DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–122–503]

Iron Construction Castings from Canada: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karine Gziryan or Howard Smith, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4081 and (202) 482–5193, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department’s regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (2002).

Background

On March 1, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on iron construction castings from Canada covering the period March 1, 2001 through February 28, 2002 (67 FR 9438).

On April 17, 2002, pursuant to a request by Canada Pipe Company, Ltd. (Canada Pipe), the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on iron construction castings from Canada for the period March 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002, (67 FR 20089) (April 24, 2002). On November 25, 2002, Canada Pipe withdrew its request for an administrative review.

Rescission of Review

Section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department’s regulations provides that a party that requests an administrative review may withdraw the request within 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested administrative review.

Although Canada Pipe withdrew its request for the review after the 90-day period had expired, the Department is rescinding the administrative review of the order on iron construction castings from Canada for the period March 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002 because no other party requested a review of Canada Pipe and it is otherwise reasonable to rescind the review. This action is consistent with the Department’s practice. See e.g., Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice From Brazil: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 67 FR 40913 (June 14, 2002) where, pursuant to a request filed after the 90 day deadline, the Department rescinded the review with respect to one respondent because the review of that respondent had not progressed beyond a point where it would have been unreasonable to grant the request for rescission.

This notice is in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–502]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Iron Construction Castings From the People’s Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2002.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review on certain iron construction castings from the People’s Republic of China. This review covers the period May 1, 2001, through April 30, 2002. The extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Javier Barrientos or Julio A. Fernandez, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4194 and 482–1503, respectively.

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department of Commerce ("the Department") to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review 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 results are published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend these deadlines to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

Background

On August 20, 2001, we published a notice of initiation of the administrative review of bulk acetylsalicylic acid, commonly referred to as bulk aspirin, from the People’s Republic of China. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocations in Part, 66 FR 43570 (August 20, 2001). The period of this review is July 6, 2000, through June 30, 2001. On August 7, 2002, we published the preliminary results of our review. In our notice of preliminary results, we stated our intention to issue the final results of this review no later than 120 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results, December 5, 2002.

Extension of Time Limits for Final Results

Due to the complexity of the surrogate value issues raised in the petitioner’s case brief, we determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until no later than February 3, 2003. This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.


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