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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Stainless Steel Butt-weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan

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

ACTION: Notice of postponement of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doreen Chen or Robert Bolling, Office IX, DAS Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0408 and (202) 482-3434, respectively.

POSTPONEMENT OF PRELIMINARY

DETERMINATION: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is postponing the preliminary results in the antidumping administrative review of Certain Stainless Steel Butt-weld Pipe Fittings (SSBWPF) from Taiwan. The deadline for issuing the preliminary results in this administrative review is now June 28, 2000.

On July 29, 1999, the Department initiated this administrative review, setting February 29, 1999 as the date for issuing the preliminary results of the review. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 64 FR 41075 (July 29, 1999). On January 31, 2000 the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire to the respondent, Ta Chen Stainless Steel Pipe, Ltd. (Ta Chen). On February 2, 2000, Ta Chen requested an extension of time to respond to the Department's supplemental questionnaire from February 14, 2000 to March 15, 2000. On February 11, 2000, we granted Ta Chen an extension until March 3, 2000 to respond to our supplemental questionnaire. Further, for the reasons stated in the February 24, 2000 memorandum from Edward Yang to

Joseph Spetrini: *Extension of Time Limit for the Administrative Review of Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan*, we determine that it is not practicable to complete the review within the normal time frame and are therefore extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of SSBWPF from Taiwan by 120 days, in accordance with section 751(a)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

The date for issuing the preliminary results is moved from February 29, 2000 to June 28, 2000.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

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Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders: Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe and Tube Fittings From Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

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

ACTION: Notice of continuation of antidumping duty orders: certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe and tube fittings from Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

SUMMARY: On February 4, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe and tube fittings ("pipe and tube fittings") from Japan, South Korea ("Korea"), and Taiwan is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (65 FR 5604). On February 24, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on pipe and tube fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (65 FR 9298). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on pipe

and tube fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark D. Young or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on pipe and tube fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act (64 FR 35588 and 64 FR 35691, respectively). As a result of its reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the orders to be revoked (See Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews: Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe and Tube Fittings From Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, 65 FR 5604 (February 4, 2000)).

On February 24, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on pipe and tube fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (See Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe and Tube Fittings From Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan, 65 FR 9298 (February 24, 2000) and USITC Pub. 3263, Investigations Nos. 731-TA-376, 563, and 564 (Review) (February 2000)).

Scope

The products covered by these orders include certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe and tube fittings. These fittings are used in piping systems for chemical plants, pharmaceutical plants, food processing facilities, waste treatment facilities, semiconductor equipment applications, nuclear power plants and other areas. The subject merchandise are currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") item number 7307.23.00.00. The HTSUS item number is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.