

Background

On December 1, 2010, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 75 FR 74682 (December 1, 2010). On January 3, 2011, we received from United States Steel Corporation, a domestic producer of subject merchandise, a request for the Department to conduct an administrative review of Ispat Industries Limited (Ispat), for the period of review (POR) of January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

On January 28, 2011, the Department published the notice of initiation of the administrative review of the CVD order covering Ispat for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 76 FR 5137 (January 28, 2011). On February 4, 2011, Ispat notified the Department that it had no shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR.¹

We conducted an internal customs data query on February 7, 2011.² We also issued a “no shipments inquiry” message to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), which posted the message on February 16, 2011.³ The results of the customs data query indicated that Ispat had no sales, shipments, or entries of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. We did not receive any information from CBP contrary to Ispat’s claim of no sales, shipments, or entries of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR.

On March 21, 2011, we published the notice of preliminary rescission of this CVD administrative review with respect to Ispat, and provided interested parties with 20 days to comment. *See Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India: Preliminary Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 76 FR 15299 (March 21, 2011) (*Preliminary Rescission*). The

Department received no comments on its intent to rescind the review.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise to the United States by that producer or exporter.

Based on our analysis of the shipment data, we determine that Ispat did not ship subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), and consistent with our practice,⁴ we are rescinding the review for Ispat. Since Ispat is the only producer/exporter for which a review was requested and initiated, we are also rescinding, in whole, the administrative review of this CVD order for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010. The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a final 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) of the Department’s regulations, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 the terms of an APO is a violation that is subject to sanction.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: May 4, 2011.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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⁴ See, e.g., *Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube from Turkey: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, In Part*, 74 FR 47921 (September 18, 2009).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC) will meet to hear briefings on the state of renewable energy finance and to discuss the development of recommendations on increasing the international competitiveness of U.S. exports.

DATES: May 31, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), and June 1, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Please note: The meetings will be held at two different locations:

May 31st: Citigroup, 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013.

June 1st: Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom, 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian O’Hanlon, Office of Energy and Environmental Technologies Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482–3492; *e-mail:* brian.ohanlon@trade.gov. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at (202) 482–3492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the RE&EEAC pursuant to his discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) on July 14, 2010. The RE&EEAC provides the Secretary of Commerce with consensus advice from the private sector on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the international competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. The RE&EEAC held its first meeting on December 7, 2010, and a subsequent meeting on March 1, 2010.

The meeting is open to the public and the room is disabled-accessible. Public seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Brian O’Hanlon at the contact information above by 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, May 26, in order to

¹ This public document is available on the public file in the Department’s Central Record Unit (CRU) located in room 7046 of the main Commerce building.

² See Memorandum to the File from Kristen Johnson, Case Analyst, IA Operations, Office 3, regarding “Customs Data Query Results,” (February 8, 2011). A public version of this memorandum is available on the public file in the CRU.

³ See Message number 1047301, available at <http://addcvd.cbp.gov>.

pre-register for clearance into either location. Please specify any request for reasonable accommodation by May 23, 2011. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. A limited amount of time, from 3 p.m.–3:30 p.m. on June 1, will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting.

Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the RE&EEAC's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to brian.ohanlon@trade.gov or to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, Office of Energy and Environmental Technologies Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 4830, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on May 26, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members, but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of RE&EEAC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days of the meeting.

Edward A. O'Malley,

Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the First Administrative Review and Preliminary Rescission, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") is conducting the first administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel threaded rod ("steel threaded rod") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period of review ("POR") October 8, 2008, through February 28, 2010. As discussed below, we preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value ("NV"). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will instruct

U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to assess antidumping duties on entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which the importer-specific assessment rates are above *de minimis*.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 9, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Dach or Steven Hampton, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1655, (202) 482-0116, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 14, 2009, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on steel threaded rod from the PRC. *See Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order*, 74 FR 17154 (April 14, 2009) ("Order"). On April 1, 2010, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the Order for the period October 8, 2008, through March 31, 2010. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 75 FR 16426 (April 1, 2010).

Between April 1, 2010, and April 30, 2010, we received requests to conduct administrative reviews from Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. ("Petitioner") and certain Chinese companies. On May 28, 2010, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this administrative review. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 75 FR 29976, 29980-29982 (May 28, 2010) ("Initiation Notice").

On November 19, 2010, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice extending by 120 days the time period for issuing the preliminary results. *See Certain Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 75 FR 70908 (November 19, 2010).

Of the 126 companies/groups for which we initiated an administrative review, seven companies submitted separate rate certifications, three companies submitted separate rate applications, one company stated that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, and the remaining 115 companies did not

submit a separate rate application to the Department.

Respondent Selection

Section 777A(c)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act") directs the Department to calculate individual dumping margins for each known exporter or producer of the subject merchandise. However, section 777A(c)(2) of the Act gives the Department discretion to limit its examination to a reasonable number of exporters or producers if it is not practicable to examine all exporters or producers involved in the review.

On June 7, 2010, the Department placed on the record data obtained from CBP with respect to the selection of respondents, inviting comments from interested parties. *See* Letter from the Department to Interested Parties: 2008—2010 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order of Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the PRC: CBP Data for Respondent Selection, dated June 7, 2010. Between June 7, 2010, and August 9, 2010, Petitioner and certain respondents provided comments on the Department's respondent selection methodology.

Because of the large number of exporters involved in this review, the Department limited the number of respondents individually examined and issued a respondent selection memorandum on September 24, 2010. Based upon section 777A(c)(2)(B) of the Act, the Department selected IFI & Morgan Limited and RMB Fasteners Ltd. ("RMB/IFI Group"¹) and Gem-Year Industrial Co. Ltd. ("Gem-Year") because they were the largest exporters, by volume, of subject merchandise during the POR. *See* Memorandum to James Doyle from Steven Hampton: First Administrative Review of Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Selection of Respondents for Individual Review, dated September 24, 2010. The Department sent antidumping duty questionnaires to the RMB/IFI Group and Gem-Year on September 27, 2010. Gem-Year submitted its Section A Questionnaire Response ("AQR") on October 25, 2010. The RMB/IFI Group submitted its AQR on October 27, 2010. The RMB/IFI Group and Gem-Year submitted their Sections C and D

¹ The Department determined that these companies constituted a single entity in the antidumping duty investigation on steel threaded rod from the PRC. *See Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 73 FR 58931 (October 8, 2008), unchanged in *Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 74 FR 8907 (February 27, 2009).