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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Resource Advisory Committee Meeting, Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee, Hamilton, MT

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**TIME AND DATE:** February 26, 2002, 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Corvallis High School Library, 1045 Main Street, Corvallis, Montana.

**STATUS:** The meeting is open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda topics will include NEPA process overview, Project Solicitation and Review process, and public forum (question and answer session). The meeting is being held pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Higgins, Stevensville District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, Phone: (406) 777-5461.

Dated: February 1, 2002.

**Rodd Richardson,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-428-832, A-201-830, A-841-805, A-274-804, A-823-812]

#### Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Germany, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

**ACTION:** Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Germany, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 11, 2002.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce has preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for imports of carbon and alloy steel wire rod (steel wire rod) from Germany, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine, pursuant to section 733(e)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Flessner at (202) 482-6312 (Germany); Marin Weaver at (202) 482-2336 (Mexico); Scott Lindsay at (202) 482-0780 (Moldova), Magd Zalok at (202) 482-4162 (Trinidad and Tobago); or Lori Ellison at (202) 482-5811 (Ukraine), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

#### Background

On October 2, 2001, the Department initiated investigations to determine whether imports of steel wire rod from, *inter alia*, Brazil, Germany, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine are being, or are likely to be,

sold in the United States at less than fair value (66 FR 50164, October 2, 2001). On October 29, 2001, the International Trade Commission (the Commission) published its determination that there is a reasonable indication of material injury to the domestic industry from imports of steel wire rod from all of these countries. On December 5, 2001, petitioners<sup>1</sup> alleged that there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect critical circumstances exist with respect to the antidumping investigations of steel wire rod from Brazil, Germany, Mexico, Moldova and Ukraine. Petitioners added Trinidad and Tobago to its allegation in a subsequent letter dated December 21, 2001.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.206(c)(2)(i), because petitioners submitted critical circumstances allegations more than 20 days before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination, the Department must issue preliminary critical circumstances determinations not later than the date of the preliminary determination. In a policy bulletin issued on October 8, 1998, the Department stated it may issue a preliminary critical circumstances determination prior to the date of the preliminary determinations of sales at less than fair value, assuming sufficient evidence of critical circumstances is available. *See Change in Policy Regarding Timing of Issuance of Critical Circumstances Determinations*, 63 FR 55364. In accordance with this policy, at this time we are issuing the preliminary critical circumstances decision in the investigations of steel wire rod from Germany, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine.<sup>2</sup> A full discussion of our analyses may be found below and in the concurrent country-specific memoranda, dated February 4, 2002 (Critical Circumstances Memoranda). Public versions of these memoranda are on file in the case-specific public files maintained by the Import Administration Central Records Unit, in Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce building.

<sup>1</sup> Petitioners are: Co-Steel Raritan, Inc., GS Industries, Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc., and North Star Steel Texas, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> We intend to issue our preliminary critical circumstances findings with respect to Brazil concurrently with our preliminary dumping determination.