

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

(A-351-828)

Administrative Review of the Suspension Agreement on Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Brazil: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Statutory Time Limits**

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department of Commerce ("the Department") to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order 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 July 6, 1999, the Department entered into Antidumping Duty Suspension Agreement regarding certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products ("hot-rolled steel") from Brazil produced by Companhia Siderurgica Nacional ("CSN"), Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais ("USIMINAS"), and Companhia Siderurgica Paulista ("COSIPA"). This agreement was entered into under section 734(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, requiring, among other things, that the estimated margin of each entry under the suspension agreement does not exceed 15 percent of the

margin found in the investigation. In addition, the Agreement requires that sales of subject merchandise are not made below the reference price (calculated quarterly, to match the market). On July 28, 2000, petitioners requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the agreement. The Department initiated this review on September 6, 2000. See 65 FR 53980 (September 6, 2000). The preliminary results are due not later than April 2, 2001.

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 limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The Department is therefore extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results by 120 days, until July 31, 2001. See Decision Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated February 26, 2001, 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: February 27, 2001.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

(A-588-810)

Mechanical Transfer Presses From Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review: Mechanical transfer presses from Japan.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on mechanical transfer presses (MTPs) from Japan in response to a request by respondent, Komatsu, Ltd (Komatsu). Petitioner is Verson Division of Allied Products Corp. This review covers shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period of February 1, 1999

through January 31, 2000. We have preliminarily determined that U.S. sales have not been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate entries without regard to antidumping duties. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on MTPs from Japan on February 16, 1990 (55 FR 5642). On March 30, 2000, we published a notice initiating an administrative review of MTPs (65 FR 16875). The review covers one manufacturer, Komatsu, which requested the review.

Due to complicated issues in this case, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this antidumping duty administrative review on October 24, 2000. See *Mechanical Transfer Presses From Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 65 FR 64666 (October 30, 2000).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review include MTPs currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item numbers 8462.99.0035 and 8466.94.5040. The HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of this order is dispositive. The term "mechanical transfer presses"

refers to automatic metal-forming machine tools with multiple die stations in which the work piece is moved from station to station by a transfer mechanism designed as an integral part of the press and synchronized with the press action, whether imported as machines or parts suitable for use solely or principally with these machines. These presses may be imported assembled or unassembled. This review does not cover certain parts and accessories, which were determined to be outside the scope of the order. (See "Final Scope Ruling on Spare and Replacement Parts," U.S. Department of Commerce, March 20, 1992; and "Final Scope Ruling on the Antidumping Duty Order on Mechanical Transfer Presses (MTPs) from Japan: Request by Komatsu, Ltd.," U.S. Department of Commerce, October 3, 1996.) This review covers one manufacturer of MTPs, and the period February 1, 1999 through January 31, 2000.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we verified information provided by Komatsu using standard verification procedures, including on-site inspection of the manufacturer's facilities and the examination of relevant sales and financial records. Our verification results are outlined in public and proprietary versions of the verification report, which are on file in the Central Records Unit of the Department.

Normal Value Comparisons

To determine whether respondent's sales of the subject merchandise to the United States were made at less than NV, we compared its export price to NV, as described in the "Export Price" and "Normal Value" sections of this notice.

Export Price

We calculated an export price (EP) in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. We calculated EP for Komatsu based on the packed, prepaid price to the U.S. customer. We made deductions from the starting price for Japanese inland freight and insurance, brokerage and handling, international freight, marine insurance, U.S. inland freight, and supervision, in accordance with section 772(c)(2) of the Act.

Normal Value

We preliminarily determine that the use of constructed value (CV) is warranted to calculate NV for Komatsu, in accordance with section 773(a)(4) of the Act. While the home market is viable, sales made to the United States do not permit proper price-to-price comparisons with sales made in the

home market. MTPs are made to each customer's specifications, resulting in significant differences among machines. Therefore, we have resorted to the use of CV. This decision is consistent with Department precedent in this proceeding. See, e.g., *Mechanical Transfer Presses from Japan; Preliminary Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Intent to Revoke Order in Part*, 63 FR 11211, 11213 (March 6, 1998).

We note that in past proceedings involving large, custom-built capital equipment, in addition to prior reviews of this order, we have normally resorted to CV. See, e.g., *Large Newspaper Printing Presses and Components Thereof, Whether Assembled or Unassembled, From Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 65 FR 62700, 62702 (Oct. 19, 2000); *Large Power Transformers from France: Final Result of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 61 FR 40403, (Aug. 2, 1996). CV consists of cost of design, direct materials, direct labor, variable overhead, fixed overhead, product-line R&D, and loss on disposals of inventories (yielding total cost of manufacturing), plus general and administrative expenses, net interest expense, profit, and U.S. packing expenses. We added to CV amounts for direct selling expenses (i.e., warranties, credit, and commissions) for merchandise exported to the United States. We subtracted home market direct selling expenses (i.e., warranties and credit).

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following dumping margin exists:

Manufacturer/ exporter	Time period	Margin
Komatsu, Ltd ..	2/01/99–1/31/00	0.99

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 37 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii). Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 35 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of final results of this administrative

review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice.

The Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Upon completion of this review, the Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. Furthermore, the following deposit rate will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of MTPs from Japan entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For Komatsu, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate established for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the subject merchandise; and (4) for all other producers and/or exporters of this merchandise, the cash deposit rate shall be the rate established in the LTFV investigation, which is 14.51 percent. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Mechanical Transfer Presses from Japan*, dated September 15, 1997. These deposit rates, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are issued in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and 19 U.S.C. 1677f(i)(1)). Effective January 20, 2001, Bernard T. Carreau is fulfilling the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-506]

Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Oil Country Tubular Goods From Canada

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of
antidumping duty administrative
review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the respondent, Atlas Tube, Inc. (Atlas), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Canada. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter, Atlas, and the period June 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. The period of review (POR) specified by the Department's opportunity to request administrative review was June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000. See *Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation* 65 FR 38242 (June 20, 2000). However, the Department revoked this antidumping duty order effective January 1, 2000; therefore, this administrative review only covers the period June 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. See *Notice of Revocation of Antidumping Duty Orders: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe and Tube from Venezuela; Small Diameter Standard and Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Singapore; and Oil Country Tubular Goods from Canada and Taiwan* 65 FR 50954 (August 22, 2000).

We have preliminarily determined the dumping margin for Atlas to be 6.56 percent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2001.

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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 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on OCTG from Canada on June 16, 1986 (51 FR 21782) and an amended order on August 19, 1986 (51 FR 29579). On June 20, 2000, the Department published an Opportunity to Request Administrative Review (65 FR 38242). On July 9, 2000, Atlas Tube, Inc. requested the Department to initiate an administrative review pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2). We initiated this administrative review on July 31, 2000 (65 FR 46687) for the period June 1, 1999, through May 31, 2000. On August 22, 2000, the Department revoked the antidumping duty order effective January 1, 2000 (65 FR 50954). Due to the revocation of the antidumping duty order, we analyzed sales of the subject merchandise for the period June 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999, rather than the entire POR specified by the Department's opportunity to request administrative review.

The Department issued its questionnaire on August 28, 2000, and received Atlas' responses to Sections A, B, C, and D (corporate structure, home market sales, U.S. sales, and cost of production/constructed value, respectively) on October 30, 2000, and supplemental responses on December 21, 2000.

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The products covered by this review include shipments of OCTG from Canada. This includes American Petroleum Institute (API) specification OCTG and all other pipe with the following characteristics except entries which the Department determined through its end-use certification procedure were not used in OCTG applications: Length of at least 16 feet;

outside diameter of standard sizes published in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG with tolerances of plus $\frac{1}{8}$ inch for diameters less than or equal to 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches and plus $\frac{1}{4}$ inch for diameters greater than 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches, minimum wall thickness as identified for a given outer diameter as published in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG; a minimum of 40,000 PSI yield strength and a minimum 60,000 PSI tensile strength; and if with seams, must be electric resistance welded. Furthermore, imports covered by this review include OCTG with non-standard size wall thickness greater than the minimum identified for a given outer diameter as published in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG, with surface scabs or slivers, irregularly cut ends, ID or OD weld flash, or open seams; OCTG may be bent, flattened or oval, and may lack certification because the pipe has not been mechanically tested or has failed those tests. This merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) item numbers 7304.20, 7305.20, and 7306.20. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

United States Price

Atlas reported all United States sales of subject merchandise as export price (EP) transactions sold to unaffiliated U.S. customers prior to importation.

We calculated EP, in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act, because the merchandise was sold by the manufacturer/exporter Atlas in the exporting country to the first unaffiliated purchaser in the United States prior to importation and because evidence on the record did not otherwise warrant constructed export price (CEP) methodology. We based EP on the delivered price to unaffiliated purchasers in the United States. We adjusted the starting price by the amount Atlas reported for billing adjustments and made deductions from the starting price for discounts. We also made deductions for movement expenses in accordance with section 772(c)(2)(A) of the Act; these included foreign inland freight, U.S. inland freight, and U.S. brokerage and handling charges.

Normal Value

After testing (1) home market viability and (2) whether home market sales were made at below-cost prices, we calculated normal value (NV) as noted in the "Price-to-Price Comparisons" section of this notice.