

petitioner U.S. Steel Group that we conduct an administrative review of the sales of Sumitomo Metal Industries. On September 29, 2000, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods (OCTG) for the period of review (POR) of August 1, 1999 to July 31, 2000, in order to determine whether merchandise imported into the United States is being sold at dumped prices. On October 2, 2000, the Department published a notice of initiation of the antidumping administrative review on OCTG from Japan, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i). See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 65 FR 58733 (October 2, 2000). On May 17, 2001, petitioner U.S. Steel Group withdrew its request for review. On August 3, 2001, we distributed a memorandum which notified interested parties for our intent to rescind this review. We received no comments. See *Memorandum to Barbara E. Tillman from Holly Hawkins: Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG) from Japan: Intent to Rescind Administrative Review.*

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to our regulations, the Department will rescind an administrative review, "if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review." See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). This section further provides that the Secretary may extend this time limit if the Secretary decides that it is reasonable to do so. See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). Although the interested party's withdrawal of its request for review was not within the 90-day time limit, there were no objections to the withdrawal from other interested parties, and the Department has no compelling reason to deny the request. As a result, we are rescinding this administrative review for the period August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2000. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the U.S. Customs Service.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

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 Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review: Petroleum Wax Candles From the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

On February 28, 2001, and in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(c), the Department received a timely request from Shanghai New Star Im/Ex Co., Ltd. (Shanghai) for the initiation of a new shipper review of this antidumping duty order which has a February semiannual anniversary month. On March 14 and 16, 2001, Shanghai clarified in additional submissions that it had only one shipment during the period of review (POR) and that there have been no additional shipments of the subject merchandise to the United States, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv)(B). On March 28, 2001, the Department published its initiation of this new shipper review for the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001 (66 FR 16903).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Due to the complexities of this case, including evaluating Shanghai's factors of production information, we find that the case is extraordinarily complicated and that we cannot make a preliminary determination by the current deadline of September 17, 2001. Therefore, in

accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and section 351.214(i)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this new shipper review by 120 days, until no later than January 15, 2002.

Dated: August 16, 2001.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-046]

Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On January 31, 2001, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan for Denki Kagaku Kogyo K.K. (Denka) and Tosoh Corporation (Tosoh). See 66 FR 8379. This review was requested by the petitioner, DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C. (DuPont), and covers the period December 1, 1999, through November 30, 2000. We are now rescinding this review as a result of DuPont's timely withdrawal of its request for an administrative review for Denka and the non-shipper status of Tosoh.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In