

Department's planning and implementation of technology solutions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 414W, Washington DC, 20250, telephone 202/720-8833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.App). notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes to establish the USDA Technology and eGovernment Advisory Council to seek input from a broad base of USDA customers, partners, and employees into the Department's planning and implementation of technology solutions. The Council will provide advice and recommendations on improving USDA technology and eGovernment planning and operations.

The Council consists of nine members, all of which attend quarterly council meetings. Every effort is made to select council members who are outstanding in their respective professions and are knowledgeable of the various mission areas of USDA, and on how technology, both USDA and customer-owned, can be used to improve productivity and services.

A meeting notice will be published in the **Federal Register** within 15 to 45 days before a scheduled meeting date. All meetings are generally open to the public and may include a "public forum" that may offer 5-10 minutes for participants to present comments to the advisory committee. Alternates may choose not to be active during this session on the agenda. The chair of the given committee ultimately makes the decision whether to offer time on the agenda for the public to speak to the general body.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the advisory committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Advisory Council have taken into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Departments, membership will, to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

USDA will begin accepting nominations to the Council on November 15, 2003. Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Council, or in nominating individuals to serve, can access the Nomination Form AD-755 on USDA's Web site at: <http://www.ocio.usda.gov>. The Nomination Form may also be obtained by contacting the USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) by telephone

(202) 720-8833, fax (202) 720-1031, or e-mail ([adrienne.bowman@usda.gov](mailto:adrienne.bowman@usda.gov)).

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to OCIO by fax or in hard copy to: Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 414-W, Washington, DC 20250. Form AD-755 must be received not later than January 15, 2004.

Dated: November 4, 2003.

**Scott Charbo,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Notice of Resource Advisory Committee, Sundance, Wyoming, USDA, Forest Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Black Hills National Forests' Crook County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday, November 17, 2003 in Sundance, Wyoming for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The business meeting on October 20, begins at 6:30 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service, Bearlodge Ranger District office, 121 South 21st Street, Sundance, Wyoming. Agenda topics will include: New project proposals for fiscal year 2004, updates on previously funded projects. A public forum will begin at 8:30 p.m. (MT).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steve Kozel, Bearlodge District Ranger and Designated Federal Officer, at (307) 283-1361.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

**Steve Kozel,**

*Bearlodge District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Result of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders, and Intent To Revoke Orders in Part.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 12, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** On August 21, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances review with the intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty orders and countervailing duty orders on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod, as described below. *See Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine: Initiation of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, and Intent To Revoke Orders in Part*, 68 Fed. Reg. 50,513 (August 21, 2003) (*Initiation Notice*).

On October 6, 2003, the Department published the preliminary results of the changed circumstances review and preliminarily determined to revoke this order, in part, with respect to products entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 24, 2003 of carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod described below, because domestic parties have expressed no interest in the continuation of the orders on that merchandise. *See Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine: Notice of Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders, and Intent To Revoke Orders in Part*, 68 Fed. Reg. 57,664 (October 6, 2003) (*Preliminary Results*). After opportunity for comment, petitioners commented to correct the effective date language of this changed circumstances review. Since we did not receive any other comments objecting to the partial revocation of this changed

circumstances review, we conclude that substantially all domestic producers lack interest in the relief provided by this order. Therefore, in our final results of the changed circumstances review, the Department hereby revokes this order with respect to products entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 24, 2003 of carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod, as described below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brian J. Sheba or Robert M. James, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0145 or (202) 482-0649.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Department published the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine on October 29, 2002. See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Orders: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine*, 67 Fed. Reg. 65,945, and *Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Canada*, 67 Fed. Reg. 65,944. The Department published the countervailing duty orders on steel wire rod from Brazil and Canada on October 22, 2002. See *Notice of Countervailing Duty Orders: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil and Canada*, 67 Fed. Reg. 64,871. On July 24, 2003, petitioners requested that the Department change the technical description of certain grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod and grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod (hereafter, tire cord wire rod). This request arises, petitioners aver, because the original definition of the excluded tire cord wire rod was drawn too narrowly and, thus, captures within the scope certain products petitioners no longer wish to have subject to the orders.

On August 21, 2003, the Department published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod products. See *Initiation Notice*. In the *Initiation Notice*, we indicated interested parties could submit comments for consideration in the Department's preliminary results not later than 14 days after publication of the initiation of the review, and submit

responses to those comments no later than 5 days following the submission of comments. On August 22, 2003, petitioners filed comments that stated the *Initiation Notice* contains an error in language with respect to the effective date of liquidation of entries because the *Initiation Notice* does not match the intent of petitioners.

The *Initiation Notice* stated:

If, as a result of this review, we revoke the order, in part, we intend to instruct the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (Customs) to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, as applicable, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of the tire cord wire rod products meeting the specifications indicated above, as of July 24, 2003, the date this changed circumstances review request was filed by Petitioners, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4).

*Initiation Notice*, 68 Fed. Reg. 50,513, at 50,515. Petitioners claim this language could be read to mean that all unliquidated entries existing as of July 24, 2003 will be subject to the terms of the changed scope. The phrase "as of July 24, 2003" could also be read to mean that entries made prior to July 24, 2003 that were subject to the original scope would now be excluded by the new scope exclusion language. Petitioners state such a result is contrary to the plain language of petitioners' request and not the intent of the Department's *Initiation Notice*. Petitioners did not otherwise comment on the scope of the orders. No other interested party commented on the *Initiation Notice*.

On October 6, 2003, the Department took account of the petitioners' comments and published the preliminary results of the changed circumstances review. See *Preliminary Results*. In the *Preliminary Results*, we again afforded interested parties an opportunity to submit comments for consideration in the Department's final results. We did not receive any comments following the *Preliminary Results*.

**Scope of the Orders**

The merchandise covered by these orders is certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, 5.00 mm or more, but less than 19.00 mm, in solid cross-sectional diameter.

Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for

(a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; and (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are (f) free machining steel products (*i.e.*, products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.03 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorus, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium).

Also excluded from the scope are 1080 grade tire cord quality wire rod and 1080 grade tire bead quality wire rod. This grade 1080 tire cord quality rod is defined as: (i) grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod measuring 5.0 mm or more but not more than 6.0 mm in cross-sectional diameter; (ii) with an average partial decarburization of no more than 70 microns in depth (maximum individual 200 microns); (iii) having no inclusions greater than 20 microns; (iv) having a carbon segregation per heat average of 3.0 or better using European Method NFA 04-114; (v) having a surface quality with no surface defects of a length greater than 0.15 mm; (vi) capable of being drawn to a diameter of 0.30 mm or less with 3 or fewer breaks per ton, and (vii) containing by weight the following elements in the proportions shown: (1) 0.78 percent or more of carbon, (2) less than 0.01 percent of aluminum, (3) 0.040 percent or less, in the aggregate, of phosphorus and sulfur, (4) 0.006 percent or less of nitrogen, and (5) not more than 0.15 percent, in the aggregate, of copper, nickel and chromium.

This grade 1080 tire bead quality rod is defined as: (i) grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod measuring 5.5 mm or more but not more than 7.0 mm in cross-sectional diameter; (ii) with an average partial decarburization of no more than 70 microns in depth (maximum individual 200 microns); (iii) having no inclusions greater than 20 microns; (iv) having a carbon segregation per heat average of 3.0 or better using European Method NFA 04-114; (v) having a surface quality with no surface defects of a length greater than 0.2 mm; (vi) capable of being drawn to a diameter of 0.78 mm or larger with 0.5 or fewer breaks per ton; and (vii) containing by weight the following elements in the proportions shown: (1) 0.78 percent or more of carbon, (2) less than 0.01 percent of soluble aluminum, (3) 0.040 percent or less, in the aggregate, of phosphorus and sulfur, (4) 0.008 percent or less of nitrogen, and (5) either not more than 0.15 percent, in the aggregate, of copper, nickel and chromium (if chromium is not specified), or not more than 0.10 percent

in the aggregate of copper and nickel and a chromium content of 0.24 to 0.30 percent (if chromium is specified).

The designation of the products as "tire cord quality" or "tire bead quality" indicates the acceptability of the product for use in the production of tire cord, tire bead, or wire for use in other rubber reinforcement applications such as hose wire. These quality designations are presumed to indicate that these products are being used in tire cord, tire bead, and other rubber reinforcement applications, and such merchandise intended for the tire cord, tire bead, or other rubber reinforcement applications is not included in the scope. However, should petitioners or other interested parties provide a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that there exists a pattern of importation of such products for other than those applications, end-use certification for the importation of such products may be required. Under such circumstances, only the importers of record would normally be required to certify the end use of the imported merchandise.

All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

The products under investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3010, 7213.91.3090, 7213.91.4510, 7213.91.4590, 7213.91.6010, 7213.91.6090, 7213.99.0031, 7213.99.0038, 7213.99.0090, 7227.20.0010, 7227.20.0020, 7227.20.0090, 7227.20.0095, 7227.90.6051, 7227.90.6053, 7227.90.6058, and 7227.90.6059 of the HTSUS. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

#### Scope of Changed Circumstances Review

The products subject to this changed circumstances antidumping duty and countervailing duty administrative review are certain grade 1080 tire cord steel wire rod and grade 1080 tire bead steel wire rod. Point (iii) of the existing definition of these products reads: "having no inclusions greater than 20 microns." Petitioners suggest amending this to read "having no *non-deformable* inclusions greater than 20 microns and *no deformable inclusions greater than 35 microns*." Letter from petitioners dated July 24, 2003, at 5 (emphases in original).

Petitioners would then insert an explanatory paragraph after the existing definition of tire cord wire rod reading:

For purposes of the grade 1080 tire

cord quality wire rod and the grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod, an inclusion will be considered to be deformable if its ratio of length (measured along the axis - that is, the direction of rolling - of the rod) over thickness (measured on the same inclusion in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the rod) is equal to or greater than three. The size of an inclusion for purposes of the 20 microns and 35 microns limitations is the measurement of the largest dimension observed on a longitudinal section measured in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the rod.

Letter from petitioners dated August 6, 2003, at 6; original emphasis deleted.

#### Final Results of Review and Intent to Revoke in Part the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders

Pursuant to sections 751(d)(1) of the Tariff Act, the Department may revoke an antidumping or countervailing duty order, in whole or in part, based on a review under section 751(b) of the Tariff Act (*i.e.*, a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act requires a changed circumstances review to be conducted upon receipt of a request which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 782(h)(1) of the Tariff Act gives the Department the authority to revoke an order if producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the continuation of the order. Section 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations provides that the Department will conduct a changed circumstances administrative review under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order (in whole or in part), if it concludes that (i) producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the order pertains have expressed a lack of interest in the relief provided by the order, in whole or in part, or (ii) if other changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation exist.

Since the Department did not receive any comments during the comment period opposing the exclusion of certain grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod and grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod, as defined in the "Scope of Changed Circumstances Review" above, from the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders, we conclude that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which these orders pertain lack interest in the relief provided by the order. For these

reasons, the Department is revoking the orders on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine, in part, for all entries after the date of the petitioners' request with regard to the products which meet the specifications above in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.216. We will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to liquidate all entries of subject products entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 24, 2003, the effective date of the revocation, in part, of these orders, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4).

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.306. Timely written notification of the return/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 sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222 of the Department's regulations.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-791-819]

#### Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Certain Aluminum Plate From South Africa

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

**ACTION:** Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 12, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Johnson at (202) 482-4929 or Rebecca Trainor at (202) 482-4007, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.