

published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit from Thailand, covering the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999 (64 FR 47167). The preliminary results are currently due no later than April 3, 2000.

*Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review*

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit for the reasons stated in our memorandum from Gary Taverman to Holly Kuga, dated March 6, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than July 31, 2000. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after publication of the preliminary results notice.

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

Dated: March 6, 2000.

**Holly Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-588-833]

#### Stainless Steel Bar From Japan: Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of antidumping administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** On November 8, 1999, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Japan. This review covers one producer/exporter, Aichi Steel Corporation, during the period February 1, 1998, through January 31, 1999.

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations. Therefore the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margin is listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of the Review."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 14, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Minoo Hatten or Robin Gray, Office 3 AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1690 or (202) 482-4023, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**The 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 amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

**Background**

On November 9, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Japan. *Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Bar from Japan*, 64 FR 60788 (preliminary results). Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Dunkirk, NY; Carpenter Technology Corp., Reading, PA; Republic Engineered Steels, Inc., Massillon, OH; Slater Steels Corp., Fort Wayne, IN; Talley Metals Technology, Inc., Hartsville, SC; and the United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, collectively petitioners in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation (hereafter petitioners), submitted their case brief on December 8, 1999. Aichi Steel Corporation (Aichi), respondent in this review, also submitted its case brief on December 8, 1999. The petitioners and Aichi submitted rebuttal briefs on December 13, 1999. The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

**Scope of Review**

The merchandise covered by this review is stainless steel bar (SSB). For purposes of this review, the term "stainless steel bar" means articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons or other convex polygons. SSB includes cold-finished SSBs that are turned or ground in

straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut-length flat-rolled products (*i.e.*, cut-length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (*i.e.*, cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

The SSB subject to this order is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.10.0005, 7222.10.0050, 7222.20.0005, 7222.20.0045, 7222.20.0075, and 7222.30.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

**Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by interested parties to this administrative review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memo) from Richard W. Moreland, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, to Robert S. La Russa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated March 6, 2000, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the Decision Memo, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in B-099. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Web at [www.ita.doc.gov/import\\_admin/records/frn/](http://www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn/). The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Sales Below Cost in the Home Market**

The Department disregarded Aichi's home-market below-cost sales which failed the cost test in these final results of review.

### Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have made certain changes in the margin calculations. We have also corrected certain programming and clerical errors in our preliminary results, where applicable. We discuss any alleged programming or clerical errors with which we do not agree in the relevant sections of the "Decision Memorandum," accessible in B-099 and on the Web at [www.ita.doc.gov/import\\_admin/records/frn/](http://www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn/).

### Final Results of Review

As a result of our analysis of the comments received, we determine a final weighted-average margin of 1.24 percent for Aichi for the period February 1, 1998, through January 31, 1999.

The Customs Service will assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. We have calculated an exporter/customer-specific assessment value for subject merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total quantity sold.

### Cash-Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirement shall be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of review for all shipments of SSB from Japan, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash-deposit rate for Aichi Steel Corporation will be 1.24 percent; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed companies not listed above, the cash-deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this or any previous reviews or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash-deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review, the cash-deposit rate will continue to be 61.47 percent, the "all-others" rate established in the LTFV investigation (59 FR 66930, December 28, 1994).

The deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility

under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

### Appendix—List of Issues

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Sea Grant Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program; Request for Proposals for FY 2000

**AGENCY:** National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) is soliciting

proposals for innovative partnerships to strengthen the capacity of Minority Serving Institutions to foster student careers, research, and workforce competitiveness in marine and related sciences. Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) include educational institutions identified by the Department of Education as (i) Historically Black Colleges and Universities, (ii) Hispanic-Serving Institutions, (iii) Tribal Colleges and Universities, and (iv) MSIs located in U.S. insular areas (see Section III. Eligibility.) Marine sciences are defined as those fields relevant to the protection, management, and development of the Nation's ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2000, Sea Grant expects to make available about \$300,000 per year, depending on available funding, to support the Sea Grant Minority Serving Institution (SG-MSI) Partnership Program. Up to \$150,000 will be reserved for proposals related to aquaculture in a cooperative effort with Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. Sea Grant expects to fund four to six projects per year. Proposals may request up to \$75,000 per year in federal funds and projects may run up to three years maximum. Matching funds from non-federal sources must provide at least one-third of the total project costs, or in other words, for every \$2 in federal support, a minimum of \$1 in non-federal matching funds is required to be committed to the project.

The SG-MSI Partnership Project projects are intended to provide additional access for MSI students and faculty to research opportunities, career-related experience, and work-study or internships that enhance career opportunities and career growth in the marine sciences and related marine fields. Projects should establish partnerships between the MSI and Sea Grant programs or other universities, research institutions, industry, or organizations (public, nonprofit, or private) engaged in the marine sciences or related marine fields. Proposals must be submitted by the MSI and must identify partner institutions by name in their applications.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals to their state's Sea Grant program (contact the appropriate state Sea Grant Program from the list below to obtain the mailing address or the address may be obtained on the web site <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html>); or, if your state does not have a Sea Grant program, to an adjacent state Sea Grant Program.