

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 3, 2000; 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW, Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2000 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. State Advisory Committee Appointments for Colorado, Georgia and Tennessee
- VI. Discussion on Diversity Issues in Network Television
- VII. Discussion on Zero Tolerance Briefing
- VIII. Discussion with Regional Directors
- IX. Future Agenda Items

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: David Aronson, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Full Five-Year Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Full Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of two full sunset reviews initiated on November 2, 1999 (64 FR 59160) covering an antidumping duty order and a suspended antidumping investigation. Based on adequate responses from domestic and respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting full sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on DRAMS of 1 megabit and above from South Korea and the termination of the suspended antidumping investigation on

silicomanganese from Ukraine would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. As a result of these extensions, the Department intends to issue its preliminary results not later than May 22, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark D. Young or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

Extension of Preliminary Results:

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a sunset review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (i.e., an order in effect on January 1, 1995). The reviews at issue concern transition orders within the meaning of section 751(c)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act. The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of the following antidumping duty order and suspended antidumping investigation are extraordinarily complicated:

A-583-816 Silicomanganese from Ukraine
A-580-812 DRAMS of 1 Megabit and Above from South Korea

Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of these reviews until not later than May 22, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: February 18, 2000.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-601]

Brass Sheet and Strip From Canada: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review in Accordance With Panel Decision Upon Remand

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

ACTION: Notice of amendment to final results of antidumping duty administrative review in accordance with Panel decision upon remand.

SUMMARY: As a result of a remand from a Binational Panel ("the Panel"), convened pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is amending its final results in the antidumping duty administrative review of Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada. The Department has determined, in accordance with the instruction of the Panel, the dumping margin for entries of Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada for the 1996 period of review to be 0.40 percent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paige Rivas or James Terpstra, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Office Four, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0651 or 482-3965, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 17, 1998, the Department published the final results of the antidumping duty administrative review for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 with respect to Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada. *Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Intent Not To Revoke Order in Part* ("Final Results"), 64 Fed. Reg. 33037.

Subsequent to the publication of those *Final Results*, the sole respondent, Wolverine Tube (Canada) Inc. ("Wolverine"), and a coalition representing the United States brass industry ("Petitioner") challenged the Department's findings and requested that the Panel review the *Final Results* with respect to various issues. Thereafter, at the Department's request, the Panel remanded the Department's final determination to permit the Department to correct its use of a simple-average cost of production instead of a weighted-average cost of production for Wolverine. *In the Matter of: Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada*, Secretariat File USA-CAN-98-1904-03 (July 16, 1999). The July 16, 1999 Decision of the Panel upheld the Department as to all other contested issues.

On remand, the Department recalculated Wolverine's cost of production using a weighted-average methodology. The recalculated margin for Wolverine was 0.40 percent. During the 1996 review, Wolverine, which had

received *de minimis* margins in the 1994 and 1995 reviews, had requested that it be revoked from the antidumping duty order if it received a third *de minimis* margin in the 1996 review. In the *Final Results*, Commerce did not reach the question of whether Wolverine had otherwise met the criteria for revocation from the order because Wolverine had not met the first criterion for revocation. Specifically Wolverine had not obtained a third sequential *de minimis* margin in the 1996 review. 64 FR at 33041. Therefore, on remand, the Department went on to consider whether, in view of the recalculated *de minimis* margin for the 1996 review, Wolverine met the other criteria for revocation from the order. The Department determined that, because Wolverine had received an above *de minimis* margin in the 1997 review, this margin constituted sufficient positive evidence that the discipline of the order continued to be necessary to offset dumping by Wolverine, and that, were the order to be revoked, it was likely that Wolverine would continue to dump subject merchandise in the United States. The Department submitted its remand determination, upon which parties had been allowed to comment, to the Panel on September 14, 1999.¹

On November 5, 1999, the Panel affirmed the remand redetermination of the Department. *In the Matter of: Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada*, Secretariat File USA-CAN-98-1904-03 (November 5, 1999)(Order of the Panel). As a result, the margin for Wolverine for the 1996 POR was reduced from 0.67 to 0.40 percent.

Suspension of Liquidation

There is now a final and conclusive decision in the Panel proceeding. See *North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Notice of Completion of Panel Review*, 64 FR 73015 (December 29, 1999). Therefore, effective as of the publication date of this notice, the following final weighted-average percent margin exists:

| Producer/manufacturer/exporter | Weight-average percent |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Wolverine | 0.40 |

Due to the fact that 0.40 percent is considered *de minimis*, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.106(c), the Department will

¹ For a complete discussion of the Department's reasoning with respect to the remand issues, see *Redetermination on Remand: Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review* (September 14, 1999).

instruct the Customs Service to liquidate at zero percent all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996. The Customs Service will continue to suspend liquidation of future entries and require a cash deposit in the amount of the margin calculated in the most recent administrative review, *i.e.*, the cash deposits described in the final results of the 1997 review. See *Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Intent Not to Revoke Order in Part*, 64 FR 46344, 46349 (August 25, 1999).

This notice is published pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1516a(g)(5)(B)(1996); section 735(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1673d(d)(1996)); and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: February 14, 2000.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Closed Meeting of the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (APAC)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The APAC will have a closed meeting on March 10, 2000, at the U.S. Department of Commerce to discuss U.S.-made automotive parts sales in Japanese and other Asian markets.

DATES: March 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Reck, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4036, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-1418.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (the "Committee") advises U.S. Government officials on matters relating to the implementation of the Fair Trade in Automotive Parts Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-261). The Committee: (1) Reports to the Secretary of Commerce on barriers to sales of U.S.-made automotive parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (2) reviews and considers data collected on sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (3) advises the Secretary of Commerce during consultations with other Governments on issues concerning

sales of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets; and (4) assists in establishing priorities for the initiative to increase sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories to Japanese markets, and otherwise provide assistance and direction to the Secretary of Commerce in carrying out the intent of that section; and (5) assists the Secretary of Commerce in reporting to Congress by submitting an annual written report to the Secretary on the sale of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets, as well as any other issues with respect to which the Committee provides advice pursuant to its authorizing legislation. At the meeting, committee members will discuss specific trade and sales expansion programs related to automotive parts trade policy between the United States and Japan and other Asian markets.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on February 24, 2000, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the March 10 meeting of the Committee and of any subcommittee thereof, dealing with privileged or confidential commercial information may be exempt from the provisions of the Act relating to open meeting and public participation therein because these items are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(4) and (9)(B). A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Department of Commerce Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Main Commerce.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Henry P. Misisco,
Director, Office of Automotive Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Announcing Approval of Withdrawal of Thirty-Three Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications

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

ACTION: Notice.