DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Initiation of Antidumping Duty

Changed Circumstances Review:

Certain Softwood Lumber Products

from Canada

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 2005.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216(b) (2003), the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports (the Coalition), a domestic interested party, filed a request for a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on certain softwood lumber products from Canada, as described below. In response to this request, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating the requested review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shane Subler or Constance Handley, at (202) 482–0189 or (202) 482–0631, respectively; AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result of the first administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain softwood lumber products from Canada, imports of softwood lumber from West Fraser Mills Ltd. (West Fraser) and Weldwood of Canada Limited (Weldwood) received company-specific cash-deposit rates (see Notice of Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada, 70 FR 3358 (January 24, 2005)). Both companies are participating as separate companies in the ongoing second administrative review of this order, which covers the period May 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004. The Coalition has provided the Department with information indicating that as of January 1, 2005, Weldwood was amalgamated with West Fraser and ceased to exist as a separate corporate entity. As a result, the Coalition is requesting that the Department initiate a changed circumstances review to establish a new cash-deposit rate for the merged entity.

SCOPE OF THE ORDER:

The products covered by this order are softwood lumber, flooring and

sawed by a customer not affiliated with the importer;

(D) The whole package must be imported under a single consolidated entry when permitted by CBP, whether or not on a single or multiple trucks, rail cars or other vehicles, which shall be on the same day except when the home is over 2,000 square feet;

(E) The following documentation must be included with the entry documents:

• a copy of the appropriate home design, plan, or blueprint matching the entry;

• a purchase contract from a retailer of home kits or packages signed by a customer not affiliated with the importer;

• a listing of inventory of all parts of the package or kit being entered that conforms to the home design package being entered;

• in the case of multiple shipments on the same contract, all items listed immediately above which are included in the present shipment shall be identified as well.

We have determined that the excluded products listed above are outside the scope of this order, provided the specified conditions are met.

Lumber products that CBP may classify as stringers, radius cut box/spring-frame components, and fence pickets, not conforming to the above requirements, as well as truss components, pallet components, and door and window frame parts, are covered under the scope of this order and may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 4418.90.40.90, 4421.90.70.40, and 4421.90.98.40. Due to changes in the 2002 HTSUS whereby subheading 4421.90.98.40 became 4418.90.45.90 and 4421.90.97.40, respectively, we are changing to 4418.90.40.90 and 4418.90.45.90 and 4421.90.97.40, respectively, we are adding these subheadings as well.

In addition, this scope language has been further clarified to now specify that all softwood lumber products entered from Canada claiming non–subject status based on U.S. country of origin will be treated as non–subject U.S.-origin merchandise under the countervailing duty order, provided that these softwood lumber products meet the following condition: upon entry, the importer, exporter, Canadian processor and/or original U.S. producer establish to CBP’s satisfaction that the softwood lumber entered and documented as U.S.-origin softwood lumber was first produced in the United States as a lumber product satisfying the physical parameters of the softwood lumber

scope. The presumption of non–subject status can, however, be rebutted by evidence demonstrating that the merchandise was substantially transformed in Canada.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Based on the information provided by Winton Global, and the fact that the Department did not receive any comments during the comment period following the preliminary results of this review, the Department hereby determines that Winton Global is the successor–in–interest to The Pas for antidumping duty cash deposit

purposes.

Instructions to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection

The Department will instruct CBP to suspend liquidation of all shipments of the subject merchandise produced and exported by Winton Global entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the publication date of this notice at 1.83 percent (i.e. The Pas’ cash deposit rate). This deposit rate shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the ongoing administrative review, in which Winton Global/The Pas is participating.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.306. Timely written notification of the return/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 in accordance with section 751(b) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and sections 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216(e) of the Department’s regulations.

Dated: June 15, 2005.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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2 See the scope clarification message (3034202), dated February 3, 2003, to CBP, regarding treatment of U.S.-origin lumber on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.
siding (softwood lumber products). Softwood lumber products include all products classified under headings 4407.1000, 4409.1010, 4409.1090, and 4409.1020, respectively, of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), and any softwood lumber, flooring and siding described below. These softwood lumber products include:

1. Coniferous wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding six millimeters;
2. Coniferous wood siding (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rabbeted, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed;
3. Other coniferous wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rabbeted, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces (other than wood moldings and wood dowel rods) whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed; and
4. Coniferous wood flooring (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rabbeted, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive. Preliminary scope exclusions and clarifications were published in three separate Federal Register notices.

Softwood lumber products excluded from the scope:
- Trusses and truss kits, properly classified under HTSUS 4418.90
- L-joint beams
- Assembled box spring frames
- Pallets and pallet kits, properly classified under HTSUS 4415.20
- Garage doors
- Edge-glued wood, properly classified under HTSUS 4421.90.97.40 (formerly HTSUS 4421.90.98.40)
- Properly classified complete door frames
- Properly classified complete window frames
- Properly classified furniture

Softwood lumber products excluded from the scope only if they meet certain requirements:
- Stringers (pallet components used for runners): if they have at least two notches on the side, positioned at equal distance from the center, to properly accommodate forklift blades, properly classified under HTSUS 4421.90.97.40 (formerly HTSUS 4421.90.98.40).
- Box-spring frame kits: if they contain the following wooden pieces - two side rails, two end (or top) rails and varying numbers of slats. The side rails and the end rails should be radius-cut at both ends. The kits should be individually packaged, they should contain the exact number of wooden components needed to make a particular box spring frame, with no further processing required. None of the components exceeds 1” in actual thickness or 83” in length.
- Radius-cut box-spring-frame components, not exceeding 1” in actual thickness or 83” in length, ready for assembly without further processing. The radius cuts must be present on both ends of the boards and must be substantial cuts so as to completely round one corner.
- Fence pickets requiring no further processing and properly classified under HTSUS 4421.90.70, 1” or less in actual thickness, up to 8’ wide, 6’ or less in length, and have finials or decorative cuttings that clearly identify them as fence pickets. In the case of dog-eared fence pickets, the corners of the boards should be cut off so as to remove pieces of wood in the shape of isosceles right angle triangles with sides measuring 3/4 inch or more.
- U.S. origin lumber shipped to Canada for minor processing and imported into the United States, is excluded from the scope of this order if the following conditions are met: 1) the processing occurring in Canada is limited to kiln-drying, planing to create smooth-to-size board, and sanding, and 2) the importer establishes to U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) satisfaction that the lumber is of U.S. origin.
- Softwood lumber products contained in single family home packages or kits, regardless of tariff classification, are excluded from the scope of the orders if the following criteria are met:
  1. The imported home package or kit constitutes a full package of the number of wooden pieces specified in the plan, design or blueprint necessary to produce a home of at least 700 square feet produced to a specified plan, design or blueprint;
  2. The package or kit must contain all necessary internal and external doors and windows, nails, screws, glue, subfloor, sheathing, beams, posts, connectors and, if included in purchase contract, decking, trim, drywall and roof shingles specified in the plan, design or blueprint;
  3. Prior to importation, the package or kit must be sold to a retailer of complete home packages or kits pursuant to a valid purchase contract referencing the particular home design plan or blueprint, and signed by a customer not affiliated with the importer;
  4. The whole package must be imported under a single consolidated entry when permitted by CBP, whether or not on a single or multiple trucks, rail cars or other vehicles, which shall be on the same day except when the home is over 2,000 square feet;
  5. The following documentation must be included with the entry documents:
     - A copy of the appropriate home design, plan, or blueprint matching the entry;
     - A purchase contract from a retailer of home kits or packages signed by a customer not affiliated with the importer;
     - A listing of inventory of all parts of the package or kit being entered that conforms to the home design package being entered;
     - In the case of multiple shipments on the same contract, all items listed immediately above which are included in the present shipment shall be identified as well.

We have determined that the excluded products listed above are outside the scope of this order provided the specified conditions are met. Lumber products that CBP may classify as stringers, radius cut box-spring-frame components, and fence pickets, not conforming to the above requirements, as well as truss components, pallet components, and door and window frame parts, are covered under the scope certification and to permit single or multiple entries on multiple days, as well as instructing importers to retain and make available for inspection specific documentation in support of each entry.
of this order and may be classified under HTSUS subheadings
4418.90.40.90, 4421.90.70.40, and 4421.90.98.40. Due to changes in the
2002 HTSUS whereby subheading
4418.90.40.90 and 4421.90.98.40 were
changed to 4418.90.45.90 and
4421.90.97.40, respectively, we are
adding these subheadings as well. In addition, this scope language has
been further clarified to now specify that all softwood lumber products
entered and documented as U.S.-origin merchandise under the
antidumping and countervailing duty orders, provided that these softwood
lumber products meet the following condition: upon entry, the importer,
exporter, Canadian processor and/or
original U.S. producer establish to CBP’s satisfaction that the softwood lumber entered and documented as U.S.-origin softwood lumber was first produced in the United States as a lumber product satisfying the physical parameters of the softwood lumber scope. The presumption of non–subject status can, however, be rebutted by evidence demonstrating that the merchandise was substantially transformed in Canada.

INITIATION OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW:

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the
Act, the Department will conduct a
changed circumstances review upon receipt of information concerning, or a
request from an interested party for a
review of, an antidumping duty order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. The Coalition contends that West Fraser and Weldwood should have a
combined cash–deposit rate because they are no longer separate companies. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(d), the Department finds there is sufficient information to warrant initiating a
changed circumstances review. Therefore, pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of
the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d), we are
initiating a changed circumstances administrative review to determine the facts surrounding the merger and what cash–deposit rate should be applied to entries produced and exported by the
merged entity.

The Department will publish in the Federal Register a notice of preliminary results of changed circumstances antidumping duty administrative review in accordance with 19 CFR
351.221(b)(4) and 351.221(c)(3)(i),
which will set forth the Department’s preliminary factual and legal
conclusions. Pursuant to 19 CFR
351.221(b)(4)(iii), interested parties will
have an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. The Department will issue its final results of review in accordance with the time limits set forth in 19 CFR 351.216(e). This notice is in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act.

Dated: June 13, 2005.
Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
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Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod from
Italy: Amended Final Countervailing Duty Determination in Accordance with Decision upon Remand

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 2005.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following publication of the Final Affirmative
Countervailing Duty Determination: Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod from
Italy, 63 FR 40474 (July 29, 1998) (Final Determination), and Notice of
Countervailing Duty Order: Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy, 63 FR 49334 (September 15, 1998) (CVD Order), AL Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Carpenter Technology Corp., Republic Engineered Steels, Talley Metals Technology, Inc. and United Steel Workers of America, AFL–CIO/CLC (collectively, AL Tech), the petitioners in this case, and the respondents, Acciaierie Valbruna S.r.l. and Acciaierie Di Bolzano S.p.A. (collectively, Valbruna/Bolzano), challenged the Department’s Final Determination before the U.S. Court of
International Trade (CIT).

The Draft Final Results Pursuant to
Remand (Draft Results) were released to
parties on October 22, 2004. On October
22, 2004, the Department received comments from respondents on the
Draft Results. Petitioners did not submit comments on the Draft Results. There were no substantive changes made to the Remand Results as a result of comments received on the Draft Results. On October 27, 2004, the Department responded to the CIT’s Order of Remand by filing the Remand Results. As a result of the remand redetermination, the net subsidy rate for Valbruna/Bolzano was
revised from 1.28 to 0.65 percent ad
valorem, which is de minimis.

On December 1, 2004, the CIT received comments from petitioners and respondents. On December 21, 2004, the Department responded to these comments. On March 9, 2005, the CIT affirmed the Department’s findings in the
Remand Results. See AL Tech II, Slip Op. 05–30 (CIT March 9, 2005).

Amended Final Determination

As a result, we have recalculated the
ad valorem subsidy rate for stainless
steel wire rod from Italy for the period
January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, for Valbruna/Bolzano. The revised net subsidy rate is 0.65 percent ad
valorem, which is de minimis.

The Department has been enjoined from issuing any liquidation instructions to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) until the conclusion of litigation of this case. Litigation has been completed, and, therefore, the Department will now instruct CBP to liquidate all relevant entries from Acciaierie Valbruna S.r.l. (Valbruna) and Acciaierie Di Bolzano S.p.A. (Bolzano) without regard to
countervailing duties. The Department
will issue liquidation instructions
directly to CBP.

This amendment to the final
countervailing duty determination is in accordance with section 705(d) of the
Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19
U.S.C. 1671d(d)), and § 351.210(c) of
the Department’s regulations.

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Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Timing of Assessment Instructions for Antidumping Duty Orders Involving Non–Market Economy Countries

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

ACTION: Request for comments.

3 See the scope clarification message (3034202), dated February 3, 2003, to CBP, regarding treatment of U.S.-origin lumber on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-909 of the main Commerce Building.