

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Amendment to the Antidumping Suspension Agreement on Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate Between the United States Department of Commerce and the Government of Ukraine

The United States Department of Commerce (the Department) and the Government of Ukraine hereby amend Section XII of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Ukraine (the Agreement), signed October 24, 1997, by adding the following language immediately after the second sentence of Section XII of the Agreement, as amended on December 20, 2002:

In order to provide for the continuation of exports of cut-to-length plate from Ukraine to the United States following the expiration of the one-year extension signed December 20, 2002, by the Department and the Government of Ukraine, the export limits provided for in Section III of this Agreement shall remain in force through November 1, 2004.

If, after said date, the underlying proceeding remains suspended, the Government of Ukraine and the Department will enter into consultations to agree upon export limits in order to permit future shipments under the Agreement.

For the United States Department of Commerce.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

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For the Ministry of Economy and for European Integration Issues of Ukraine.

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Oil Country Tubular Goods From Mexico: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On September 30, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Mexico. The period of review (POR) is August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003. This review has now been rescinded because one party requesting the review withdrew its request, and the remaining exporter named in the request for review had no entries for consumption of subject merchandise that are subject to review in the United States during the POR.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis Hall or Abdelali Elouaradia, Enforcement Group III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7866, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1398 or (202) 482-1374 respectively.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are oil country tubular goods, hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing, tubing, and drill pipe, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether seamless or welded, whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products). This scope does not cover casing, tubing, or drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium. The OCTG subject to this order are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20, 7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40, 7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60, 7304.29.10.80, 7304.29.20.10, 7304.29.20.20, 7304.29.20.30, 7304.29.20.40, 7304.29.20.50, 7304.29.20.60, 7304.29.20.80, 7304.29.30.10, 7304.29.30.20, 7304.29.30.30, 7304.29.30.40, 7304.29.30.50, 7304.29.30.60, 7304.29.30.80, 7304.29.40.10, 7304.29.40.20, 7304.29.40.30, 7304.29.40.40, 7304.29.40.50, 7304.29.40.60, 7304.29.40.80, 7304.29.50.15, 7304.29.50.30, 7304.29.50.45, 7304.29.50.60, 7304.29.50.75, 7304.29.60.15, 7304.29.60.30, 7304.29.60.45, 7304.29.60.60, 7304.29.60.75, 7305.20.20.00, 7305.20.40.00, 7305.20.60.00, 7305.20.80.00,

7306.20.10.30, 7306.20.10.90, 7306.20.20.00, 7306.20.30.00, 7306.20.40.00, 7306.20.60.10, 7306.20.60.50, 7306.20.80.10, and 7306.20.80.50.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

The Department has determined that couplings, coupling stock and drill pipe are not within the scope of the antidumping order on OCTG from Mexico. See Letter to Interested Parties; Final Affirmative Scope Decision, August 27, 1998. See *Continuation of Countervailing and Antidumping Duty Orders on Oil Country Tubular Goods From Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea and Mexico, and Partial Revocation of Those Orders From Argentina and Mexico With Respect to Drill Pipe*, 66 FR 38630, July 25, 2001.

Background

On August 29, 2003, Hylsa, S.A. de C.V. (Hylsa) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Hylsa. We initiated the review for Hylsa on September 30, 2003. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation* in part 68 FR 56262 (September 30, 2003). On October 7, 2003, Hylsa withdrew its request and requested that the Department terminate the review with respect to Hylsa. Additionally on September 2, 2003, United States Steel Corporation (petitioner), requested and administrative review of Tubos de Acero de Mexico S.A. (TAMSA), a Mexican producer and exporter of OCTG, with respect to the antidumping order published in the **Federal Register**. See *Antidumping Duty Order: Oil Country Tubular Goods From Mexico*, 60 FR 41055 (August 11, 1995). We initiated the review for TAMSA on October 24, 2003. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation* in part, 68 FR 60910 (October 24, 2003).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 2003, the Department issued an antidumping duty questionnaire to TAMSA. On November 26, 2003, TAMSA and Siderca Corporation (TAMSA's U.S. affiliate) claimed that they "did not directly or indirectly, enter for consumption, or sell, export or ship for entry for consumption in the United States subject merchandise during the period of review." Petitioners did not comment on TAMSA's no shipment claim. See Memo to file dated January 12, 2004.