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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-583-816]

#### 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-588-702, A-580-813, and A-583-816]

#### 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.

With respect to the order on subject imports from Japan and Taiwan, the

Department has made several scope rulings. The following products were

determined to be within the scope of the orders:

Product within scope	Importer	Citation
Superclean or ultraclean pipe fittings from Japan .....	Benkan Corporation .....	56 FR 1801 (January 17, 1991).
A774 type stainless steel pipe fittings from Taiwan .....	Tachia Yung Ho .....	58 FR 28556 (May 14, 1993).
Cast butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan .....	Eckstrom Industries .....	<i>Eckstrom Ind. v. United States</i> , Court No. 97-10-01913, Slip. Op., 99-99 (Ct. Int'l Trade Sept. 20, 1999). <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Court of International Trade affirmed Commerce decision that cast butt-weld pipe fittings are within the scope of the order. We note, however, that on November 18, 1999, Eckstrom appealed this decision to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Case no. 00-1117. That appeal is currently pending.

The following products were determined to be outside the scope of the orders:

Product outside scope	Importer	Citation
Certain gasket raised face seal sleeves and certain stainless steel "fine-fit" tube fittings imported from Japan.	Fujikin of America, Inc .....	60 FR 54213 (October 20, 1995).
Stainless steel tube fittings with non-welded end connection, and other products from Taiwan.	Top Line Process Equipment Corporation.	60 FR 54213 (October 20, 1995).
Primet joint metal seal fittings and primet joint weld fittings from Japan.	Daido .....	61 FR 5533 (February 13, 1996).
Sleeves of clean vacuum couplings and super-clean microfittings from Japan.	Benkan .....	61 FR 5533 (February 13, 1996).
Superclean fittings from Japan .....	Benkan UCT Corporation ...	61 FR 40194 (August 1, 1996).

## Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of these antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping 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 orders on pipe and tube fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of these orders will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than February 2005.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration [A-588-054, A-588-604]

#### **Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From Japan, and Tapered Roller Bearings, Four Inches or Less in Outside Diameter, and Components Thereof, From Japan; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews and Revocation in Part**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

**SUMMARY:** On October 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the 1997-98 administrative reviews of the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings (TRBs) and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from Japan (A-588-604), and the antidumping finding on TRBs, four inches or less in outside diameter, and components thereof, from Japan (A-588-054) (*see Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, from Japan, and Tapered Roller Bearings, Four Inches or Less in Outside Diameter, and Components Thereof, from Japan; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews and Intent to Revoke in Part*, 64 FR 53323

(*Preliminary Results*). The review of the A-588-054 finding covers two manufacturers/exporters and one reseller/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998. The review of the A-588-604 order covers three manufacturers/exporters and the period October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998. Based upon our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the reviewed firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Reviews."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 2000.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephanie Arthur (Koyo), Charles Ranado (NSK), Deborah Scott (NTN and Fuji), or Robert James, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-6312, (202) 482-3518, or (202) 482-2657, respectively.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are in reference to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations