DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Mexico; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the 2002–2003 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Mexico. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 2003, in response to requests from the respondent, ThyssenKrupp Mexinox S.A. de C.V. (Mexinox), and Allegheny Ludlum, AK Steel Corporation, J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., North American Stainless, Butler-Armco Independent Union, Zanesville Armco Independent Organization, Inc., and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC (collectively, petitioners), we published a notice of initiation of this administrative review in the Federal Register. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part, 68 FR 50750 (August 22, 2003). Pursuant to the time limits for administrative reviews set forth in section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), the current deadlines are April 1, 2004 for the preliminary results and July 30, 2004 for the final results. The Department, however, may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a review if it determines it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within the statutory time limit. See 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act and section 351.213(b)(2) of the Department’s regulations. In this case the Department has determined it is not practicable to complete this review within the statutory time limit because of significant case issues which require additional time to evaluate. These include: the reporting of downstream sales; a buyback of Thyssen Krupp AG’s (Mexinox’s parent company) shares from the Government of Iran; and major inputs purchased from affiliated suppliers. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until July 30, 2004 in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act. The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A) (2001)).


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Postponement of Final Antidumping Duty Determination: Wax and Wax/Resin Thermal Transfer Ribbons from the Republic of Korea

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

ACTION: Postponement of Final Antidumping Duty Determination.


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SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is postponing the final determination in the antidumping duty investigation of Wax and Wax/Resin Thermal Transfer Ribbons from the Republic of Korea from February 29, 2004 to March 22, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 22, 2003, the Department published its Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value: Wax and Wax/Resin Thermal Transfer Ribbons From the Republic of Korea (68 FR 71078). The preliminary determination was negative. The notice stated that the Department would issue its final determination no later than 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination (December 16, 2003).

Section 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(i) allows for a postponement of the final determination until not later than 135 days after the date of publication of the preliminary determination at the request of the petitioner, when the preliminary determination was negative.

Postponement of Final Determination

On January 23, 2004, the Department received a request from the petitioner, International Imaging Materials, Inc. (IIMAK), that the Department postpone the final determination until March 22, 2004. IIMAK made this request under section 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(i), which as noted above allows the petitioner to request a postponement of the final determination if the preliminary determination was negative. There are no compelling reasons for the Department to deny petitioner’s request. Therefore, pursuant to section 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(i), the Department is postponing the deadline for issuing the final determination until March 22, 2004.

This notice of postponement is in accordance with section 735(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2).


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Final Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the New Hampshire Coastal Program

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and