

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Riggle (Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago), Robert James (Germany), Donna Kinsella (Indonesia), Dana Mermelstein (Moldova), and James Doyle (Ukraine) at (202) 482-0650, (202) 482-0649, (202) 482-0194, (202) 482-1391, and (202) 482-0159, respectively, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is postponing further the preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine.

The deadline for issuing the preliminary determinations in these investigations is now April 2, 2002.

On January 22, 2002, the Department postponed the deadline for issuing the preliminary determinations in these investigations by 30 days (i.e., until March 13, 2002). See Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine, 67 FR 3877 (January, 28, 2002). On March 4, 2002, Co-Steel Raritan, Inc., GS Industries, Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc., and North Star Steel Texas, Inc. (collectively, petitioners), requested an additional 20-day postponement of the preliminary determinations in these investigations, in accordance with section 351.205(b)(2) of the Department's regulations. Therefore, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and section 351.205(e) of the regulations,

and absent any compelling reason to deny the request, the Department is postponing the deadline for issuing these determinations (i.e., until April 2, 2002).

March 7, 2002

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

(A-351-806)

Silicon Metal From Brazil: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

DATES: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maisha Cryor at (202) 482-5831 or Thomas Futtner at (202) 482-3814, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**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 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 August 30, 2001, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Silicon Metal from Brazil, covering the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 (66 FR 43570). The preliminary results are currently due no later than April 1, 2002.

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 limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than July 31, 2002. See Decision Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Bernard Carreau, dated concurrently with this notice, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

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

March 7, 2002

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

(A-401-806)

Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Sweden: 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 October 26, 2001, in response to a September 28, 2001, request made by Fagersta Stainless AB, a producer/exporter of stainless steel wire rod from Sweden, the Department of Commerce published the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Sweden, covering the period September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001. Because Fagersta Stainless AB has withdrawn its request for review, the Department of Commerce is

rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

DATES: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terre Keaton, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202)482-1280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations refer to 19 CFR part 351 (2001).

Background

On September 15, 1998, the Department published an antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Sweden (63 FR 49329). On September 28, 2001, Fagersta Stainless AB ("Fagersta"), a producer/exporter of the subject merchandise, requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Sweden covering the period of September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2000. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we published the initiation of the review on October 26, 2001 (66 FR 54195). On February 13, 2002, Fagersta, the sole requester of this review, withdrew its request for 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 of the petitioner, and the Department has no compelling reason to deny the request. (See February 25, 2002, Memorandum to the File.) As a result, we are rescinding this administrative review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the Customs Service.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative

protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

March 7, 2002

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-821-816]

Inquiry Into the Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy Country Under the U.S. Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws: Notice of Hearing

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

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Erkul or Jim Nunno, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1277 or (202) 482-0783.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is holding a public hearing to solicit views on the issue of the status of the Russian Federation as a non-market economy country under the antidumping and countervailing duty laws. The hearing will be held at 9 a.m. on March 27, 2002, in Room 3407 at the Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Hearing presentations should be limited to no more than ten minutes to allow for possible questions from the Chair and the panel. Additional time for oral presentations may be granted as time and the number of participants permit. Parties wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, and indicate the amount of time they will

need to make their presentation, no later than 5 p.m., March 22, 2002, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration; Subject: Public Hearings on Inquiry into the Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy Country under the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws; Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The notification should include (1) the name of the person presenting the testimony, their address and telephone number; (2) the organization or company they are representing, if appropriate; and (3) if applicable, any request for an extension of the time limitation on the oral presentation. In addition, please send a copy of this notification via facsimile to Becky Erkul at (202) 482-2308.

Dated: March 11, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 010813205-2043-02]

RIN 0648-XA74

NOAA Ocean Exploration Initiative; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Technical Amendment to the Notice from NOAA's Ocean Exploration Program for FY 2002; Announcement to Solicit Proposals.

SUMMARY: NOAA amends the notice regarding the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration (OE) proposal solicitation published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 2001. The amendment will modify the language regarding the number of reviews required for OE's independent peer mail review process. This action is being taken due to the receipt of an insufficient number of responses from pre-selected peer reviewers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margot Bohan, NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration, Bldg. SSMC3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20901, (301) 713-9444 ext. 155, margot.bohan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration