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Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce (the Department) regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1999).

Scope of the Review

The products covered by this order constitute one "class or kind" of merchandise: certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate. These products include hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coils and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the (HTSUS) under item numbers 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, and 7212.50.0000. Included are flat-rolled products of non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling") for example,

products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded are grade X-70 plate and certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate with a maximum thickness of 80 mm in steel grades BS 7191, 355 EM and 355 EMZ, as amended by Sable Offshore Energy Project specification XB MOO Y 15 0001, types 1 and 2 (see, Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Finland, Germany, and the United Kingdom: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Reviews, and Revocation of Orders in Part, 64 FR 46343, 46344 (August 25, 1999)). These HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 31, 1999, Bethlehem Steel Corporation and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, collectively "petitioners", requested an administrative review of British Steel Limited (British Steel), a British producer and importer of the subject merchandise, with respect to the antidumping duty order published in the **Federal Register** on August 19, 1993 (58 FR 44168). We initiated this review on October 1, 1999 (64 FR 53318).

On February 24, 2000, the petitioners filed a letter with the Department requesting withdrawal of its request for the Department to conduct an administrative review. Ordinarily, parties have 90 days from the publication of the notice of initiation of review in which to withdraw a request for review. See CFR 351.213(d)(1). We did not receive petitioners' withdrawal request until after the 90-day period had elapsed. However, the review has not progressed substantially and there would be no undo burden on the parties or the Department, if the Department were to rescind the review on the basis of this request. Therefore, the Department has determined that it would be reasonable to grant the withdrawal at this time.

This notice is published pursuant to section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1675 (1999)), and section 351.213 of the Department's regulations (19 CFR 351.213 (1999)).

Dated: March 8, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-827]

Notice of Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Mexico

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Morris at (202) 482-1775, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office VI, Group II, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Amendment of Preliminary Determination

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is amending the preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from Mexico. This amended preliminary determination results in revised antidumping rates.

On January 28, 2000, the Department issued its affirmative preliminary determination in this proceeding. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe from Mexico*, 65 FR 5587 (February 4, 2000).

On February 11, 2000, the petitioners¹ submitted allegations of certain ministerial errors. The petitioners alleged that the Department made ministerial errors when it deducted both U.S. dollar and Mexican Peso imputed credit expenses from its normal value (NV) calculation, and that it incorrectly made an exchange rate conversion on one of the imputed credit expenses. The petitioners claimed that another ministerial error occurred when the Department made a constructed export price (CEP) offset to sales matched at a comparable level of trade (LOT). The sole respondent in this investigation, Tubos de Acero de

¹ The petitioners in this investigation are Gulf States Tube, a Division of Vision Metals, Inc.; Koppel Steel Corporation; Sharon Tube Corporation; USS/Kobe Steel Corporation; U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation; and the United Steelworkers of America.

Mexico S.A. (TAMSA), did not submit any ministerial error allegations.

The Department has reviewed its preliminary calculations and agrees with the petitioners, in part, that the Department made certain ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f) and (g). The Department inadvertently deducted from the home market price two imputed credit expenses. We intended to deduct only one credit expense from each home market sale. Further, since we were able to match U.S. sales to NV at the same LOT, no CEP offset should have been made. However, we disagree with the petitioners' allegation concerning the currency conversion applied in one of the imputed credit expense calculations. See "Ministerial Error Allegations for the Preliminary Determination" memorandum to Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, for Import Administration, Group II, dated February 24, 2000, on file in room B-099 of the Main Commerce building.

As a result of our analysis of the petitioners' allegations, we are amending our preliminary determination to revise the antidumping rate for TAMSA in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e), along with the corresponding correction to the "all others" rate, as listed below. Suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly and parties shall be notified of this determination, in accordance with sections 733(d) and (f) of the Act.

The revised weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/exporter	Weighted-average margin percentage
TAMSA	14.20
All Others	14.20

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-817]

Oil Country Tubular Goods from Mexico: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis Hall at (202) 482-1398 or Dena Aliadinov at (202) 482-2667, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Time Limits

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days and for the final determination to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

Background

On September 9, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Oil Country Tubular Goods from Mexico, covering the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999 (64 FR 48983). The preliminary results are currently due no later than May 2, 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. Therefore the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than August 30, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Richard Weible to

Joseph A. Spetrini, dated March 8, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

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

Dated: March 8, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-549-813]

Canned Pineapple Fruit From Thailand: Extension of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 14, 2000.

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