

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 double antidumping duties.

These administrative and new shipper reviews and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and (2)(B) of the Act.

Dated: December 31, 2002.

Susan Kuhbach,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, and South Africa; Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Suspended Antidumping Duty Investigations

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of expedited sunset review: cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, and South Africa.

SUMMARY: On September 3, 2002, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the notice of initiation of sunset reviews of the suspended antidumping duty investigations on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), the Russian Federation ("Russia"), and South Africa ("Africa"). On the basis of notices of intent to participate and adequate substantive comments filed on behalf of domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in these cases, no response) from respondent interested parties, we determined to conduct expedited (120-day) reviews. As a result of these reviews, we find that termination of the suspended antidumping duty investigations would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Reviews."

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit or James P. Maeder, Jr., Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5050 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 3, 2002, the Department published the notice of initiation of the sunset reviews of the suspended antidumping duty investigations on cut-to-length carbon steel plate ("CTL Steel Plate") from the PRC, Russia, and South Africa (67 FR 56268). The Department received Notices of Intent to Participate on behalf of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, IPSCO Steel Inc., and Nucor Corporation (collectively "domestic interested parties"), within the deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of the Sunset Regulations. The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under Section 771(9)(C) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the "Act"), as U.S. manufacturers and producers of a domestic like product. We received complete substantive responses, in the Chinese, Russian, and South African reviews, from the domestic interested parties, within the 30-day deadline specified in the Sunset Regulations under section 351.218(d)(3)(i). Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the United States Steel Corporation have been active participants in the Russian and South African proceedings since the petition was filed. IPSCO participated in the original investigation through questionnaire responses to the International Trade Commission. Nucor did not participate in the initial investigation. The domestic interested parties are committed to full participation in this five-year review.

We did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party to these proceedings. As a result, pursuant to Section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act") and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C) of the Department's Regulations, the Department conducted expedited, 120-day, reviews of these suspended investigations.

Scope of Reviews

The products covered under the suspension agreements are hot-rolled iron and non-alloy steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm but not

exceeding 1250 mm and of a thickness of not less than 4 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain iron and non-alloy steel flat-rolled products not in coils, of rectangular shape, hot-rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 mm or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness. Included as subject merchandise in this petition are flat-rolled products of nonrectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling")—for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. This merchandise is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) under item numbers 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000. Excluded from the subject merchandise within the scope of the petition is grade X-70 plate. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

These reviews cover all imports from all manufacturers, producers, and exporters of CTL Steel Plate from the PRC, Russia, and South Africa.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in these cases by parties to these sunset reviews are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memo") from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated January 2, 2003, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the suspended investigation be terminated. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in these reviews and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file in

room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>, under the heading "January 2003." The

paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Reviews

We determine that termination of the antidumping duty suspension

agreement on CTL Steel Plate from the PRC, Russia, and South Africa would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

	Margin (percent)
Chinese Manufacturers/Producers/Exporters	
Anshan (AISCO/Anshan International/Sincerely Asia Ltd.)	30.68
Baoshan (Bao/Baoshan International Trade Corp./Bao Steel Metals Trading Corp.)	30.51
Liaoning	17.33
Shanghai Pudong	38.16
WISCO (Wuhan/International Economic and Trading Corp./Cheerwu Trader Ltd.)	128.59
China-Wide	128.59
Russian Manufacturers/Producers/Exporters	
Severstal	53.81
Russia-Wide	185.00
South African Manufacturers/Producers/Exporters	
Highveld	26.01
Iscor	50.87
All Others	38.36

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 of the Department's regulations. Timely notification of the return or 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 these results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 2, 2003.

Faryar Shirzad,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-846]

Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Japan: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a timely request from petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation and United States Steel Corporation, to conduct an administrative review of the sales of subject merchandise made by producers Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (Sumitomo), and Kawasaki Steel Corporation (Kawasaki). On July 24, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Japan for the period of review (POR) from June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002. Because petitioners have withdrawn their request for review within 90 days of the notice of initiation's publication date, and because no other parties requested a review, the Department is rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hoadley, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 29, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the

antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel flat products from Japan. See *Antidumping Duty Order; Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Japan*, 64 FR 34778. In response to a timely request from petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation and United States Steel Corporation, filed in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), the Department initiated an administrative review of this antidumping duty order, covering the period of June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 67 FR 48435 (July 24, 2002). The request covered two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise, Kawasaki and Sumitomo. Kawasaki submitted a letter to the Department on September 10, 2002 stating that it did not have any reviewable or reportable U.S. sales, entries, or shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. On October 22, 2002, petitioners withdrew their request for an administrative review with respect to both Kawasaki and Sumitomo.

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