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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 2001, the Department published the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled steel from Thailand. *See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Thailand*, 66 FR 59562 (November 29, 2001) (*Order*). On November 3, 2008, the Department published the opportunity to request an administrative review of, *inter alia*, hot-rolled steel from Thailand for the period November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 73 FR 65288 (November 3, 2008).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), on December 1, 2008, United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel or petitioner) and G Steel requested that we conduct an administrative review of G Steel's sales of subject merchandise. G J Steel also requested that we review sales of G J Steel, asserting in its request the Department should "treat both companies [*i.e.*, G Steel and G J Steel] as affiliated, and as affiliated producers, as a single entity entitled to a single antidumping duty rate as a result of this administrative review." On December 24, 2008, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review covering the period November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 73 FR 79055 (December 24, 2008).

On January 13, 2009, the Department issued its antidumping questionnaire to G Steel and G J Steel under separate cover letters. On February 1, 2009, G Steel and G J Steel submitted a combined section A questionnaire response (Section A Response). On March 12, 2009, prior to the deadlines for the remainder of their additional questionnaire responses, G Steel and G J Steel withdrew their requests for a review, and asked the Department to rescind the review with respect to G Steel and G J Steel, noting that in the case of G J Steel no other party had requested a review. G Steel and G J Steel noted their request for withdrawal comes within 90 days of the publication of the notice of initiation. Finally, both companies requested the return of

information disclosed under the Department's Administrative Protective Order, to which request the Department acceded in its April 9, 2009 letter to G Steel and G J Steel.

On April 7, 20, and 28, 2009, domestic interested parties Nucor Corporation (Nucor) and U.S. Steel submitted comments and additional information for the record in support of their position that the review should not be rescinded.

Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested a review withdraw the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. On March 12, 2009, G J Steel withdrew its request for an administrative review. G J Steel withdrew its request before the 90-day deadline, and no other party requested an administrative review of this antidumping duty order with respect to G J Steel for the 2007-2008 period. Therefore, in response to the withdrawal by G J Steel of its request for an administrative review, and pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department rescinds the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Thailand with respect to G J Steel. As regards G Steel, the petitioner U.S. Steel requested a review of G Steel and therefore, as not all parties have withdrawn their requests for a review of G Steel, the review will continue with respect to G Steel.

Assessment

The Department will not issue liquidation instructions or cash deposit instructions with respect to G J Steel at this time because the Department may decide to "collapse" G Steel with G J Steel based upon G Steel's request for the Department to collapse the two companies under 19 CFR 351.401(f) of the Department's regulations and also based upon U.S. Steel's and Nucor's comments to the Department concerning whether G Steel and G J Steel should be treated as a single entity. The Department therefore intends to explore the issue of G Steel and G J Steel's affiliation and the proper treatment of these firms in the context of the administrative review that is still ongoing with respect to G Steel. We will include our findings in our preliminary results of review with respect to G Steel. Accordingly, the Department expects to issue liquidation instructions with respect to G J Steel following the final

results of the administrative review of G Steel.

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

Dated: June 19, 2009.

John M. Andersen,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Rescission and Preliminary Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from The People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 26, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Dach or Paul Walker, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1655 and (202) 482-0413, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 3, 2008, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period of review ("POR") November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 73 FR 65288 (November 3, 2008). On December 1, 2008, Nucor Corporation ("Nucor"), domestic producers of certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Baosteel Group Corporation, Shanghai Baosteel International Economic & Trading Co., Ltd., and Baoshan Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. (collectively "Baosteel"). On December 1, 2008, ArcelorMittal USA, Inc. ("ArcelorMittal"), a domestic producer of certain hot-rolled steel flat

products, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Angang Steel Company, Ltd., Angang Group International Trade Corporation, New Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., Angang Group Hong Kong Co., Ltd., Anshan Iron & Steel Group, and all affiliated entities (collectively "Angang"); and Shanghai Baosteel Group Corporation, Baosteel Group International Trade Corp., and Baoshan Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. (also collectively "Baosteel"). On December 24, 2008, the Department published a notice of initiation of an antidumping duty administrative review on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the PRC. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 73 FR 79055 (December 24, 2008) ("Notice of Initiation").

On February 2, 2009, Angang submitted a letter stating that it had no sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. On March 18, 2009, ArcelorMittal withdrew its request for review of Baosteel and Angang.

On January 12, 2009, Baosteel submitted a letter stating that it had no sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. On March 25, 2009, the Department requested additional information from Baosteel. On April 1, 2009, Baosteel submitted its response to the Department's inquiry. *See* "Preliminary Rescission of Review" section, below.

Scope of the Review

For purposes of this review, the products covered 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 this review.

Specifically included within the scope of this review 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 silicon and aluminum.

Steel products to be included in the scope of this review, regardless of definitions in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"), are products in which: i) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; ii) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and, iii) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated: 1.80 percent of manganese, or 2.25 percent of silicon, or 1.00 percent of copper, or 0.50 percent of aluminum, or 1.25 percent of chromium, or 0.30 percent of cobalt, or 0.40 percent of lead, or 1.25 percent of nickel, or 0.30 percent of tungsten, or 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or 0.10 percent of niobium, or 0.15 percent of vanadium, or 0.15 percent of zirconium.

All products that meet the physical and chemical description provided above are within the scope of this review unless otherwise excluded. The following products, by way of example, are outside or specifically excluded from the scope of this review:

- 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, A506).
- 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.

The merchandise subject to this review is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings: 7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 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 this review, 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, 7210.90.90.00, 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 U.S. Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

Period of Review

The POR is November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008.

Rescission of Review

On March 18, 2009, ArcelorMittal submitted a timely withdrawal of its request for review of Baosteel and Angang. As ArcelorMittal was the sole party requesting review of Angang, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding this review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the PRC for the period of November 1, 2007, to October 31, 2008, with respect to Angang. The cash deposit rate for Angang will continue to be the rate established in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding.

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP")

to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. For Angang, antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(2). The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice.

Preliminary Rescission of Review

On January 23, February 6, and March 6, 2009, the Department placed CBP data and entry documentation on the record of the instant review, which indicated that Baosteel may have entered subject merchandise during the POR. On March 25, 2009, the Department requested additional information from Baosteel regarding the classification of the shipments. On April 1, 2009, Baosteel provided information demonstrating that the entries in question had been misclassified, and were actually shipments of merchandise outside the scope of this antidumping duty order. Upon review of Baosteel's response, the Department finds that there is no record evidence that indicates Baosteel made entries of subject merchandise during the POR.

Therefore, 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 certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the PRC for the period of November 1, 2007, to October 31, 2008. If the rescission is confirmed in our final results, the cash deposit rate for Baosteel will continue to be the rate established in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding.

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). 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). 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 final reminder to importers for whom this review is being rescinded, as of the publication date of this notice, 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 the antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding APOs

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, 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 terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This notice is 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: June 19, 2009.

John M. Andersen,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duties Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Availability of Draft Stock Assessment Reports

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS reviewed the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regional marine mammal stock assessment reports (SARs) in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act. SARs for

marine mammals in the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regions were revised according to new information. NMFS solicits public comments on draft 2009 SARs.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 24, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The 2009 draft stock assessment reports and summaries of them are available in electronic form via the Internet at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/>.

Copies of the Alaska Regional SARs may be requested from Robyn Angliss, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE BIN 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Copies of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Regional SARs may be requested from Gordon Waring, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543.

Copies of the Pacific Regional SARs may be requested from Jim Carretta, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037-1508.

Send comments or requests for copies of reports to: Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Stock Assessments. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-427-2522 or via email to mmsar.2009@noaa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 117 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) requires NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessments for each stock of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. These reports must contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality and serious injury from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stock interacts, and the status of the