

chemical requirements based on AISI 1006; having both sides of the cold rolled substrate electrolytically plated with natural nickel; then annealed to create a diffusion of the nickel and iron substrate; then an additional layer of natural tin electrolytically plated on the top side; and again annealed to create a diffusion of the tin and nickel alloys; with the tin-nickel, nickel plated material sufficiently ductile and adherent to the substrate to permit forming without cracking, flaking, peeling or any other evidence of separation; having a coating thickness: top side: nickel-tin layer ≥ 1 micrometer; tin layer alone ≥ 0.05 micrometers; bottom side: nickel layer ≥ 1.0 micrometer. See Domestic Producers' May 14, 2002, letter to the Department. Therefore, we are initiating this changed circumstances administrative review.

Furthermore, because domestic producers have expressed a lack of interest, we determine that expedited action is warranted, and we preliminarily determine that continued application of the order with respect to certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products falling within the description above is no longer of interest to domestic interested parties. Because we have concluded that expedited action is warranted, we are combining these notices of initiation and preliminary results. Therefore, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty order with respect to imports of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the above-mentioned specifications from Japan.

If the final revocation in part occurs, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, as applicable, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the specifications indicated above, not subject to final results of administrative review as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the final results of this changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222. We will also instruct Customs to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the above specifications will continue unless and until we publish a final determination to revoke in part.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Parties to the proceedings may request a hearing within 14 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than two days after the deadline for the submission of rebuttal briefs, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs may be submitted by interested parties not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to the issues raised in those comments, may be filed not later than five days after the deadline for submission of case briefs. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe from Mexico: Extension of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geoffrey Craig or Brian Ledgerwood at (202) 482-4161 or (202) 482-3836, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, 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 issue the preliminary results of a review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order or finding for which a review is requested and the final results within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within that time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary results to a maximum of 365 days and 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 the publication of the preliminary results.

Background

On October 1, 2001, the Department published in the Federal Register the notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review with respect to certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe, covering the period February 4, 2000 through July 31, 2001 (66 FR 49924). The preliminary results were originally due on May 3, 2002. On May 10, 2002 (67 FR 17397) the Department published a 30-day extension of the preliminary results. On May 29, 2002, petitioner in this case made a submission arguing that the review should not be rescinded. Because it is not practicable to address the issues raised by June 3, 2002, we are postponing the preliminary determination an additional 90 days, until September 3, 2002, in accordance with 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Extension of Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the time limit. Therefore, we are extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than September 3, 2002. See Decision Memorandum from Melissa Skinner to Bernard Carreau, dated May 31, 2002, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, B-099 of the main Commerce Building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the notice of preliminary results of this review.

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

Dated: May 31, 2002

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-839]

Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to timely requests by seven companies and an importer of the subject merchandise, on June 19, 2001, the Department of Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain polyester staple fiber from Korea with respect to those seven companies (66 FR 32934). The period of review is November 8, 1999, through April 30, 2001.

We preliminarily find that sales have been made below normal value. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Thirumalai, Office 1, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration-Room B099, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4087.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the 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 of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (April 2001).

Background

On May 25, 2000, the Department published in the Federal Register an amended final determination and antidumping duty order on certain polyester staple fiber (PSF) from Korea (65 FR 33807).

The Department published a notice advising of the opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on May 1, 2001 (66 FR 21740). In response to timely requests by Stein Fibers, an importer of the subject merchandise, and certain manufacturer/exporters (*i.e.*, Daeyang Industrial Co., Ltd. (Daeyang), Estal Industry Co., Ltd. (Estal), Huvis Corporation (Huvis), Keon Baek Co., Ltd. (Keon Baek), Mijung Ind., Co., Ltd. (Mijung), Sam Young Synthetics Co., Ltd. (Sam Young) and Sunglim Co., Ltd. (Sunglim)), the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review with respect to these same companies (66 FR 32934, June 19, 2001).

On September 4, 2001, the Department extended the time limit for the preliminary results in this review until May 31, 2002 (66 FR 46260).

On October 9, 2001, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to the above-mentioned respondent companies. We received responses from all seven respondents in November and December, 2001.

On December 28, 2001, the Department received allegations from the petitioners¹ that Daeyang, Estal, Huvis, Keon Baek, Mijung, and Sunglim sold certain PSF in Korea at prices below the cost of production (COP). The Department initiated cost investigations of these companies' home-market sales of PSF on January 30, 2002. (*See Petitioners' Allegation of Sales Below the Cost of Production* (company-specific memoranda), dated January 30, 2002.) In accordance with section 773(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Act, Sam Young was requested to provide complete COP information at the time the questionnaire was issued, based on having made sales below cost in the original investigation.

We issued supplemental questionnaires and received responses from all of the respondents in March through May, 2002. Certain supplemental responses were not received in sufficient time to be analyzed fully by the Department prior to the issuance of these preliminary results. While we are using the data in the supplemental responses as the bases for our preliminary results, adjusted as

described below, we may request additional information from respondent companies prior to issuing our final results.

Scope of the Order

For the purposes of this order, the product covered is certain polyester staple fiber (PSF). PSF is defined as synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more in diameter. This merchandise is cut to lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The merchandise subject to this order may be coated, usually with a silicon or other finish, or not coated. PSF is generally used as stuffing in sleeping bags, mattresses, ski jackets, comforters, cushions, pillows, and furniture. Merchandise of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier) currently classifiable under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS") at subheading 5503.20.00.20 is specifically excluded from this order. Also specifically excluded from this order are polyester staple fibers of 10 to 18 denier that are cut to lengths of 6 to 8 inches (fibers used in the manufacture of carpeting). In addition, low-melt PSF is excluded from this order. Low-melt PSF is defined as a bi-component fiber with an outer sheath that melts at a significantly lower temperature than its inner core.

The merchandise subject to this order is currently classifiable in the HTSUS at subheadings 5503.20.00.40 and 5503.20.00.60. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under order is dispositive.

Fair Value Comparisons

To determine whether sales of PSF by the respondents to the United States were made at less than normal value (NV), we compared export price (EP), as appropriate, to NV, as described in the "Export Price" and "Normal Value" sections of this notice. Pursuant to section 777A(d)(2) of the Act, we compared the export prices of individual U.S. transactions to the weighted-average NV of the foreign like product where there were sales made in the ordinary course of trade, as discussed in the "Cost of Production Analysis" section below.

Product Comparisons

In accordance with section 771(16) of the Act, we considered all products produced by the respondents covered by the description in the "Scope of the

¹ E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.; Arteva Specialties S.a.r.l.; d/b/a KoSa; Wellman, Inc.; Intercontinental Polymers, Inc.