

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 27, 2001.

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Time Limits*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 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 this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the final results to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary results) from the date of publication of the preliminary results.

Background

On February 23, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the 1999 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on top-of-the-stove stainless steel cooking ware from Korea. See *Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware from Korea: Preliminary Results and Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review* 66 FR 11259 (February 23, 2001).

Extension of Time Limit For Final Determination

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until no later than August 24, 2001. See Decision Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Bernard T. Carreau,

dated concurrently with this notice, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: June 19, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe From Japan

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The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 Department of Commerce (the Department) regulations refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (April 2000).

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that certain welded large diameter line pipe from Japan is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 733 of the Act. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the Suspension of Liquidation section of this notice.

Case History

On January 10, 2001, the Department received a petition on welded large diameter line pipe from Japan and Mexico in proper form by American Steel Pipe Division of American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Berg Steel Pipe

Corporation, and Stupp Corporation (collectively "petitioners"). The Department received information from the petitioners supplementing the petition on January 22, January 24, January 26, and January 29, 2001.

This investigation was initiated on January 30, 2001. See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Welded Large Diameter Line Pipes from Mexico and Japan*, 66 FR 11266 (February 23, 2001) (Initiation Notice). Since the initiation of these investigations, the following events have occurred.

The Department set aside a period for all interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. See Initiation Notice, 66 FR 11267. We received comments regarding product coverage in the Japan investigation from Sumitomo Metal Industries on February 20, 2001 and February 23, 2001, Kawasaki Steel Corporation, Nippon Steel Corporation, NKK Corporation, and Sumitomo Metal Industries on February 20, 2001, and from petitioners on April 9, 2001. For the concurrent investigation of welded large diameter line pipe from Mexico, respondent Tubesa submitted comments on scope which also affect both investigations.

In response to comments by interested parties the Department has determined that certain welded large diameter line pipe products are excluded from the scope of this investigation. These excluded products are described below in the section on the scope of the investigation. See also *Memorandum from Richard Weible and Ed Yang to Joseph Spetrini, Scope Issues for Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe*, June 19, 2001.

On February 26, 2001, the Department issued a letter to interested parties in the two concurrent antidumping investigations, providing an opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed model matching characteristics and hierarchy. Comments were submitted by the petitioners, and respondents Nippon Steel Corporation and Kawasaki Steel Corporation. All comments were received on March 8, 2001. Petitioners agreed with the Department's proposed characteristics categories, but wished to add more subcategories. Furthermore, petitioners suggested that the Department change its hierarchy of characteristics. Nippon Steel Corporation suggested that the Department elevate "weld type" to the top of the model match criteria hierarchy. Kawasaki also suggested that weld type be used as the first model matching criterion. Also, Kawasaki proposed that the Department change