

Manufacturer/exporter	Period	Margin (percent)
British Steel Engineering Steels Limited (BSES) (formerly United Engineering Steels Limited) .....	3/1/96-2/28/97	11.90
Glynwed Metal Processing Ltd. (Glynwed) .....	3/1/96-2/28/97	7.69

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 5 business days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Pursuant to 19 CFR 353.38, any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice.

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Individual differences between EP and NV may vary from the percentages stated above. Upon completion of this review, the Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit rates will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(c) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in the original LTFV investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this or a previous review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) for all other producers and/or exporters of this merchandise, the cash deposit rate shall be 25.82 percent, the "all others" rate

established in the LTFV investigation (58 FR 6207, January 27, 1993).

These deposit rates, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also 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.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-559-001]

#### **Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Refrigeration Compressors From the Republic of Singapore**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 9, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Bolling or Rick Johnson, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group III, Office IX, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1874, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-3434, or 482-0165, respectively.

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests by the Government of the Republic of Singapore (GOS), Matsushita Refrigeration Industries (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (MARIS), Asia Matsushita Electric (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (AMS), and the

petitioner, Tecumseh Products Company (Tecumseh), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore. This review covers the GOS, MARIS, and AMS. AMS was the sole exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period April 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996, the period of review (POR). We preliminarily determine that the signatories have complied with the terms of the suspension agreement during the POR.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with their argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

#### **Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are in reference to the provisions as they existed on or after January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Tariff Act) in accordance with the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On November 18, 1996, the GOS, MARIS, and AMS, requested an administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore (*Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore: Suspension of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, ("Refrigeration Compressors") 48 FR 51167, 51170 (November 7, 1983)). On November 19, 1996, petitioner also requested an administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore. We initiated the review on December 16, 1996 (*Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 61 FR 66017, (December 16, 1996)). The Department is now

conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 355.22. The Department issued a questionnaire on April 9, 1997, and received a joint questionnaire response from the GOS, MARIS, and AMS, on May 27, 1997. On May 27, 1997, the Department extended the time limit for completing these preliminary results until December 2, 1997 (*Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 62 FR 28672, (May 27, 1997)). Subsequently, the Department sent out a supplemental questionnaire on September 23, 1997 and received a joint supplemental questionnaire response on October 7, 1997. We conducted verification in Singapore of the questionnaire responses of the GOS, MARIS, and AMS on October 29 and 31, 1997.

### Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of hermetic refrigeration compressors rated not over one-quarter horsepower from Singapore. This merchandise is currently classified under *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) item number 8414.30.40. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

The review period is April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996, and includes 2 programs. The review covers one producer and one exporter of the subject merchandise, MARIS and AMS, respectively. These two companies, along with the GOS, are the signatories to the suspension agreement.

Under the terms of the suspension agreement, the GOS agrees to offset completely the amount of the net bounty or grant determined to exist by the Department in this proceeding with respect to the subject merchandise. The offset entails the collection by the GOS of an export charge applicable to the subject merchandise exported on or after the effective date of the agreement. See *Refrigeration Compressors*, 48 FR 51167, 51170 (November 7, 1983).

### Analysis of Programs

#### (1) The Economic Expansion Incentives Act—Part VI

The Production for Export Programme under Part VI of the Economic Expansion Incentives Act allows a 90-percent tax exemption on a company's export profit if the GOS designates a company as an export enterprise. In the investigation, the Department preliminarily found this program to be countervailable because "this tax exemption is provided only to certified

export enterprises." See *Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore*, 48 FR 39109, 39110 (August 29, 1983). MARIS is designated as an export enterprise and used this tax exemption during the period of review. AMS was not designated an export enterprise under Part VI of the Economic Expansion Incentives Act for the period of review.

According to the Export Enterprise Certificate awarded to MARIS in a letter dated May 12, 1981, MARIS is to receive this benefit on the production of compressors, electrical parts and accessories for refrigerators, and plastic refrigerators. To calculate the benefit, we divided the tax savings claimed by MARIS under this program by the f.o.b. value of total exports of products receiving the benefit for the period of review.

MARIS' response to the Department's countervailing duty questionnaire for this review, which we confirmed at verification, shows that MARIS deducted export charges levied pursuant to the suspension agreement in arriving at an adjusted profit figure, which was then used to calculate exempt export profit for the review period. In the 90–91 administrative review, the Department determined that the amount of the export charge deduction must be added "back to MARIS' export profit in calculating MARIS' tax savings in order to offset the deduction of the export charges in the review period." See *Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Review: Certain Refrigeration Compressors from Singapore*, 57 FR 31175 (July 14, 1992), affirmed in *Final Results of Countervailing Duty Review: Certain Refrigeration Compressors from Singapore*, 57 FR 46539 (October 9, 1992). Therefore, as the Department did in the 92–93 administrative review, in calculating the benefit from this program, we have added back this deduction. On this basis, we preliminarily determine the benefit from this program during the review period to be 0.23 percent of the f.o.b. value of the merchandise.

#### (2) Financing Through the Monetary Authority of Singapore

Under the terms of the suspension agreement, MARIS and AMS agreed not to apply for or receive any financing provided by the rediscount facility of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) for shipments of the subject merchandise to the United States. At verification, we confirmed that, during the period of review neither MARIS nor

AMS received any financing through the MAS on subject merchandise exported to the United States. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that both companies have complied with this clause of the agreement.

### Preliminary Results of Review

The suspension agreement states that the GOS will offset completely with an export charge the net bounty or grant calculated by the Department. We preliminarily determine that the signatories have complied with the terms of the suspension agreement, including the payment of the provisional export charges in effect for the period April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996. We also preliminarily determine the net bounty or grant to be 0.23 percent of the f.o.b. value of the merchandise for the April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996 review period.

Following the methodology outlined in section B.4 of the agreement, the Department preliminarily determines that, for the period April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996, a negative adjustment may be made to the provisional export charge rate in effect. The adjustments will equal the difference between the provisional rate in effect during the review period and the rate determined in this review, plus interest. The provisional rate, established in the notice of the final results of the 90–91 administrative reviews of the suspension agreement (See *Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 57 FR 46539, 46540 (October 9, 1992)) was 5.52 percent. This rate was in effect from April 1, 1995 through March 12, 1996. On March 13, 1996, the Department established in the notice of the final results of the 92–93 administrative review of the suspension agreement a new provisional rate of 3.00 percent (See *Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 61 FR 10315 (March 13, 1996)). If the Department's preliminary results do not change in the final, we will notify the GOS that it may refund or credit, in accordance with section B.4.c of the agreement, the difference between the above amounts and the 0.23 percent, plus interest, calculated in accordance with section 778(b) of the Tariff Act, within 30 days of notification by the Department. The Department will notify the GOS of these adjustments after publication of the final results of this review.

Furthermore, if the final results of this review remain the same as these

preliminary results, the Department intends to notify the GOS that the provisional export charge rate on all exports to the United States with Outward Declarations filed on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review shall be 0.23 percent of the f.o.b. value of the merchandise.

The agreement can remain in force only as long as shipments from the signatories account for at least 85 percent of imports of the subject refrigeration compressors into the United States. Our information indicates that the two signatory companies accounted for 100 percent of imports into the United States from Singapore of this merchandise during the review period.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Case briefs and/or written comments from interested parties may be submitted no later than 30 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in the case briefs and comments, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first workday thereafter. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at a hearing.

These requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review. This administrative review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: December 2, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-489-502]

#### **Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes and Welded Carbon Steel Line Pipe From Turkey; Preliminary Results and Partial Recission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of countervailing duty administrative reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is conducting administrative reviews of the countervailing duty orders on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes and welded carbon steel line pipe from Turkey. For information on the net subsidy for each reviewed company for each class or kind of merchandise, as well as for all non-reviewed companies, see the *Preliminary Results of Reviews* section of this notice. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results of administrative reviews, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as detailed in the *Preliminary Results of Reviews* section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. (See *Public Comment* section of this notice.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 9, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Moore or Cheri Caddy, Office of Countervailing Duty/Antidumping Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3692 or (202) 482-2849.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On March 7, 1986, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (51 FR 7984) the countervailing duty orders on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (welded pipe and tube) and certain welded carbon steel line pipe (line pipe) from Turkey. On March 7, 1997, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" (62 FR 10521) of these countervailing duty orders. We received timely requests for reviews from Borusan Birllesik Boru Fabrikalari A.S. (BBBF) and Borusan Ihracat Ithalat ve Dagitim A.S. (Dagitim) (Borusan Group).

We also received a timely request from Wheatland Tube Company and Maverick Tube Corporation (petitioners) to conduct reviews of Erchiyas Boru Sanayii ve Ticaret A.S. (Erbosan), Yucel Boru ve Profil Endustrisi A.S. (Yucel Boru), Bant Boru Sanayii ve Ticaret A.S. (Bant Boru), Erkbörü Profil San ve Tic A.S. (Erkbörü), Borusan Group, and Mannesmann—Sumerbank Boru Endustrisi T.A.S. (Mannesmann). We initiated the reviews covering the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 on April 24, 1997 (62 FR 19988).

In accordance with 19 CFR 355.22(a), the review on welded pipe and tube covers Erbosan, Yucel Boru, Bant Boru, Erkbörü, and the Borusan Group. The review on line pipe covers Mannesmann, Yucel Boru, Bant Boru, and Erkbörü. These reviews also cover 21 programs.

Erbosan, Yucel Boru, Bant Boru and Erkbörü reported that they did not export welded pipe and tube or line pipe to the United States during the period of review (POR). Information obtained from the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) confirmed the companies' statements. Therefore, we are rescinding the reviews with respect to Erbosan, Yucel Boru, Bant Boru and Erkbörü. The companies subject to these reviews are the Borusan Group for welded pipe and tube and Mannesmann for line pipe. Although the Borusan Group produces both welded pipe and tube and line pipe, they only exported welded pipe and tube to the United States during the POR.

#### **Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA") effective January 1, 1995 (the Act). The Department is conducting these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act.

#### **Scope of Reviews**

Imports covered by these reviews are shipments from Turkey of two classes or kinds of merchandise: (1) Certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube, having an outside diameter of 0.375 inch or more, but not over 16 inches, of any wall thickness. These products, commonly referred to in the industry as standard pipe and tube or structural tubing, are produced to various American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications, most notably A-53, A-120, A-135, A-500, or A-501; and (2) certain welded carbon steel line pipe with an outside diameter of 0.375 inch or more, but not over 16