

### The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 (April 1999).

### Background

On December 28, 1999, Ispat Inland Inc. and Republic Technologies International LLC (the petitioners) requested that the Department revoke the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom, retroactive to January 1, 1994, stating that they no longer have an interest in maintaining these orders. The petitioners represent domestic interested parties, and are successor companies to the petitioners in the less-than-fair-value and countervailing duty investigations. On January 5, 2000, the petitioners submitted a letter substantiating their claim that they represent more than 85 percent of domestic production and shipments of the subject merchandise. On February 2, 2000, petitioners amended their initial revocation request, and asked that revocation of the orders be retroactive to January 1, 1995, rather than to January 1, 1994. We preliminarily determined that the petitioner's statement of no interest constituted changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation of these orders. Consequently, on February 15, 2000, we published a notice of initiation of changed circumstances reviews and preliminary results of reviews with intent to revoke the orders and rescind the ongoing administrative reviews (65 FR 7490). We invited interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. We received no comments.

### Scope of the Reviews

The products covered by these reviews are hot-rolled bars and rods of nonalloy or other alloy steel, whether or not descaled, containing by weight 0.03 percent or more of lead or 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, in coils or cut lengths, and in numerous shapes and sizes. Excluded from the scope of this review are other alloy steels (as defined by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) Chapter 72, note 1 (f)), except steels classified as other alloy steels by reason of containing by weight 0.4 percent or

more of lead, or 0.1 percent or more of bismuth, tellurium, or selenium. Also excluded are semi-finished steels and flat-rolled products. Most of the products covered in these reviews are provided for under subheadings 7213.20.00.00 and 7214.30.00.00 of the HTSUS. Small quantities of these products may also enter the United States under the following HTSUS subheadings: 7213.31.30.00; 7213.31.60.00; 7213.39.00.30; 7213.39.00.60; 7213.39.00.90; 7213.91.30.00; 7213.91.45.00; 7213.91.60.00; 7213.99.00; 7214.40.00.10, 7214.40.00.30, 7214.40.00.50; 7214.50.00.10; 7214.50.00.30; 7214.50.00.50; 7214.60.00.10; 7214.60.00.30; 7214.60.00.50; 7214.91.00; 7214.99.00; 7228.30.80.00; and 7228.30.80.50. HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of these proceedings is dispositive.

### Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Reviews and Intent To Revoke Orders

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, the Department may revoke, in whole or in part, a countervailing or antidumping duty order based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (*i.e.*, a changed-circumstances review). The Department's regulations, at 19 CFR 351.216(d), require the Department to conduct a changed-circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221 if it decides that changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review exist. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and section 351.222(g)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations provide that the Department may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part.

The petitioners are domestic interested parties as defined by section 771(9)(E) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b) and represent substantially all of the production of the domestic like product. Based on the petitioners' statement of no interest in the continued application of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders and the fact that no interested parties objected to or otherwise commented on our preliminary results, we determine that there are changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation of the orders. Therefore, we are revoking the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain hot-rolled carbon steel products from the United Kingdom, retroactive to January 1, 1995. We are

also rescinding the ongoing antidumping and countervailing duty administrative reviews covering the periods March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999, and January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4), we will instruct the Customs Service to end the suspension of liquidation and to refund any estimated antidumping and countervailing duties collected for all unliquidated entries of certain hot-rolled carbon steel products from the United Kingdom on or after January 1, 1998. We will also instruct the Customs Service to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. We will issue liquidation instructions to the Customs Service for the year 1995, 1996, and 1997 when pending litigation of these CVD review periods is dismissed and the preliminary injunctions are lifted.

We are issuing and publishing these determinations and notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and section 351.222 of the Department's regulations.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-412-814]

### Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the United Kingdom: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**SUMMARY:** On October 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 53318) the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the United Kingdom for the manufacturer/exporter, British Steel Limited (British Steel). This review was requested by the petitioners, and covered the period August 1, 1998, through July 31, 1999. The Department is now rescinding this review after receiving a withdrawal of its request for the review from the petitioners.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maureen McPhillips or Linda Ludwig, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0193 or (202) 482-3833, respectively.

#### Applicable Statute

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#### 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 petitioners<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.