

December 11, 1996, at 8:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, and adjourn on Thursday, December 12, at 4:15 p.m.

The Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice Chair, and up to thirty-five member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Advisory Committee will consider the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census, and provide a perspective from the standpoint of the outside user community about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Advisory Committee shall consider all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 census of population and housing, and shall make recommendations for improving that census.

**DATES:** On Wednesday, December 11, 1996, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn for the day at 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, December 12, 1996, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anyone wishing additional information about this meeting, or who wishes to submit written statements or questions, may contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3039, Federal Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20233, telephone 301-457-2308.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A brief period will be set aside for public comment and questions. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Maney; her telephone number is 301-457-2308.

Dated: November 19, 1996.

Everett M. Ehrlich,

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs  
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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**International Trade Administration**

[A-533-809]

**Certain Forged Stainless Steel Flanges From India; Preliminary Results of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of new shipper antidumping duty administrative reviews.

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests by two manufacturer/exporters, Isibars Ltd. (Isibars) and Patheja Forgings and Auto Parts Ltd. (Patheja), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting new shipper administrative reviews of the antidumping duty order on certain forged stainless steel flanges (flanges) from India. The review covers sales during the period September 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996. We have preliminarily determined that Isibars sold subject merchandise at not less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), and that Patheja has a dumping margin of 4.80%. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 25, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Killiam or John Kugelman, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2704 or 482-0649, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

**Background**

Isibars, by letters dated February 29, April 12, and April 22, 1996, and

Patheja, by a letter dated February 28, 1996, each requested a new shipper review pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and section 353.22(h) of the Department's interim regulations, which govern determinations of antidumping duties for new shippers. These provisions state that, among other requirements, a producer or exporter requesting a new shipper review must include with its request the date on which the merchandise was first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, or, if it cannot certify as to the date of first entry, the date on which it first shipped the merchandise for export to the United States (interim regulations, section 353.22(h)(2)(i)).

Neither respondent was able to provide the shipment date at the time of their requests for review because the shipments had not yet occurred. However, both companies did certify that the shipments were imminent. Based on the information which the respondents provided in their requests we determined that the requirements cited above were adequately fulfilled. The respondents later provided the shipment dates in their questionnaire responses.

On May 6, 1996, the Department published a notice of initiation these new shipper reviews of Isibars and Patheja (61 FR 20223). The Department is now conducting these reviews in accordance with section 751 of the Act and section 353.22 of its interim regulations.

**Scope of the Reviews**

The products covered by this order are certain forged stainless steel flanges both finished and not finished, generally manufactured to specification ASTM A-182, and made in alloys such as 304, 304L, 316, and 316L. The scope includes five general types of flanges. They are weld neck, used for butt-weld line connection; threaded, used for threaded line connections; slip-on and lap joint, used with stub-ends/butt-weld line connections; socket weld, used to fit pipe into a machined recession; and blind, used to seal off a line. The sizes of the flanges within the scope range generally from one to six inches; however, all sizes of the above-described merchandise are included in the scope. Specifically excluded from the scope of this order are cast stainless steel flanges. Cast stainless steel flanges generally are manufactured to specification ASTM A-351. The flanges subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 7307.21.1000 and 7307.21.5000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS

subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this order remains dispositive.

The reviews cover two Indian manufacturers/exporters, Isibars and Patheja, and the period September 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996.

#### Export Price (EP)

We used EP, in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act, based on the price from the respondents because the sales were made prior to importation into the United States, and constructed export price was not otherwise indicated.

We based date of sale on the date of the purchase order, because respondents have provided clear evidence that sale terms were agreed to in writing in the purchase order. Moreover, because respondents produced the subject merchandise to order, renegotiation of material terms was unlikely.

In accordance with section 772(c)(2) of the Act, we made deductions, where appropriate, for movement expenses, which were comprised of customs brokerage and handling expenses, home market inland freight, international freight, and insurance. No other adjustments were claimed or allowed.

#### Normal Value (NV)

##### A. Viability

For Isibars, in order to determine whether there was a sufficient volume of sales in the home market to serve as a viable basis for calculating NV, we compared Isibars—volume of home market sales of the foreign like product to the volume of U.S. sales of the subject merchandise, in accordance with section 773(a)(1)(C) of the Act. Because Isibars—aggregate volume of home market sales of the foreign like product was greater than five percent of its aggregate volume of U.S. sales of the subject merchandise, we determined that the home market provides a viable basis for calculating NV.

Patheja had no domestic or third country sales of flanges during the POR. Therefore, in accordance with section 773(a)(4) of the Act, we used constructed value for comparison with EP.

##### B. Level of Trade

As set forth in section 773(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Act and in the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) accompanying the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, at 829–831, to the extent practicable, the Department will calculate NV based on sales at the same level of trade (LOT) as the U.S. sales.

Isibars did not request an adjustment for LOT. To ensure that no such adjustment was necessary, we requested and examined information on the selling activities associated with each phase of marketing in each of Isibars's markets; since there were no differences in such selling activities in either market, and since all sales in both markets were at a single LOT, we compared sales at this sole LOT.

##### C. Constructed Value (CV)

For Patheja, in accordance with section 773(e) of the Act, we calculated CV based on Patheja's cost of materials and fabrication employed in producing the subject merchandise, selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) incurred in connection with the production and sale of the foreign like product, credit expenses on U.S. sales, and U.S. packing costs. We used the costs of materials, fabrication, SG&A, and profit as reported in the CV portion of Patheja's questionnaire response. We based Patheja's profits on the amounts it realized in connection with the production and sale in India of merchandise in the same general category of products as the subject merchandise, in accordance with Section 773(e)(1)(B) of the Act. Since payment had not been made, in calculating credit expenses on Patheja's U.S. sale, we used the number of days between shipment from the factory and the date of the supplemental questionnaire response, the latest date for which we have information on the record concerning the sale in question. We used the U.S. packing costs reported in the U.S. sales portion of Patheja's questionnaire response.

##### D. Price-to-Price Comparisons

For Isibars, for price-to-price comparisons, we based NV on the prices at which the foreign like products were first sold for consumption in the home market to an unaffiliated party, in the usual commercial quantities, in the ordinary course of trade, and at the same level of trade as the EP, in accordance with section 773(a)(1)(B) of the Act. Isibars made all home market and EP sales of subject merchandise at the same level of trade.

Pursuant to section 777A(d)(2) of the Act, for Isibars we compared the EPs of individual U.S. transactions to the average prices of contemporaneous sales of the foreign like product. We calculated NV based on FOB factory as reported. There were no packing costs on home market sales. Prices were reported net of value-added taxes (VAT) and, therefore, no adjustment for VAT was necessary. We made circumstance-

of-sale adjustments, where appropriate, for differences in credit expenses. We added U.S. packing expenses to Isibars' home market prices. No other adjustments were claimed or allowed.

#### Preliminary Results of the Reviews

As a result of our comparison of EP to NV, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Manufacturer/ exporter	Period	Margin percent
Isibars .....	9/1/95–2/29/96	0.00
Patheja .....	9/1/95–2/29/96	4.80

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 34 days after the date of publication, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs from interested parties may be submitted not later than 20 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 27 days after the date of publication. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. The Department will issue the final results of the new shipper administrative reviews, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal briefs, within 90 days of issuance of these preliminary results.

Upon completion of these new shipper reviews, the Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service. The results of these reviews shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise sold during the POR and covered by the determination and for future deposits of estimated duties.

Furthermore, upon completion of these reviews, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and section 353.22(h)(4) of the Department's interim regulations, will no longer be permitted and, should the final results yield a margin of dumping, a cash deposit will be required for each entry of the merchandise. The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of these new shipper antidumping duty administrative reviews for all shipments of flanges from India manufactured by Isibars or Patheja, entered, or withdrawn

from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the reviewed companies will be those established in the final results of these new shipper administrative reviews; (2) for exporters not covered in these reviews, but covered in previous reviews or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in these reviews, previous reviews, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 162.14 percent, the all others rate established in the LTFV investigation (59 FR 5994, February 9, 1994).

These requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative reviews.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 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.

These new shipper administrative reviews and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(2)(B)) and 19 CFR 353.22(h).

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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## National Institute of Standards and Technology

### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app.

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**DATES:** The meeting will convene December 10, 1996, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge (seating capacity 80, includes 38 participants), Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris E. Kuyatt, Visiting Committee Executive Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-6090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on August 15, 1996, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Applied Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of

meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: November 19, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,  
Associate Director.

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111496A]

### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P623)

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. D. Ann Pabst, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Biological Sciences, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403-3297, has applied in due form for a permit to take humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), beaked whales (*Mesoplodon* sp.), and pelagic dolphins (*Stenella* sp.) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 26, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-