DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limits for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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


Background

On September 22, 2009, the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Department") published a notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from the Republic of Korea, covering the period August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part, 74 FR 48224 (September 22, 2009). The preliminary results of this review were due no later than May 3, 2010. As explained in the memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from February 5, through February 12, 2010. Thus, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by seven days. The revised deadline for the preliminary results of this review is now May 10, 2010. See Memorandum to the Record from Ronald Lorentzen, DAS for Import Administration, regarding “Tolling of Administrative Deadlines as a Result of the Government Closure During the Recent Snowstorm,” dated February 12, 2010.

Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires that the Department make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act further states that if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period specified, the administering authority may extend the 245-day period to issue its preliminary results to up to 365 days.

We determine that completion of the preliminary results of this review within the 245-day period is not practicable. Additional time is needed to gather and analyze a significant amount of information pertaining to sales practices, manufacturing costs and corporate relationships pertaining to each company participating in the review. Given the number and complexity of issues in this case, and in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we are fully extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of review. Therefore, the preliminary results are now due no later than September 7, 2010. The final results continue to be due 120 days after publication of the preliminary results. This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.


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Light–Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico; Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 22, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register the initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on light–walled rectangular pipe and tube from Mexico, covering the period of January 30, 2008, to July 31, 2009. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part, 74 FR 48224 (September 22, 2009). The current deadline for the preliminary results of this review is May 10, 2010.1

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires that the Department complete the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary results to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time frame because additional information from both mandatory respondents, Regiomontana S.A. de C.V. (Regiomontana) and Maquilacero S.A. de C.V. (Maquilacero), is necessary to complete our analysis. Additionally, we intend to conduct sales and cost verifications of Regiomontana’s

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