

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 August 31, 1999, Tubos de Acero de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. ("TAMSA") and Hylsa S.A. de C.V. ("Hylsa") requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods ("OCTG") from Mexico. The Department initiated this review on September 24, 1999. See 64 FR 53318 (October 1, 1999). On September 12, 2000, the Department published the preliminary results of the review in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 54998). The final results are due no later than January 10, 2001.

#### Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the original time limits mandated by section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Act. The Department is therefore extending the time limit for completion of the final results until no later than March 12, 2001. See Decision Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated December 29, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building.

This extension of the time limit is in accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: December 29, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Notice of Extension of the Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Italy

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 8, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Blozy, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0165.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

#### Background

On October 30, 2000, the Department published a notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Italy, covering the period January 4, 1999 through June 30, 2000 (65 FR 64662). The preliminary results are currently due no later than April 2, 2001.

#### Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Because of the complex issues enumerated in the Memorandum from Edward C. Yang to Joseph A. Spetrini, *Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Administrative Review of Certain Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Italy*, dated January 2, 2001, and on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU) of the Main Commerce Building, Room B-099, we find that it is not practicable to complete this review by the scheduled deadline. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of review by 90 days (*i.e.*, until July 2, 2001).

Dated: January 2, 2001.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### University of Rochester; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. Law 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number:* 00-034. *Applicant:* University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14623. *Instrument:* Scanning Nearfield Optical Microscope. *Manufacturer:* WITec, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 65 FR 65296, November 1, 2000.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) an atomic force microscope with a metal probe operating in a vertical displacement AC mode and (2) simultaneous scanning atomic-force and near-field-optical microscopy on identical sample zones maintaining sample registration with nanometer accuracy. The National Institute of Standards and Technology advised December 21, 2000 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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