

length plate from Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the rates listed below:

Mexican manufacturers/exporters	Net subsidy rate (percent)
Altos Hornos de Mexico S.A	25.87
All Others	20.25

Among the benefits provided by the GOM's countervailable programs the Department determined that those provided by the Bancomext Export Loans and PITEC Duty-Free Imports for Companies That Export were contingent upon export performance;³ therefore, both programs fall within the purview of Article 3.1(a). Because receipt of a benefit under the 1986 Assumption of AHMSA's Debt program, the 1988 and 1990 Debt Restructuring of AHMSA Debt and the Resulting Discounted Prepayment in 1996 of AHMSA's Restructuring Debt Owed to the GOM program, and the Pre-privatization Lay-off Financing from the GOM and the 1991 Equity Infusion in Connection with the Debt to Equity Swap of PROCARSA program are types of debt forgiveness, these programs fall within the definition "direct forgiveness of debt" for purposes of Article 6.1(d) of the Subsidies Agreement. The GOM Equity Infusions program, the Immediate Deduction program, and IMIS Research and Development Grants program are not contingent on exports, nor are they "direct forgiveness of debt." Therefore, these programs could be found inconsistent with Article 6.1⁴ of the Subsidies Agreement if the net subsidy exceeds 5 percent *ad valorem* as measured in accordance with Annex IV of the Subsidies Agreement. However, the Department does not have enough information to calculate or determine whether the total *ad valorem* subsidization of the subject merchandise from these programs exceeds five-percent or whether they were meant to cover operating losses or to be used as direct forgiveness of debt. Nor does the Department believe such a calculation or determination would be appropriate in the course of a sunset review. Instead, we are providing the Commission with the program descriptions listed below.

³ See Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Mexico: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 65 FR 13368 (March 13, 2000).

⁴ We note that as of January 1, 2000, Article 6.1 has ceased to apply (see Article 31 of the Subsidies Agreement).

Equity Infusions

This program enabled AHMSA to receive equity infusions from the GOM in 1977, each year from 1979 to 1987, in 1990, and in 1991. We determined that equity infusions by the GOM into AHMSA in these years were specific and made on terms inconsistent with commercial considerations.

IMIS Research and Development Grants

Under this program IMIS performed joint venture research and did not make the results of the joint venture publicly available, therefore the Department was not able to determine the exact value of IMIS's contributions to the joint venture.

Immediate Deduction

This program promotes investment by allowing the future deduction of fixed assets, at their present value, at the time of the investment. This program only applied to property used permanently within Mexico but outside of the metropolitan areas of Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterey. With respect to small firms (*i.e.*, firms with a gross income of 7 million pesos or less), the location restriction does not apply.

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

We are issuing and publishing these results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [C-475-819]

Certain Pasta From Italy: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the 1998 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the third review of the countervailing duty order on certain pasta from Italy. The period of review is January 1 through December 31, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Matney or Annika O'Hara, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement I, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1778 or (202) 482-3798, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

On August 30, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated the third countervailing duty administrative review of certain pasta from Italy, covering calendar year 1998. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 64 FR 47167 (August 30, 1999). Corrections to the initiation notice were published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1999 (64 FR 48897) and November 4, 1999 (64 FR 60161). The preliminary results are currently due no later than April 3, 2000.

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary results within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to issue the preliminary results within the time

period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend this deadline to a maximum of 365 days.

Postponement

The Department has determined that additional time is necessary to issue the preliminary results in this administrative review for the reasons stated in our memorandum from Susan Kuhbach to Richard Moreland, dated March 31, 2000. Therefore, in accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Act, we are postponing the preliminary results of this administrative review until no later than July 31, 2000.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-807]

Notice of Correction to Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Sulfanilic Acid From India

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

SUMMARY: On February 8, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the final results of the sunset review of the countervailing duty order on sulfanilic acid from India.¹ Subsequent to the publication of the final results, we identified an inadvertent error in the "Final Results of Review" section of the notice. Therefore, we are correcting and clarifying this inadvertent error.

The Department published a net subsidy rate, for all manufacturers/producers/exporters of sulfanilic acid from India, of 47.31 percent.² This rate was a typographical error. The net subsidy rate applicable to all manufacturers/producers/exporters of sulfanilic acid from India is 43.71 percent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 8, 2000.

¹ See Notice of Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Sulfanilic Acid from India, 65 FR 6171 (February 8, 2000).

² See Notice of Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Sulfanilic Acid from India, 65 FR 6171, 6174 (February 8, 2000).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark D. Young, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-1930.

This correction is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(h) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(C-489-502)

Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Turkey; Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Turkey for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. For information on the net subsidy for the reviewed companies, as well as for all non-reviewed companies, see the *Preliminary Results of Review* section of this notice. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as detailed in the *Preliminary Results of Review* section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. (See *Public Comment* section of this notice.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Grossman or Stephanie Moore, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 7, 1986, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (51 FR 7984) the countervailing duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes

and tubes from Turkey. On March 9, 1999, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" (64 FR 11439) of this countervailing duty order. We received a timely request to conduct a review by Borusan Birlesik Boru Fabrikalari A.S. (BBBF). We initiated the review covering the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23269).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), this review covers only those producers or exporters of the subject merchandise for which a review was specifically requested. Accordingly, this review covers BBBF and Borusan Ihracat Ithalat ve Dagitim A.S. (Dagitim), an affiliated trading company that exports BBBF produced subject merchandise to the United States (see *Treatment of Trading Company* section below). This review also covers 21 programs.

On November 10, 1999, the Department extended the period for completion of the preliminary results pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). See *Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Turkey: Extension of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review* (64 FR 61276). The deadline for the final results of this review is no later than 120 days from the date on which these preliminary results are published in the **Federal Register**.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Act, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) effective January 1, 1995. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations reference 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments from Turkey of certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube, having an outside diameter of 0.375 inch or more, but not more than 16 inches, of any wall thickness. These products, commonly referred to in the industry as standard pipe and tube or structural tubing, are produced to various American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications, most notably A-53, A-120, A-135, A-500, or A-501. These products are classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) as item number 7306.30.10. The HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes.