this administrative review. Parties commented on the Department’s decision to deny Jiangsu Jianghai a separate rate. For the final results, the Department has analyzed these comments and continues to find that Jiangsu Jianghai has not qualified for a separate rate in this review and, therefore, will be treated as part of the PRC-wide entity.⁷

Use of Facts Available and Adverse Facts Available (“AFA”)

In the Preliminary Results, the Department preliminarily determined to use an inference that is adverse to the interests of the PRC-wide entity in selecting from among the facts otherwise available and assigned the PRC-wide entity an AFA rate of 72.42 percent, which was the margin calculated in the petition, as adjusted by the Department for initiation. Parties commented both on the Department’s decision to apply AFA and the Department’s choice of the AFA rate assigned to the PRC-wide entity. For the final results, the Department has analyzed these comments and continues to find that it is appropriate to assign an AFA rate of 72.42 percent to the PRC-wide entity.⁸

Corroboration of Secondary Information

In the Preliminary Results, the Department preliminarily determined that the 72.42 percent petition rate has probative value and, therefore, is corroborated to the extent practicable, in accordance with section 776(c) of the Act. Parties commented on the Department’s corroboration of the 72.42 percent petition rate. For the final results, the Department has analyzed these comments and continues to find that the 72.42 percent petition rate is corroborated to the extent practicable.⁹

Final Results of Review

The Department has determined that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period April 23, 2009, through March 31, 2010:¹⁰

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Assessment Rates

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212, the Department will determine, and Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review. The Department intends to instruct CBP to liquidate entries containing subject merchandise exported by the PRC-wide entity at the PRC-wide rate the Department determines in the final results of this review. The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed above that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporters that supplied non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary presuming that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and, subsequently, the assessment of double antidumping duties.

The Department is issuing and publishing these final results of the administrative review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: August 2, 2011

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

Issue 1: Whether the Department erred in initiating this administrative review of Jiangsu Jianghai

Issue 2: Whether Jiangsu Jianghai should be considered part of the PRC-wide entity

Issue 3: Whether Jiangsu Jianghai should receive a rate based on AFA

Issue 4: Whether the Department should continue to assign the 72.42 percent petition rate to the PRC-wide entity as the AFA rate

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Intent To Rescind the Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products (“hot-rolled”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) for the period of review (“POR”) November 1, 2009, through October 31, 2010. As discussed below, we preliminarily intend to rescind this review.

DATES: Effective Date: August 8, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Walker 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) 482–0413 or (202) 482–0116, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 29, 2001, the Department published the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled from the PRC. See Notice of the Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From the People’s Republic of China, 66 FR 59561 (November 29, 2001) (“Order”). On

On December 28, 2010, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation for an administrative review of the Order for the period November 1, 2009, through October 31, 2010.2 On February 4, 2011, the Department released the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) data to parties for comments. On February 10, 2011, Baosteel requested that the Department obtain the customs entry and commercial invoice documents pertaining to the CBP data. On February 17, 2011, Baosteel submitted comments on the CBP data. Baosteel claimed that it did not export subject merchandise during the POR and the CBP information is either incorrect or relates to non-subject merchandise which may have been misclassified. On March 17, 2011, the Department released the U.S. entry documents that it obtained from CBP. On March 24, 2011, Nucor submitted comments on the U.S. entry documents and asked the Department to issue a full questionnaire to Baosteel. On March 28, 2011, Baosteel submitted rebuttal comments to Nucor’s March 24, 2011 submission. Baosteel claimed that the entry documents do not reveal that Baosteel sold subject merchandise to the United States. On June 2, 2011, the Department released the test report and mill certificate for the merchandise at issue, which it obtained from CBP. On June 14, 2011, Nucor submitted comments on the test report and mill certificate. Nucor argued that subject merchandise entered the United States and stated that the Department should issue questionnaires to Baosteel. On June 14, 2011, Baosteel also submitted comments on the test report and mill certificate. Baosteel argued that the mere fact that Baosteel is the manufacturer of the product does not show that Baosteel made sales of subject merchandise to the United States. On June 16, 2011, Baosteel submitted comments with an excerpt from a recent determination in which the Department clearly stated its policy regarding its knowledge test for NME purposes.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products of a rectangular shape, of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal and whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers), regardless of thickness, and in straight lengths of a thickness of less than 4.75 mm and of a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness. Universal mill plate (i.e., flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm, but not exceeding 1250 mm, and of a thickness of not less than 4.0 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm is not included within the scope of the order. Specifically included within the scope of the order are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (“IF”)) steels, high strength low alloy (“HSLA”) steels, and the substrate for motor lamination steels. IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium or niobium (also commonly referred to as columbium), or both, added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, vanadium, and molybdenum. The substrate for motor lamination steels contains micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, vanadium, and molybdenum.

The products covered by the order, unless otherwise excluded, are placed in the following categories:

- Alloy hot-rolled steel products in which at least one of the chemical elements exceeds those listed above (including, e.g., American Society for Testing and Materials (“ASTM”) specifications A543, A387, A514, A517, A568, Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”)/American Iron & Steel Institute (“AISI”) grades of series 2300 and higher,
- Ball bearing steels, as defined in the HTSUS,
- Tool steels, as defined in the HTSUS,
- Silico-manganese (as defined in the HTSUS) or silicon electrical steel with a silicon level exceeding 2.25 percent,
- ASTM specifications A710 and A736,
- USS abrasion-resistant steels (USS AR 400, USS AR 500). All products (proprietary or otherwise) based on an alloy ASTM specification (sample specifications: ASTM A506, A507).
- Non-rectangular shapes, not in coils, which are the result of having been processed by cutting or stamping and which have assumed the character of articles or products classified outside chapter 72 of the HTSUS.

AISI grades of series 2300 strips are classified in the HTSUS at subheadings: 7206.10.15.00, 7206.10.30.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, and 7211.19.75.90.

Certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products covered by the order, including: vacuum degassed fully stabilized; high strength low alloy; and the substrate for motor lamination steel...
may also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.00.00. Subject merchandise may also enter under 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.00.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, and 7212.50.00.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to the order is dispositive.

Preliminary Recession of Review

The Department has analyzed all of the information on the record regarding alleged U.S. entries of subject merchandise during the POR by Baosteel. As noted above, the Department placed information on the record from CBP that indicated that subject merchandise produced by Baosteel may have entered the United States during the POR. Because the information found in the CBP documentation is proprietary, for further discussion of this issue please see the Memorandum to the File, through Scot T. Fullerton, Program Manager, from Steven Hampton, International Trade Analyst, “Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from the People’s Republic of China: Analysis of CBP Entry Documentation,“ (“Analysis of CBP Entry Documentation”) dated concurrently with this notice. Based on its analysis of the record information, the Department preliminarily finds that the merchandise from the entry documentation is not subject to the scope of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the PRC.4

Because there is no information on the record which indicates that Baosteel made sales, shipments, or entries to the United States of subject merchandise during the POR, and because Baosteel is the only company subject to this administrative review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3) and consistent with our practice, we are preliminarily rescinding this review of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled from the POR for the period of November 1, 2009, through October 31, 2010.5 If the Department adopts these preliminary results for its final results, the cash deposit rate for Baosteel will continue to be the rate established in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding. If the Department continues to find for its final results that the merchandise is not subject to the scope of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the PRC, we will refer this matter to CBP to determine the appropriate Customs classification for the merchandise in question.

Comments

Interested parties may submit comments for consideration in the Department’s final results not later than 30 days after publication of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii). Responses to those comments may be submitted not later than five days following submission of the comments. See 19 CFR 351.309(d). All written comments must be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303, and must be served on interested parties on the Department’s service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(3). Interested parties may also request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.310. The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 120 days of publication of the preliminary results, and will publish these results in the Federal Register.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

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

Dated: July 29, 2011.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

4 See Analysis of CBP Entry Documentation.