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel From Italy: Extension of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 20, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristen Johnson at 202-482-4406, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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 these deadlines to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

Background

On July 29, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on grain-oriented electrical steel from Italy, covering the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 (see 64 FR 41075). The preliminary results are currently due no later than February 29, 2000.

Extension of Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limits for completion of the preliminary results until no later than June 29, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, to

Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary, dated January 4, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

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

Dated: January 12, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****[Docket No.: 991215338-9338-01]****RIN 0693ZA36****Intent To Terminate Selected NVLAP Services**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice to terminate specific programs within the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP).

SUMMARY: Under the NVLAP Procedures the Director of NIST, as delegated to the Chief of NVLAP, may terminate a specific laboratory accreditation program (LAP) when it is determined that a need no longer exists to accredit laboratories for the services covered under the scope of the LAP.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) requests written comments on the proposed termination of the Protocols Program offered by NVLAP, and announces a 60-day comment period for that purpose. The Protocols Program is comprised of the Government Open Systems Interconnection Profile (GOSIP) and Portable Operating Systems Interface (POSIX) areas of testing.

Persons interested in commenting on the proposed termination should submit their comments in writing to the address below.

DATE: Comments on the proposed termination must be received no later than March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed terminations must be submitted to: Chief, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, telephone number: (301) 975-4016, e-mail: nvlap@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, (301) 975-4016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute of Standards and Technology administers the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program under regulations as found in Part 285 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations. NVLAP provides an unbiased third party evaluation and recognition of laboratory performance, as well as expert technical assistance to upgrade that performance, by accrediting calibration and testing laboratories found competent to perform specific tests or calibrations.

NVLAP is comprised of a set of Laboratory Accreditation Programs (LAPS) which are established on the basis of requests and demonstrated need. Each LAP includes specific test and/or calibration standards and related methods and protocols assembled to satisfy the unique needs for accreditation in a field of testing, field of calibration, product, or service.

Under the NVLAP Procedures the Director of NIST, as delegated to the Chief of NVLAP, may terminate a specific laboratory accreditation program (LAP) when it is determined that a need no longer exists to accredit laboratories for the services covered under the scope of the LAP. A review of all NVLAP programs revealed that the Protocols Program offered by NVLAP no longer has any participating laboratories, thus making its continuance impractical and financially nonviable. The Protocols Program is comprised of the GOSIP and POSIX areas of testing. Therefore, the Chief of NVLAP has determined that there no longer exists a need to continue this LAP.

After the comment period, the Chief of NVLAP shall determine if there is public support for the continuation of the LAP. If public comments support the continuation of the LAP, the Chief of NVLAP shall publish a **Federal Register** Notice announcing its continuation. If public support does not exist for continuation, the LAP will be terminated effective 90 days after the date of this notice of intent to terminate the LAP. If the LAP is terminated, NVLAP shall not longer grant or renew accreditations under the terminated program following the effective date of termination.

Copies of comments received will be available for inspection and copying at the Department of Commerce Central Reference and Records Facility, Room 6204, Hoover Building, Washington, DC 20230.