

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-428-817]

Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products; Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products; and Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate Products From Germany; Final Results of Full Sunset Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Final Results of Full Sunset Reviews: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products; Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products; and Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate Products from Germany.

SUMMARY: On March 27, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of preliminary results of the full sunset reviews of the countervailing duty orders on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, cold-rolled carbon steel flat products, and cut-to-length carbon steel plate products (collectively the "steel products") from Germany (65 FR 16176) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). We provided interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received comments from both domestic and respondent interested parties. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of these orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eun W. Cho or James Maeder, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1698 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

Statute and Regulations

This review was conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act. The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations"), and in 19 CFR Part 351 (1999) in general. Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of

sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

Background

On March 27, 2000, the Department published in the *Federal Register* a notice of preliminary results of the full sunset reviews of the countervailing duty orders on steel products from Germany pursuant to the Act. In our preliminary results, we determined that revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. In addition, we preliminarily determined that the following net countervailable subsidies are likely to prevail for respective manufactures/exporters of steel products if the orders were revoked: for corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, a country-wide rate of 0.54 percent ad valorem; for cold-rolled carbon steel flat products, country-wide rate of 0.55 percent ad valorem; for cut-to-length steel plate products, 1.62 percent ad valorem for Salzgitter, 0.51 percent ad valorem for TKS, and a 14.84 percent ad valorem country-wide rate (including Dillinger).

On May 19, 2000, the Government of Germany ("GOG") submitted its case brief, and the rest of the interested parties (both domestic and respondent) submitted their case briefs on May 22, 2000, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). We also received rebuttal comments from the GOG on June 2, 2000, and from both domestic and respondent interested parties on June 5, 2000, within the deadline specified in a Department Memorandum dated May 26, 2000.¹ The Department held a hearing on June 26, 2000.

Scope of Review

The products covered by these reviews are certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, cold-rolled carbon steel flat products, and cut-to-length steel plate products from Germany.

(1) Certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products: the scope of countervailing duty order of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products ("corrosion-resistant")

¹ On May 24, 2000, the domestic interested parties requested an extension of the deadline for filing rebuttal comments to respondents' case briefs. The Department extended the deadline until June 5, 2000 for all participants eligible to file rebuttal comments.

includes flat-rolled carbon steel products, of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) and of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, or in straight lengths which, if of a thickness less than 4.75 millimeters, are of a width of 0.5 inch or greater and which measures at least 10 times the thickness or if of a thickness of 4.75 millimeters or more are of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") under item numbers 7210.31.0000, 7210.39.0000, 7210.41.0000, 7210.49.0030, 7210.49.0090, 7210.60.0000, 7210.70.6030, 7210.70.6060, 7210.70.6090, 7210.90.1000, 7210.90.6000, 7210.90.9000, 7212.21.0000, 7212.29.0000, 7212.30.1030, 7212.30.1090, 7212.30.3000, 7212.30.5000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7212.60.0000, 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.5000, 7217.12.1000, 7217.13.1000, 7217.19.1000, 7217.19.5000, 7217.22.5000, 7217.23.5000, 7217.29.1000, 7217.29.5000, 7217.32.5000, 7217.33.5000, 7217.39.1000, and 7217.39.5000. Included in this scope 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 bevelled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this scope are flat-rolled steel products either plated or coated with tin, lead, chromium, chromium oxides, both tin and lead ("terne plate"), or both chromium and chromium oxides ("tin-free steel"), whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. Also excluded from this scope are clad products in straight lengths of 0.1875 inch or more in composite thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness. Also excluded from this scope are certain clad stainless flat-rolled products, which are three-layered corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat-rolled products less than 4.75 millimeters in composite thickness that

consist of a carbon steel flat-rolled product clad on both sides with stainless steel in a "20 percent-60 percent-20 percent" ratio.

On September 22, 1999, the Department issued the final results of a changed circumstances review and revoked the order with respect to certain corrosion-resistant steel.²

(2) Certain cold-rolled carbon steel flat products: the scope of countervailing duty order of certain cold-rolled carbon steel flat products includes cold-rolled (cold-reduced) carbon steel flat-rolled products, of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) and of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, or in straight lengths which, if of a thickness less than 4.75 millimeters, are of a width of 0.5 inch or greater and which measures at least 10 times the thickness or if of a thickness of 4.75 millimeters or more are of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") under item numbers

- 7209.11.0000, 7209.12.0030,
- 7209.12.0090, 7209.13.0030,
- 7209.13.0090, 7209.14.0030,
- 7209.14.0090, 7209.21.0000,
- 7209.22.0000, 7209.23.0000,
- 7209.24.1000, 7209.24.5000,
- 7209.31.0000, 7209.32.0000,
- 7209.33.0000, 7209.34.0000,
- 7209.41.0000, 7209.42.0000,
- 7209.43.0000, 7209.44.0000,
- 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000,
- 7210.90.9000, 7211.30.1030,
- 7211.30.1090, 7211.30.3000,
- 7211.30.5000, 7211.41.1000,

² See Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Reviews and Revocation of Orders in Part: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Germany, 64 FR 51292 (September 22, 1999). The Department noted that the affirmative statement of no interest by petitioners, combined with the lack of comments from interested parties, is sufficient to warrant partial revocation. This partial revocation applies to certain corrosion-resistant deep-drawing carbon steel strip, roll-clad on both sides with aluminum (AlSi) foils in accordance with St3 LG as to EN 10139/10140. The merchandise's chemical composition encompasses a core material of U St 23 (continuous casting) in which carbon is less than 0.08 percent; manganese is less than 0.30 percent; phosphorous is less than 0.20 percent; sulfur is less than 0.015 percent; aluminum is less than 0.01 percent; and the cladding material is a minimum of 99 percent aluminum with silicon/copper/iron of less than 1 percent. The products are in strips with thicknesses of 0.07mm to 4.0mm (inclusive) and widths of 5mm to 800mm (inclusive). The thickness ratio of aluminum on either side of steel may range from 3 percent/94 percent/3 percent to 10 percent/80 percent/10 percent.

7211.41.3030, 7211.41.3090, 7211.41.5000, 7211.41.7030, 7211.41.7060, 7211.41.7090, 7211.49.1030, 7211.49.1090, 7211.49.3000, 7211.49.5030, 7211.49.5060, 7211.49.5090, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7217.11.1000, 7217.11.2000, 7217.11.3000, 7217.19.1000, 7217.19.5000, 7217.21.1000, 7217.29.1000, 7217.29.5000, 7217.31.1000, 7217.39.1000, and 7217.39.5000. Included in this scope 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 bevelled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this scope is certain shadow mask steel; *i.e.*, aluminum-killed, cold-rolled steel coil that is open-coil annealed, has a carbon content of less than 0.002 percent, is of 0.003 to 0.012 inch in thickness, 15 to 30 inches in width, and has an ultra flat, isotropic surface.

(3) Certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate products: the scope of countervailing duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate products ("cut-to-length steel") includes 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 ("HTS") 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 bevelled or rounded at the edges. Excluded is grade X-70 plate.

On August 25, 1999, the Department issued the final results of a changed-circumstances review revoking the order in part, with respect to 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 2.³

The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and custom purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

ANALYSIS OF COMMENTS RECEIVED: All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this sunset review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memo") from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Troy H. Cribb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated July 27, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the attached Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and the magnitude of the net subsidy likely to prevail if the orders were revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in these reviews and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099, of the main Commerce Building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Final Results of Review: We determine that revocation of the countervailing duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

Manufacturer/Exporters	Margin (percent)
Corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products:	
Country-wide rate	0.54

³ See Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Finland, Germany, and United Kingdom: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Reviews, and Revocation of Orders in Part, 64 FR 46343 (August 25, 1999).

Manufacturer/Exporters	Margin (percent)
Cold-rolled carbon steel flat products:	
Country-wide rate	0.55
Cut-to-length steel plate products:*	
Ilseburg	0.80
Preussag	0.77
TKS	0.51
Country-wide (including Dillinger)	14.84

* Although Salzgitter is a successor-in-interest for both Ilseburg and Preussag, without an appropriate review, we cannot discern the appropriate rate for the successor. Therefore, for Ilseburg and Preussag, we are reporting the rates from the original investigation, as adjusted. The country-wide rate applies to Dillinger, and TKS is the successor-in-interests of Thyssen.

Nature of the Subsidy: The programs included in our calculation of the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail if the orders were revoked do not fall within the definition of an export subsidy under Article 3.1(a) of the Subsidies Agreement.

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 this determination and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-469-004]

Revocation of Countervailing Duty Order: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Spain

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

ACTION: Notice of revocation of countervailing duty order: stainless steel wire rod from Spain.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the United States International Trade Commission ("the Commission") determined that revocation of the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Spain is not likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time, 65 FR 45409 (July 21, 2000). Therefore, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(1), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is revoking the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Spain. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2) the effective date of revocation is January 1, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Further Information Contact: Martha V. Douthit or James P. Maeder, 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) 482-5050 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

BACKGROUND: On July 1, 1999, the Department initiated and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews of the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Spain, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. See 64 FR 35588 and 64 FR 35697. As a result of the review, the Department found that revocation of the countervailing duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. See Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Spain, 65 FR 6166 (February 8, 2000).

On July 21, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Spain would not likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See 65 FR 45409 (July 21, 2000), and USITC Pub. 3321, Investigation No. 701-TA-178 (Review)(July 2000).

SCOPE: Imports covered by this order are shipments of stainless steel wire rod ("SSWR") from Spain, which includes coiled, semi-finished, hot-rolled stainless steel products of

approximately round solid cross section, not under 0.20 inch nor over 0.74 inch in diameter, whether or not tempered or treated or partly manufactured, from Spain. This merchandise is currently classifiable under item numbers 7221.00.0020 and 7221.00.0040 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") of the United States. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

DETERMINATION: As a result of the determination by the Commission that revocation of this countervailing duty order is not likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(1), is revoking the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Spain. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2)(ii), this revocation is effective January 1, 2000.

The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to discontinue the suspension of liquidation and collection of cash deposit rates on entries of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse on or after January 1, 2000 (the effective date). The Department will complete any pending administrative review of this order and will conduct administrative reviews of subject merchandise entered prior to the effective date of revocation in response to appropriately filed requests for review.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb.

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)/Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office, announces the proposed