

order on new steel rail was partially revoked with regard to 100ARA—A new steel rail, except light rail, from Canada.³ Also, nominal 60 pounds per yard steel rail is outside the scope of this order.⁴

This merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) items 7302.10.1010, 7302.10.1015, 7302.10.1035, 7302.10.1045, 7302.10.5020, 8548.90.0000.⁵ The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of these antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and a countervailable subsidy and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than January 2005.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-008]

Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, and the period of review May 1, 1998 through April 30, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Killiam or Robert James, Enforcement Group III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 or 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We initiated the review on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35125) following a request made by the petitioners on May 28, 1999. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act directs the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days for each administrative review. The section provides, however, that if it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time, the administering authority may extend that 245-day period to 365 days. Due to the reasons enumerated in the Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan, Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results, dated January 28, 2000, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the 245-day time limit.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results of the administrative review by 120 days to May 30, 2000.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-809]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Mexico: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is rescinding the review it initiated on October 1, 1999 of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico (64 FR 53318).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Killiam or Robert James, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 and 482-0649, respectively.

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

On August 31, 1999, the sole respondent, Altos de Hornos de Mexico (AHMSA), and the petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Geneva Steel, Gulf Lakes Steel, Inc., of Alabama, Inland Steel Industries, Inc., Lukens Steel Company, Sharon Steel Corporation, and U.S. Steel Group (a unit of USX Corporation) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of subject merchandise exported by AHMSA from Mexico to the United States for the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999. On October 1, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 53318) a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to AHMSA for that period. The

³ See *New Steel Rail, Except Light Rail, From Canada; Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 61 FR 11607 (March 21, 1996).

⁴ See *New Steel Rail, Except Light Rail, From Canada; Notice of Termination of Changed Circumstances Administrative Reviews and Clarification of Scope Language*, 63 FR 43137 (August 12, 1998).

⁵ Per conversation with April Avalone at U.S. Customs on September 7, 1999.

petitioners withdrew their request for a review on December 21, 1999; AHMSA withdrew its request on December 28, 1999.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Because both parties' withdrawals were submitted within the 90-day time limit, we are rescinding this review. We will issue appropriate appraisal instructions directly to the US Customs Service.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3)(1999). 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-807]

Polyethylene Terephthalate, Film, Sheet, and Strip From Korea; Postponement of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Korea. The review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Korea. The review covers

three manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise and the period June 1, 1998 through May 31, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael J. Heaney or Robert James, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4475 or 482-0649, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review

On July 29, 1999, the Department initiated this administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Korea. (64 FR 41075). The current deadline for the preliminary results is February 29, 2000. We determine that it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time frame. (See Memorandum to Joseph A. Spetrini dated February 3, 2000.)

Accordingly, the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is now no later than May 1, 2000. The deadline for issuing the final results of this review will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Richard Weible,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012800G]

Marine Mammals; File No. 962-1562

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that The North Gulf Oceanic Society, P.O. Box 15191, Homer, Alaska 99603, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before March 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7235).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant is requesting authorization to harass, up to 6 times each, up to 500 North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually, over a five year period, during photo-identification studies in Alaska waters.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**,