

As noted above, the final determination will be issued within 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 15, 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-816]

Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Taiwan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results in the antidumping duty administrative review of certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan.

SUMMARY: On July 12, 2001, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise. The period of review ("POR") is June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000.

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. Based upon our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculation. Therefore, the final results differ from the preliminary results of this review. The final weighted-average dumping margin is listed below in the section titled "Final Results of the Review."

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James C. Doyle or Alex Villanueva, Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-0159 (Doyle) or 202-482-6412 (Villanueva), fax 202-482-1388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

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

Background

On June 16, 1993, the Department published the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan. *See Certain Welded Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Taiwan: Final Determination and Antidumping Order*, 58 FR 33250 (June 16, 1993). On June 20, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan covering the period 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). On June 20, 2000, respondent, Ta Chen Stainless Steel Pipe Ltd., ("Ta Chen"), requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Ta Chen for the period of June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000. On June 30, 2000, Markovitz Enterprises, Inc. (Flowline Division), Alloy Piping Products Inc., Gerlin, Inc., and Taylor Forge, (collectively, "Petitioners") requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Ta Chen for the period of June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000. On July 31, 2000, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act, the Department published a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review for the period of June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000. *See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 65 FR 46687 (July 31, 2000). On July 12, 2001, the Department published the preliminary results of the administrative review in the **Federal Register**. *See Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 36555 (July 12, 2001) ("Preliminary Results"). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our *Preliminary Results*. Ta Chen and Petitioners filed briefs on August 21, 2001. On August 27, 2001,

Ta Chen and Petitioners filed rebuttal briefs. No hearing was requested or held. The date for issuing the final results of the review was November 9, 2001. Because of complex issues in this proceeding, the Department extended the time limit for the final results by 30 days in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. *See Notice of Extension of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Review: Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan*, 66 FR 55639 (November 2, 2001). The date for issuing the final results was moved from November 9, 2001 to December 10, 2001. The Department has conducted and completed the administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The merchandise subject to this administrative review is certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings ("SSBWPF") whether finished or unfinished, under 14 inches inside diameter. Certain SSBWPF are used to connect pipe sections in piping systems where conditions require welded connections. The subject merchandise is used where one or more of the following conditions is a factor in designing the piping system: (1) Corrosion of the piping system will occur if material other than stainless steel is used; (2) contamination of the material in the system by the system itself must be prevented; (3) high temperatures are present; (4) extreme low temperatures are present; and (5) high pressures are contained within the system.

Pipe fittings come in a variety of shapes, with the following five shapes the most basic: "elbows", "tees", "reducers", "stub-ends", and "caps." The edges of finished pipe fittings are beveled. Threaded, grooved, and bolted fittings are excluded from this review. The pipe fittings subject to this review are classifiable under subheading 7307.23.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS").

Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the review is dispositive. Pipe fittings manufactured to American Society of Testing and Materials specification A774 are included in the scope of this order.

During this administrative review, the Department received a scope ruling request on April 12, 2001 and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(k)(2) from Allegheny Bradford Corporation d/b/a Top Line Process Equipment Company ("Top Line"), for a scope ruling on whether stainless steel butt-

weld tube fittings it plans to import are covered by the antidumping duty order on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan. On November 15, 2001, the Department issued its preliminary scope ruling. See *Memorandum from Edward C. Yang, Director, Enforcement, Group III, Office 9, to Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III: Preliminary Scope Ruling on the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings: Allegheny Bradford Corporation d/b/a Top Line Process Equipment* ("Preliminary Scope Ruling"), dated November 15, 2001, which is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, in the Central Records Unit, in room B-099. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our *Preliminary Scope Ruling*. Top Line and Petitioners filed briefs on November 21, 2001. On November 26, 2001, Top Line and Petitioners filed rebuttal briefs. On December 10, 2001, the Department issued its final scope ruling that Top Line's stainless steel butt-weld tube fittings are within the scope of the Order. See *Memorandum from Edward C. Yang, Director, Enforcement, Group III, Office 9, to Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III: Final Scope Ruling on the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings: Allegheny Bradford Corporation d/b/a Top Line Process Equipment*, dated December 10, 2001, which is also on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, in the Central Records Unit, in room B-099.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case briefs, as well as the Department's findings, in this administrative review are addressed in the *Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Administrative Review of Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan: June 1, 1999, through May 31, 2000 from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration* ("Decision Memorandum"), dated December 10, 2001, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the *Decision Memorandum*, and a list of our changes, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, in the Central Records Unit, in room B-099. In addition, a complete version of

the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Web at www.ia.ita.doc.gov. The paper copy and electronic version of the public version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

Sales Below Cost in the Home Market

As discussed in more detail in the *Preliminary Results*, the Department disregarded home market below-cost sales that failed the cost test in the final results of review.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made certain changes in the margin calculation, as discussed in the *Decision Memorandum*, accessible in B-099. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the *Decision Memorandum*, is attached to this notice as Appendix I.

Final Results of the Review

We determine that the following percentage weighted-average margin exists for the period June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000:

CERTAIN WELDED STAINLESS STEEL PIPE

Producer/manufacturer/exporter	Weighted-average margin (percent)
Ta Chen	6.11

The Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b), we have calculated importer-specific assessment rates. With respect to the constructed export price sales, we divided the total dumping margins for the reviewed sales by the total entered value of those reviewed sales for each importer. We will direct Customs to assess any resulting non-de minimis percentage margins against the entered Customs values for the subject merchandise on each of that importer's entries during the review period.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of certain SSBWPF from Taiwan entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Ta Chen will be the rate shown

above; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value (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 merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers shall continue to be 51.01 percent.

These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a final 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 doubled antidumping duties.

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. Timely written notification of the return/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(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: December 10, 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

Discussion of the Issues

- Comment 1: Intra-Warehouse Transfer Expenses
- Comment 2: Level of Trade ("LOT")/CEP Offset
- Comment 3: CEP Profit
- Comment 4: CEP Sales Expenses
- Comment 5: U.S. Short-Term Interest Rate
- Comment 6: U.S. Inventory Carrying Period
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- Comment 8: United States Indirect Selling Expenses
- Comment 9: General and Administrative

Expenses
Comment 10: Reclassification of EP sales to
CEP sales

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Low Enriched Uranium From France

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

ACTION: Notice of final affirmative
countervailing duty determination.

SUMMARY: On May 14, 2001, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary affirmative determination in the countervailing duty investigation on low enriched uranium (subject merchandise) from France for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

The net subsidy rate in the final determination differs from that of the *Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment with Final Antidumping Duty Determination: Low Enriched Uranium from France*, 66 FR 24325 (May 14, 2001) (*Preliminary Determination*). The revised final net subsidy rate for the investigated company is listed below in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Grossman at (202) 482-3146 or Richard Herring at (202) 482-4149, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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 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 regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

On May 14, 2001, the Department published the preliminary results of investigation on low enriched uranium from France. See *Notice of Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment with Final Antidumping Duty Determination: Low Enriched Uranium from France*, 66 FR 24325 (May 14, 2001) (*Preliminary Determination*). This investigation covers low enriched uranium (subject merchandise) from France for the period January 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999.

We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. On October 22 and 23, 2001, the petitioners,¹ the Ad Hoc Utilities Group,² and respondent producers/exporters Eurodif, S.A. and Compagnie Generale des Matieres Nucleaires (COGEMA) filed briefs on common scope issues in the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of LEU from France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Rebuttal briefs on these common scope issues were filed on October 29, 2001, and a public hearing on the common scope issues was held on October 31, 2001. On October 26, 2001, we received comments from the petitioners and the respondents. On November 5, 2001, we received rebuttal comments from petitioners and respondents. A public hearing was held at the Department of Commerce on November 7, 2001. On or about September 28, 2001, and November 22, 2001, we received letters from the EC regarding certain issues in these investigations. On November 7, 2001, Mr. Grant Aldonas, Under-Secretary for International Trade, replied to the first letter. We invited comments on these letters, which we received from petitioners, respondents, and the Ad Hoc Utilities Group, on

¹ The petitioners in this investigation are USEC, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, United States Enrichment Corporation (Collectively USEC), and the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 5-550 and Local 5-689 (collectively PACE).

² In accordance with section 777(h) of the Act the Ad Hoc Utilities Group, whose members include: Arizona Public Service Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., Dominion Generation, Duke Energy Corp., DTE Energy, Entergy Services, Inc., Exelon Corporation, First Energy Nuclear Operating Co., Florida Power Corp., Florida Power and Light Co., Nebraska Public Power District, Nuclear Management Co. LLC (on behalf of certain member companies), PPL Susquehanna LLC, South Texas Project, Southern California Edison, Southern Nuclear Operating Co., Union Electric Company, and Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp., submitted comments as industrial users of subject merchandise.

November 15, 2001, and November 29, 2001.

This final determination was originally due on November 26, 2001. We subsequently tolled the final determination deadline in this investigation until December 13, 2001, to accommodate certain verifications and a delayed briefing and hearing schedule that were delayed because of the events of September 11, 2001.

Amended Scope of Investigation

For purposes of this investigation, the product covered is all low enriched uranium (LEU). LEU is enriched uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) with a U²³⁵ product assay of less than 20 percent that has not been converted into another chemical form, such as UO₂, or fabricated into nuclear fuel assemblies, regardless of the means by which the LEU is produced (including LEU produced through the down-blending of highly enriched uranium).

Certain merchandise is outside the scope of this investigation. Specifically, this investigation does not cover enriched uranium hexafluoride with a U²³⁵ assay of 20 percent or greater, also known as highly enriched uranium. In addition, fabricated LEU is not covered by the scope of this investigation. For purposes of this investigation, fabricated uranium is defined as enriched uranium dioxide (UO₂), whether or not contained in nuclear fuel rods or assemblies. Natural uranium concentrates (U₃O₈) with a U²³⁵ concentration of no greater than 0.711 percent and natural uranium concentrates converted into uranium hexafluoride with a U²³⁵ concentration of no greater than 0.711 percent are not covered by the scope of this investigation.

Also excluded from this investigation is LEU owned by a foreign utility end-user and imported into the United States by or for such end-user solely for purposes of conversion by a U.S. fabricator into uranium dioxide (UO₂) and/or fabrication into fuel assemblies so long as the uranium dioxide and/or fuel assemblies deemed to incorporate such imported LEU (i) remain in the possession and control of the U.S. fabricator, the foreign end-user, or their designed transporter(s) while in U.S. customs territory, and (ii) are re-exported within eighteen (18) months of entry of the LEU for consumption by the end-user in a nuclear reactor outside the United States. Such entries must be accompanied by the certifications of the importer and end user.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheading