

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. The final results of these reviews are now due September 8, 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Lehman or Richard Rimlinger, AD/CVD 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0180 and (202) 482-4477, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

At the request of interested parties, the Department of Commerce initiated administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom for the period May 1, 2002, through April 30, 2003. See, *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 39055, (July 1, 2003), and *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, Requests for Revocation in Part and Deferral of Administrative Reviews*, 68 FR 44524, (July 29, 2003). On February 9, 2004, the Department published its preliminary findings. See *Antifriction Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Partial Rescission of Administrative Reviews, Notice of Intent to Rescind Administrative Reviews, and Notice of Intent to Revoke Order in Part*, 69 FR 5950, (February 9, 2004). The final results of reviews were originally scheduled for June 8, 2004. On May 3, 2004, the Department published a notice extending the date for issuing the final results of these reviews until August 9, 2004. See *Antifriction Bearings and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 69 FR 24121, (May 3, 2004). *Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the final results

of an antidumping duty administrative review within 120 days of the date on which the preliminary results are published. The administering authority may extend the period of time for making a final determination without extending the time for making a preliminary determination, if such determination is made no later than 300 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. Completion of the final results of these reviews within the previously-extended period is not practicable because of the large number of respondents and the complexity of the issues raised in these reviews. Therefore, we are extending the time period for issuing the final results of these reviews by 30 days, until September 8, 2004.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: August 5, 2004.

Jeffrey May,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group I.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Line Pipe From the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is postponing the preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigations of certain circular carbon quality line pipe from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") until no later than September 29, 2004. This postponement is made pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act").

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Williams or Jim Nunno, at (202) 482-4619 or (202) 482-0783, respectively, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 23, 2004, the Department initiated antidumping duty investigations of imports of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe ("line pipe") from Mexico, the Republic of Korea ("Korea"), and the PRC. See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Line Pipe from Mexico, the Republic of Korea, and the People's Republic of China, 69 FR 16521 (March 30, 2004) ("Initiation Notice"). Section 733(b) of the Act requires the Department to make a preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of initiation. On July 21, 2004, the Department extended the preliminary determinations of the line pipe investigations for Mexico and Korea in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act. See *Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Line Pipe from Mexico and the Republic of Korea* 69 FR 44641 (July 27, 2004). The preliminary determinations in the investigation of line pipe with respect to Mexico and Korea are now due not later than September 29, 2004.

On August 5, 2004, the Department received a request from American Steel Pipe Division of ACIPC, IPSCO Tubulars Inc., Lone Star Steel Company, Maverick Tube Corporation, Northwest Pipe Company, and Stupp Corporation, petitioners in these investigations, a request for an extension of the preliminary determination with respect to line pipe from the PRC. See Letter from Petitioners requesting an extension of the preliminary determination on certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe from China, dated August 5, 2004 ("Extension Request").

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

19 CFR 351.205(e) states that a petitioner can request a postponement of the preliminary determination 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Notification of such a postponement will be given by the Department no later than 20 days before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination. See 19 CFR 351.205(f).

Although the petitioners' request was filed beyond the deadline of 25 days and this notice to the parties is delayed, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), the Department "may, for good cause, extend any time limit established by this Part." In this instance, the

Department finds good cause to extend the time limit for notification of the extension of the preliminary determination for the reasons stated below.

To begin, the period of investigation ("POI") in the line pipe investigation of the PRC, a non-market economy ("NME"), is July 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003. In NME cases, the Department values data using prices from a comparable market economy that is a significant producer of comparable merchandise. However, the availability of such prices that are properly contemporaneous with the POI is limited at this time. The Department needs additional time in order for the Department to have contemporaneous information from a comparable market economy on the record to corroborate properly the secondary information to be used as the basis of the margin for the PRC entity.

In addition, as stated in the Extension Request, the U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") reached its affirmative preliminary injury determination for Mexico, Korea, and the PRC on May 3, 2004. Were the Department to proceed with its preliminary determination with respect to the PRC, it would be necessary that the ITC issue a separate final determination for the PRC, much earlier than with respect to Mexico and Korea. The petitioners in this investigation have requested that the Department align these cases at its preliminary determination to eliminate the necessity for separate ITC determinations. In the interest of administrative efficiency, the Department concludes that the Mexico, Korea, and PRC cases should remain on a consistent timeline.

For the reasons identified above, we are postponing the preliminary determinations under Section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act by 50 days, to no later than September 29, 2004. The deadline for the final determinations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations. This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Outboard Engines From Japan

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value and postponement of final determination.

DATES: Effective August 12, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Kemp or Shane Subler at (202) 482-5346 or (202) 482-0189, respectively; AD/CVD Enforcement Office 1, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that outboard engines from Japan are being sold, or are likely to be sold, in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the *Suspension of Liquidation* section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. We will make our final determination not later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

Case History

This investigation was initiated on January 28, 2004.¹ See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Outboard Engines from Japan, 69 FR at 5316 (February 4, 2004) (Initiation Notice). Since the initiation of the investigation, the following events have occurred:

The Department of Commerce (the Department) set aside a period for all interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. See Initiation Notice, 69 FR at 5317. On February 24, 2004, the following companies submitted timely responses: American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (Honda); Nissan

Marine Co., Ltd. (Nissan); Suzuki Motor Corporation and American Suzuki Motor Corporation (Suzuki); Tohatsu Corporation, Tohatsu Marine Corporation, and Tohatsu America Corporation (Tohatsu); and Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., Yamaha Marine Company, Ltd., and Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha).

On February 3, 2004, the Department issued a letter providing interested parties an opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed model match characteristics and its hierarchy of characteristics. The petitioner submitted a timely response on February 20, 2004. Honda, Nissan, Suzuki, Tohatsu, and Yamaha also submitted comments on February 20, 2004. Bombardier Motor Corporation and Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (Bombardier), a domestic interested party, submitted a timely response on February 27, 2004. Based on these comments, we determined the appropriate model match characteristics and included them in the antidumping questionnaire issued to Yamaha on March 11, 2004.

On February 23, 2004, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable indication that imports of the products subject to this investigation are materially injuring an industry in the United States producing the domestic like product. See *Outboard Engines from Japan*, 69 FR at 9643 (March 1, 2004) (ITC Preliminary Determination).

On April 30, 2004, the petitioner requested that the Department extend the preliminary determination in this investigation by 30 days. Because there were no compelling reasons to deny the request, we postponed the preliminary determination to July 16, 2004, under section 733(c)(1) of the Act. On June 22, 2004, the petitioner made an additional request to extend the preliminary deadline 20 days beyond the July 16, 2004, deadline. Once again, there were no compelling reasons to deny the request, and the Department made a second postponement of the preliminary determination to August 5, 2004.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise. Section 351.210(e)(2) of the

¹ The petitioner in this investigation is Mercury Marine, a division of Brunswick Corporation (Mercury).