

12, 1997 and February 19, 1997, FAFER and its U.S. affiliate filed letters certifying to the Department that there had been no sales entries or withdrawals from warehouse of subject merchandise during the period of review (POR). The Department sent a no-shipment inquiry regarding FAFER to U.S. Customs on October 20, 1997. Customs did not indicate that there were any such entries.

Because FAFER made no entries into the customs territory of the United States during the POR, the Department is therefore rescinding this review.

This administrative review is being rescinded in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 351.213(d)(3).

Dated: February 25, 1998.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-475-818, C-475-819]

#### Certain Pasta from Italy: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce has received a request for new shipper reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain pasta from Italy issued July 24, 1996. In accordance with our regulations, we are initiating these administration reviews.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 4, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Brinkmann or Edward Easton (antidumping duty), at (202) 482-5288 or 482-1777, respectively; Vince Kane or Todd Hansen (countervailing duty), at (202) 482-2815 or 482-1276, respectively. Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

#### 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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the regulations of the Department of Commerce ("the Department") are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR part 351, 62 FR 27295 (May 19, 1997).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Department has received a request from CO.R.EX. S.r.L. ("CO.R.EX.") to conduct new shipper administrative reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain pasta from Italy, which have a January semi-annual anniversary date. This request was made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b) of the Department's regulations.

##### Initiation of Review

Pursuant to the Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.214(b), in its request of January 16, 1998, CO.R.EX. certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation ("POI") (May 1, 1994 through April 30, 1995) and that it was not affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. CO.R.EX. submitted documentation establishing the date on which the merchandise was first entered for consumption in the United States. CO.R.EX. also certified that it has a tolling arrangement in which it purchases all inputs and pays a processing fee to a company that produces pasta for CO.R.EX. This toller provided a certification stating that it did not export to the United States and has not been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and section 351.214(d) of the Department's regulations, we are initiating new shipper reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain pasta from Italy. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than 270 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings	Period to be Reviewed
Italy: Certain Pasta, A-475-818; CO.R.EX. S.r.L. ....	07/01/97-12/31/97
Italy: Certain Pasta, C-475-819:	

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings	Period to be Reviewed
CO.R.EX. S.r.L. ....	01/01/97-12/31/97

We will instruct the Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by the company listed above, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e).

Interested parties may submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(b).

This initiation and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and section 351.214 of the Department's regulations (19 CFR 351.214).

Dated: February 25, 1998.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-401-040]

#### Stainless Steel Plate from Sweden; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary determination in antidumping duty administrative review of stainless steel plate from Sweden.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of Stainless Steel Plate from Sweden. This review covers the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 4, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Osborne or John Kugelmann, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 or 482-0649, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. The

Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until June 30, 1998, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)). See memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa from Joseph A. Spetrini regarding the extension of case deadline, dated February 20, 1998.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 971222307-7307-01]

RIN: 0693-ZA20

### Continuation of Fire Research Grants Program—Availability of Funds

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the Fire Research Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, is continuing its Fire Research Grants Program. The Fire Research Program is limited to innovative ideas generated by the proposal writer, who chooses the topic and approach. The issuance of awards is contingent upon the availability of funding.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received no later than the close of business September 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants must submit one signed original and two (2) copies of the proposal along with the Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form 424, (Rev. 7-97), as referenced under the provisions of OMB Circular A-110 to: Building and Fire Research Laboratory (BFRL), Attention: Sonya Parham, Building 226, Room B206, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Technical questions concerning the NIST Fire Research Grants Program should be directed to Sonya Parham, (301) 975-6854. Administrative questions concerning the NIST Fire Research Grants Program may be directed to the NIST Grants Office at (301) 975-6329. Additional information

can be found in the Extramural Fire Research Program: Program Announcement and Preparation Guide. Copies may be downloaded from the BFRL web site (<http://www.bfrl.nist.gov>) or obtained from Sonya Parham at the above address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards—11.609

#### Authority

As authorized by section 16 of the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U.S.C. 278f), the NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory conducts directly and through grants and cooperative agreements, a basic and applied fire research program. The annual budget for the Fire Research Grants Program is \$1.36 million. Because of commitments for the support of multi-year programs, only a portion of the budget is available to initiate new programs in any one year. Most grants and cooperative agreements are in the \$10,000 to \$100,000 per year range.

All proposals submitted must be in accordance with the programs and objectives listed below.

#### Program Objectives

##### A. Fire Modeling and Applications

To perform research, develop and demonstrate the application of analytical models for the quantitative prediction of the consequences of fires and the means to assess the accuracy of those models. This includes: Developing methods to assess fire hazard and risk; creating advanced, usable modelling for the calculation of the effluent from building fires; modelling the ignition and burning of furniture, contents, and building elements such as walls; developing methods of evaluating and predicting the performance of building safety design features; developing a protocol for determining the accuracy of algorithms and comprehensive models; developing data bases to facilitate use of fire models; and developing methodologies to acquire, model, and display fire information.

##### B. Large Fire Research

To perform research and develop techniques to measure, predict the behavior and mitigate large fire events. This includes: Understanding the mechanisms of large fires that control gas phase combustion, burning rate, thermal and chemical emissions, and transport processes; developing field measurement techniques to assess the

near- and far-field impact of large fires and their plumes; performing research on the use of combustion for environmental cleanup; predicting the performance and environmental impact of fire protection measures and fire fighting systems and techniques; and developing and operating the Fire Research Program large-scale experimental facility.

##### C. Advanced Fire Measurements

To produce the scientific basis and robust measurement methods for characterizing fires and their effluents at full- and reduced-scales. This includes discrete point, volume-integrated, and time- and space-resolved measurements for such properties as temperature, smoke density, chemical species, and flow velocity. Laboratory and computational research are also performed to understand the underpinning fire phenomena to ensure the soundness of the developed measurement techniques.

##### D. Materials Fire Research

To perform research enabling the confident development by industry of new, less-flammable materials and products. This capability is based on understanding fundamentally the mechanisms that control the ignition, flame spread and burning rate of materials, as well as the chemical and physical characteristics that affect these aspects of flammability. This includes: Developing methods of measuring the response of a material to fire conditions that enable assured prediction of the full-scale performance of the final product; developing computational molecular dynamics and other mechanistic approaches to understand flame retardant mechanisms and the effects of polymer chemical structure on flammability; characterizing the burning rates of charring and non-charring polymers and composites; and delineating and modeling the enthalpy and mass transfer mechanisms of materials combustion.

##### E. Fire Sensing and Extinguishment

To develop understanding, metrology and predictive methods to enable high-performance fire sensing and extinguishment systems; and devising new approaches to minimize the impact of unwanted fires and the suppression process. This includes: performing research for the identification and *in-situ* measurement of the symptoms of pending and nascent fires and the consequences of suppression; devising or adapting monitors for these variables and the intelligence for timely