DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 040421123–4123–01]

American Community Survey Data Products

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is proposing to revise and expand the data products it produces from the American Community Survey (ACS), and is requesting comments from current and potential future users of ACS data products to help guide the redesign of these products. Our goal is to publish preliminary versions of the new data products by mid-year 2005 and to give data users another opportunity to comment further before the redesigned products are in final form. The ACS has been under development since 1996. Several ACS data products have been released every year since 1997. With full-scale implementation scheduled for July 2004, we are proposing significant enhancements to the ACS data products that the Census Bureau will produce every year beginning in 2006.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2049, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233–0101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Bryson, Program Analyst, Outreach and Analysis Staff, Office of the Associate Director for Decennial Census, on (301) 763–1911, or by e-mail at kenneth.r.bryson@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACS is a very large nationwide survey that will collect and publish data about the demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics of the population. Full-scale data collection will begin with the mail-out to 250,000 addresses at the end of June 2004. The Census Bureau plans to release a set of redesigned data products from the 2005 ACS, the first full year of data collection, in the summer of 2006. While some of the data products will resemble those from the development phase of the ACS, others will be new or redesigned.

Census Bureau working groups have sought to improve the ACS data products by taking into account the previous comments and suggestions of data users. We have developed a preliminary version of the revised suite of data products and are now asking for feedback from public data users.

We are requesting public comments on the current data products and on the proposed new products. In particular, the Census Bureau is looking for feedback about the basic concept of each product and its usefulness to you. We welcome all comments and suggestions about how the product could be improved.

A special link on the ACS Web site (http://www.census.gov/acs/www/product_review/) will enable you to view examples of current and proposed data products. Current ACS data products are as follows:

- **Base Tables (previously known as Detailed Tables)—**Simple descriptive tabulations of basic concepts and variables, similar to tables in Summary File 3 from Census 2000. Summary File 3 contains tables of sample items from the long form of Census 2000.
- **Tabular Profiles—**Key summary measures, derived measures (e.g., medians), and collapsed distributions of variables selected from the Base Tables.
- **Narrative Profiles—**Short prose narratives with simple graphs based on some of the summary information in the Tabular Profiles.
- **Geographic Ranking Tables—**Tables and related graphs that show the rank order of geographic areas on a key statistics or derived measure.

In addition to retaining the current data products above, the Census Bureau proposes to offer the following new products:

- **Subject Tables—**These are similar to the Census 2000 Quick Tables, and like the Quick Tables, they are derived from the Base Tables. Quick Tables and Subject Tables are predefined tables with frequently requested information on a single topic for a single geographic area.
- **Subpopulation Profiles—**This new product would provide certain characteristics from the Tabular Profiles for a specific race or ethnic group (e.g., Alaska Natives) or population subgroup (e.g., people ages 60 and over).
- **Thematic Maps—**Thematic maps are similar to Geographic Ranking Tables. They have the added advantage of visually displaying on a map the geographic variation of a key summary or derived measure.
- **Analytic Reports (in an early development stage)—**These could be short documents, two to three pages, on a single topic or theme, or they could be longer documents covering several topics or the entire content of the survey.
Please go to the ACS Web site to review each data product in detail. If you have questions about any of the data products, please contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

Paperwork Reduction Act
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), unless that collection of information displays a current, valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, the OMB approved the ACS survey under OMB Control Number 0607–0810. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies will be available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–0101. Dated: May 7, 2004.

Hermann Habermann, Deputy Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[25x20]Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Structural Steel Beams from Japan

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review.

SUMMARY: On December 30, 2003, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) published a notice of initiation of changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on structural steel beams (“SSB”) from Japan to determine whether Yamato Steel Co., Ltd. (“Yamato Steel”) is the successor-in-interest to Yamato Kogyo, for purposes of determining antidumping duty liability in this proceeding. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Blackledge or Howard Smith, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482–3518 or (202) 482–5193, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
On June 19, 2000, the Department published in the Federal Register an antidumping duty order resulting from the Department’s investigation of Structural Steel Beams from Japan. See Structural Steel Beams from Japan: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order, 65 FR 37960 (June 19, 2000). On November 17, 2003, Yamato Kogyo and Yamato Steel submitted a request that the Department initiate a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on structural steel beams from Japan pursuant to Section 751(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), and 19 CFR 351.22(c)(3)(ii) (2003). Yamato Steel claims to be the successor-in-interest to Yamato Kogyo, and, as such, claims that it is entitled to receive the same antidumping treatment as Yamato Kogyo. On December 19, 2003, the Department published a Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review, 68 FR 75213. On February 26, 2004, the Department issued a questionnaire requesting further details on the successorship of Yamato Steel. Yamato Kogyo’s response was received by the Department on March 26, 2004.

Scope of the Review
For purposes of this review, the products covered are doubly–symmetric shapes, whether hot or cold–rolled, drawn, extruded, formed or finished, having at least one dimension of at least 80 mm (3.2 inches or more), whether of carbon or alloy (other than stainless) steel, and whether or not drilled, punched, notched, painted, coated, or clad. These products (“Structural Steel Beams”) include, but are not limited to, wide–flange beams (“W” shapes), bearing piles (“HP” shapes), standard beams (“S” or “I” shapes), and M–shapes.

All products that meet the physical and metallurgical descriptions provided above are within the scope of this review unless otherwise excluded. The following products, are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this review:

Structural steel beams greater than 400 pounds per linear foot or with a web or section height (also known as depth) over 40 inches.

The merchandise subject to this review is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) at subheadings: 7216.32.0000, 7216.33.0030, 7216.33.0060, 7216.33.0090, 7216.50.0000, 7216.61.0000, 7216.69.0000, 7216.91.0000, 7216.99.0000, 7228.70.3040, 7228.70.6000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) purposes, the written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

Preliminary Results of the Review
In submissions to the Department dated November 17, 2003 and March 26, 2004, Yamato Kogyo advised the Department that the firm had conducted a corporate reorganization, resulting in the formation of Yamato Steel which assumed all steel and heavy industry operations formerly held by Yamato Kogyo.

In antidumping duty changed circumstances reviews involving a successor–in–interest determination, the Department typically examines several factors including, but not limited to, changes in: (1) management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; and (4) customer base. See Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review, 57 FR 20460, 20462 (May 13, 1992) (“Canada Brass”). While no single factor or combination of factors will necessarily be dispositive, the Department generally will consider the new company to be the successor to the predecessor company if the resulting operations are essentially the same as those of the predecessor company. See, e.g., Industrial Phosphoric Acid from Israel: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review, 59 FR 6944, 6945 (February 14, 1994), and Canada Brass, 57 FR 20462. Thus, if the record evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the predecessor company, the Department may assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor. See, e.g., Fresh and Chilled...