

rescind an administrative review under this section, in whole or in part, if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review."

This notice is in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and section 351.213(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

Bernard Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-847]

Persulfates from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results in Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Strollo at (202) 482-0629, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 2002, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part, 67 FR 55000 (Aug. 27, 2002). The period of review is July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The review covers one exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States.

In accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an administrative review of an antidumping duty order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The Act further provides,

however, that the Department may extend the 245-day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. Due to the respondent's request for a partial revocation of the antidumping duty order, and the fact that the Department needs sufficient time to conduct a verification in this proceeding, it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limit mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we have fully extended the deadline until July 31, 2003.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

Susan Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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International Trade Administration

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Notice of Initiation of antidumping duty investigations: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Brazil, India, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, and Thailand

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

ACTION: Initiation of antidumping duty investigations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Magd Zalok (Brazil and Republic of Korea) at (202) 482-4162, Victoria Schepker (India and Thailand) at (202) 482-1756, and David Layton (Mexico) at (202) 482-0371, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Initiation of Investigations

The Petitions

On January 31, 2003, the Department received petitions filed in proper form by American Spring Wire Corp., Insteel Wire Products Company, and Sumiden Wire Products Corp. (collectively, the petitioners). The Department received supplemental information to the petitions from February 4 through February 14, 2003.

In accordance with section 732(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended

(the Act), the petitioners allege that imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Brazil, India, the Republic of Korea (Korea), Mexico, and Thailand are, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that imports from Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand are materially injuring, or are threatening to materially injure an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed these petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because they are interested parties as defined in sections 771(9)(C) of the Act and they have demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to each of the antidumping investigations that they are requesting the Department to initiate. See *infra*, "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions."

Period of Investigation

The anticipated period of investigation (POI) for Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand is January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002.

Scope of Investigations

For purposes of these investigations, prestressed concrete steel wire (PC strand) is steel strand produced from wire of non-stainless, non-galvanized steel, which is suitable for use in prestressed concrete (both pretensioned and post-tensioned) applications. The product definition encompasses covered and uncovered strand and all types, grades, and diameters of PC strand.

The merchandise under these investigations is currently classifiable under subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

As discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations (*Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997)), we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all parties to submit such comments within 20 calendar days of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's Central Records Unit, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. The period of scope consultations is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments