

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Stainless Steel Bar from Germany: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is rescinding the new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany manufactured by Flanschenwerk Bebitz GmbH (“Flanschenwerk”). The period of review (“POR”) covers March 1, 2007, through August 31, 2007. This order was revoked as a result of a sunset proceeding and the effective date of revocation is prior to the U.S. entry made by Flanschenwerk subject to this new shipper review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On March 7, 2002, the Department published an antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Stainless Steel Bar from Germany*, 67 FR 10382 (March 7, 2002) (“*Investigation Final*”). On October 10, 2003, the Department published an amended antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany. *See Notice of Amended Antidumping Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom*, 68 FR 58660 (October 10, 2003).

On October 1, 2007, we received a request for a new shipper review from Flanschenwerk for the period March 1, 2007, through August 31, 2007. We initiated the review on October 26, 2007. *See Notice of Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review: Stainless Steel Bar from Germany*, 72 FR 60807 (October 26, 2007). On December 20, 2007, Flanschenwerk responded to Section A of the antidumping questionnaire.

On February 1, 2007, the Department initiated, and the U.S. International

Trade Commission (“ITC”) instituted, a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany. *See Initiation of Five-Year (“Sunset”) Reviews*, 72 FR 4689 (February 1, 2007). As a result of its sunset review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping. *See Stainless Steel Bar from Germany; Final Results of the Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 72 FR 56985 (October 5, 2007).

On January 31, 2008, the ITC determined that revocation of the order on stainless steel bar from Germany would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. *See Stainless Steel Bar From France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and The United Kingdom*, 73 FR 5869 (January 31, 2008) and USITC Publication 3981 (January 2008), entitled *Stainless Steel Bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom* (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-413 and 731-TA-913-916 & 918 (Review)). As a result of the determination by the ITC that revocation of the order on stainless steel bar from Germany is not likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department, pursuant to section 751(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), revoked the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany. *See Revocation of Antidumping Duty Orders on Stainless Steel Bar From France, Germany, Italy, South Korea, and the United Kingdom and the Countervailing Duty Order on Stainless Steel Bar From Italy*, 73 FR 7258 (February 7, 2008) (“*Stainless Steel Bar Revocation Notice*”).

As a result of the ITC’s vote to revoke the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Germany on January 8, 2008, Flanschenwerk submitted an extension request, also on January 8, 2008, for filing its Sections B and C questionnaire responses until the Department published its revocation notice of this order. On March 17, 2008, Flanschenwerk withdrew its new shipper review request.

Scope of the Order

For the purposes of this order, the term “stainless steel bar” includes articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section

along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons, or other convex polygons. Stainless steel bar (“SSB”) includes cold-finished stainless steel bars that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (*i.e.*, cut length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), products that have been cut from stainless steel sheet, strip or plate, wire (*i.e.*, cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

The SSB subject to this order is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.11.00.05, 7222.11.00.50, 7222.19.00.05, 7222.19.00.50, 7222.20.00.05, 7222.20.00.45, 7222.20.00.75, and 7222.30.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (“HTSUS”). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Rescission of Review

Flanschenwerk’s POR U.S. entry occurred after the effective date of revocation of the order, which was March 7, 2007. Further, the Department has already issued its revocation instructions to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which will liquidate this entry without regard to antidumping duties (*i.e.*, release all bonds and refund all cash deposits, with interest). *See Stainless Steel Bar Revocation Notice*. Because Flanschenwerk has no additional U.S. entries to review during the POR, we are rescinding this new shipper review. No liquidation instructions are necessary because the Department has already issued its revocation instructions, which will result in the liquidation of Flanschenwerk’s U.S. entry. In addition, because this order is now revoked, no cash deposit instructions are necessary.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(f)(3).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

International Trade Administration Mission Statement

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, ITA.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Statement

U.S. Health Care Trade Policy Mission to China, April 24-25, 2008.

Mission Description: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) is organizing a Health-Care Trade Mission to China, April 23-25, 2008. The trade mission will focus on market access and target a broad range of health-care industries, such as the pharmaceutical, medical device, health insurance and health services industries, and will be led by Under Secretary of Commerce Christopher A. Padilla. ITA seeks to provide participating U.S. companies an opportunity to meet with key officials in China's health ministries to discuss the direction and structure of China's upcoming health-care reforms. The mission will likely take the form of 3-4 meetings between the delegation and China's Ministry of Health, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (formerly Ministry of Labor and Social Security), National Development and Reform Commission and possibly the Ministry of Finance or State Food and Drug Administration (subject to availability). In addition to these meetings, the agenda will include a

preparatory meeting between the delegation and the Under Secretary.

Commercial Setting: This Trade Mission will take place following China's planned announcement in late March outlining significant changes to its financing, regulation, and management of its health-care system. The U.S. pharmaceutical, medical device, health insurance and health services industries currently have many market access concerns with China, but the potential impact of the pending health-care reforms are the leading concern of many U.S. companies. The reforms China will undertake have the potential to significantly alter the market for U.S. health goods and services. Industry's ability to engage with the Government of China on these reforms has been limited so far, and while it is understood that an outline of the reforms will be announced in March, industry still lack details and a forum to engage with key Chinese policy makers. This trade mission will provide that opportunity.

This mission builds on previous DOC engagement with China's health ministries under the auspices of the U.S.-China Health-Care Forum (HCF). The mission will supplement HCF cooperation between DOC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and China's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Commerce.

Overview of China's Health Reform Situation: China has made improving health-care access to its citizens a priority in its Eleventh Five-Year Plan (2006-2010). China will announce reforms to improve the services provided by China's health-care system, increase the number of insured citizens, reduce corruption and perverse profit incentives, and reduce the overall costs to the consumer. While details are not yet available, Chinese press and U.S. industry anticipate that reforms will lay out a plan for universal health coverage, will institute new health-care delivery systems, will reform hospital management and will change the way drugs are regulated. We expect the outline of the plan to be announced at the meeting of the National People's Congress in March. The overall proposal is expected to focus only on principles and general direction, be supported by eight more detailed supplemental reform proposals and be implemented through a series of pilot programs.

All of these pending reforms present a serious change in the market for U.S. health goods and services providers. U.S. health-care goods and services providers with a clear understanding of China's policy environment have the potential to influence the policy

direction and take advantage of what may be a dramatically growing Chinese health-care market.

Mission Goals: The trade mission will facilitate dialogue between the U.S. health-care industry and Chinese policymakers to assist mission participants in gaining first-hand information about China's upcoming health-care reforms and provide a forum for U.S. stakeholders to provide feedback to relevant Chinese Government ministries to encourage policy choices that increase market access for U.S. goods and services. The trade mission also will assist ITA in identifying areas of interest to China for future cooperation on these market access issues.

Summary of Results Expected From the Mission

- Improve U.S. health-care industries' understanding of the pending health-care reforms in China.
- Discover areas of interest to China where future cooperation with U.S. Government and industry could further improve market access for U.S. goods and services.
- Provide Chinese policymakers with U.S. industry feedback on the direction of the reforms.
- Introduce U.S. industry to China's new leadership.

Mission Scenario: In China, the International Trade Administration will:

- Organize a preparatory meeting between the delegation, the Under Secretary, and key U.S. Embassy officials.
- Schedule 3-4 meetings with key Government of China ministries. (Subject to the availability of officials in the relevant ministries.)

Proposed Mission Timetable

Wednesday, April 23

Trade Mission Delegation Dinner with the Under Secretary.

Thursday, April 24-Friday, April 25

Meeting with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Health.

Meeting with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security.

Meeting with the Vice Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission.

Meeting with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Finance (Time permitting).

Criteria for Participation

- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission scope and goals;
- Potential for business in the selected markets;