

may be filed no later than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit arguments in these proceedings are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument and (3) a table of authorities. Further, we would appreciate it if parties submitting case briefs, rebuttal briefs, and written comments would provide the Department with an additional copy of the public version of any such argument on diskette. The Department will issue final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues in any such case briefs, rebuttal briefs, and written comments or at a hearing, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results.

The Department shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates for the merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales made during the POR to the total customs value of the sales used to calculate those duties. This rate will be assessed uniformly on all entries of that particular importer made during the POR. The Department will issue appropriate appraisal instructions directly to CBP upon completion of the review.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of honey from Argentina entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act:

(1) The cash deposit rates for all companies reviewed will be the rates established in the final results of review;

(2) For any previously reviewed or investigated company not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the most recent period;

(3) If the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or the LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and

(4) If neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review conducted by the Department, the cash deposit rate will be the "all others" rate from the investigation (36.59 percent); *See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less*

*Than Fair Value; Honey From Argentina*, 66FR 50611–50613, 40562 (October 4, 2001).

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate 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.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–588–850]

#### **Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Japan**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 6, 2004.

**SUMMARY:** On July 29, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 44524) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from Japan covering the period June 1, 2002, through May 31, 2003. This review was requested by United States Steel Corporation (the petitioner). We are now rescinding this review as a result of the petitioner's withdrawal of its request for an administrative review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Constance Handley or Keith Nickerson, at (202) 482–0631 or (202) 482–3813, respectively; AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 5, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade

Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), on June 30, 2003, the petitioner requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order for Kawasaki Steel Corporation, Nippon Steel Corporation, NKK Tubes and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (collectively, the respondents) on certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from Japan. On July 29, 2003, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of this order for the period June 1, 2002, through May 31, 2003 (68 FR 44524). The petitioner withdrew its request for this review on December 22, 2003.

##### **Rescission of Review**

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) provide that the Department will rescind an administrative review if the party that requested the review withdraws its request for review within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The regulations further provide that the Secretary "may extend this time limit if the Secretary decides that it is reasonable to do so." The petitioner was the only party to request this review. Although the petitioner's withdrawal request for this review was not within the normal time limit as prescribed in section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations, we find that, under the circumstances of this review, it is appropriate to accept the withdrawal request and rescind the review. Continuing the review would only require the petitioner, respondents, and the Department expend time and resources on a review in which the only party that requested the review is no longer interested.

The respondents have either claimed no shipments during the period of review or have stated that they will not participate in the review in response to the Department's questionnaire, and, therefore, the Department has neither released supplemental questionnaires nor conducted verification at this point in the proceeding. Accordingly, the Department does not believe the administrative review has proceeded to a point at which it would be "unreasonable" to rescind the review. The Department, therefore, determines that it is reasonable to extend the 90-day time limit and to rescind the

administrative review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection within 15 days of publication of this notice.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written 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 sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4) and section 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

**Gary Taverman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-489-501]

#### **Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube from Turkey: Extension of the Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 6, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Riggle at (202) 482-0650 or Martin Claessens at (202) 482-5451, Office 5, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### **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 complete the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/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 these time periods, 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 after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested, 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 publication of the preliminary results.

#### **Background**

On May 1, 2003, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this order. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 68 FR 23281 (May 1, 2003). On May 30, 2003, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), interested parties Allied Tube & Conduit Corporation, IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., and Wheatland Tube Company requested a review of producers/exporters of certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube. On July 1, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain carbon steel welded pipe and tube from Turkey, covering the period May 1, 2002, through April 30, 2003 (68 FR 39055). The preliminary results are currently due no later than February 2, 2004.

#### **Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review**

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit due to the complex issues that have been raised. First, the Department requires additional time to analyze the numerous affiliations and complex corporate structure of the respondent. In addition, the Department must address the complicated cost issues associated with Turkey exhibiting high inflation during the period of review.

Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results by 60 days until March 31, 2004. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after publication of the preliminary results notice.

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**Gary Taverman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122303E]

#### **Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of affirmative finding.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, (Assistant Administrator) granted the affirmative finding for the Republic of El Salvador under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). This affirmative finding will allow yellowfin tuna harvested in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) in compliance with the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP) by El Salvadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under El Salvador's jurisdiction to be imported into the United States. The affirmative finding was based on review of documentary evidence submitted by the Republic of El Salvador and obtained from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the Department of State.

**DATES:** Effective December 31, 2003, through March 31, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California, 90802-4213; Phone 562-980-4000; Fax 562-980-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) (Pub. L. 105-42), allows the entry into the United States of yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine vessels in the ETP under certain conditions. If requested by the harvesting nation, the Assistant Administrator will determine whether to make an affirmative finding based upon documentary evidence provided by the government of the harvesting nation, the IATTC, or the Department of State. A finding will remain valid for 1 year (April 1 through March 31) or for such other period as the Assistant Administrator may determine. An affirmative finding applies to tuna and tuna products that were harvested in the ETP by purse seine vessels of the nation and applies to any tuna harvested in the ETP purse seine fishery after March 3, 1999, the effective date of the IDCPA.