

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-122-503]

Iron Construction Castings From Canada: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

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

ACTION: Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 1998.

SUMMARY: In response to the April 30, 1998 request by the Municipal Castings Fair Trade Council, the petitioner in this case, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating a changed circumstances antidumping duty administrative review and issuing an intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on iron construction castings from Canada. The scope of the order currently includes valve, service, and meter boxes which are placed below ground to encase water, gas, or other valves, or water and gas meters, which are considered light castings. The petitioner has expressed no further interest in the relief provided by the antidumping duty order with respect to the importation and sale of valve, service, and meter boxes which are placed below ground to encase water, gas, or other valves, or water and gas meters, considered light castings. Accordingly, we have preliminarily determined to revoke the order on iron construction castings from Canada with respect to light castings.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Blaskovich or Irene Darzenta, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4697 or (202) 482-6320.

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

regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (62 FR 27296, May 19, 1997).

Background

On March 5, 1986, the Department published the antidumping duty order on iron construction castings from Canada (51 FR 7600). Subsequently, on September 25, 1986, the Department published an amendment to the final determination in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation and to the antidumping duty order on iron construction castings from Canada (51 FR 34110). On April 30, 1998, the Municipal Castings Fair Trade Council (the petitioner), requested that the Department revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order with respect to light iron construction castings based on its lack of further interest.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order consists of certain iron construction castings from Canada, limited to manhole covers, rings, and frames, catch basin grates and frames, cleanout covers and frames used for drainage or access purposes for public utility, water and sanitary systems, classifiable as heavy castings under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item numbers 7325.10.0010 and 7325.10.0050; and to valve, service, and meter boxes which are placed below ground to encase water, gas, or other valves, or water and gas meters, classifiable as light castings under HTS item numbers 8306.29.0000 and 8310.00.0000. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only. The written description remains dispositive.

Scope of the Changed Circumstances Administrative Review

Imports covered by this changed circumstances administrative review are shipments of light castings from Canada, as described above.

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Intent to Revoke in Part

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, the Department may partially revoke an antidumping duty order based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (i.e., a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances administrative review to be conducted upon receipt of a request containing information concerning changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review.

Section 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations provides that

the Department will conduct a changed circumstances review under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order in whole or in part, if it determines that the producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the order, in whole or in part. In addition, in the event that the Department concludes that expedited action is warranted, sections 351.221(c)(3)(ii) and 351.222(f)(2)(iv) of the regulations permit the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results. Therefore, in accordance with sections 751(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221, and 351.222, based on an affirmative statement of no interest by the petitioner in continuing the order with respect to light iron construction castings, as described above, we are initiating this changed circumstances administrative review. Based on the fact that no other interested parties have objected to the position taken by the petitioner, we have determined that expedited action is warranted, and we are combining these notices of initiation and preliminary results. We have preliminarily determined that there are changed circumstances sufficient to warrant partial revocation of the antidumping duty order on iron construction castings from Canada. Therefore, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order as it relates to imports of light iron construction castings.

If final revocation in part occurs, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to end the suspension of liquidation of iron construction castings subject to this changed circumstances review on the effective date of the final notice of partial revocation, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected, for all unliquidated entries of such merchandise made on or after March 1, 1997. We will also instruct Customs to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties will continue until publication of the final results of this changed circumstances review.

Public Comment

Interested parties may request a hearing and/or may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these results. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 35

days after the date of publication of these results. The Department will issue the final results of this changed circumstances review, which will include the results of its analysis of any issues raised in any such written comments, no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary results.

This notice is in accordance with section 751(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(b)), and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221, and 351.222.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-401-040]

Stainless Steel Plate from Sweden: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the petitioners, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping finding on stainless steel plate from Sweden. The review covers two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997. We preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value ("NV"). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between export price ("EP") and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties which 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 (no longer than five pages, including footnotes).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Osborne or John Kugelman, Import Administration, International

Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 (Osborne), 482-0649 (Kugelman).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (62 FR 27296, May 19, 1997).

Background

The Department of the Treasury published an antidumping finding on stainless steel plate from Sweden on June 8, 1973 (38 FR 15079). The Department of Commerce published a notice of "Opportunity To Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping finding for the 1996/1997 review period on June 11, 1997 (62 FR 31786). On June 28, 1997, the petitioners, Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., G.O. Carlson, Inc., and Washington Steel Corporation filed a request for review of Uddeholms AB (Uddeholm) and Avesta Sheffield AB (Avesta). We initiated the review on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41339).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of stainless steel plate which is commonly used in scientific and industrial equipment because of its resistance to staining, rusting and pitting. Stainless steel plate is classified under Harmonized Tariff schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers 7219.11.00.00, 7219.12.00.05, 1209.12.00.15, 7219.12.00.45, 7219.12.00.65, 7219.12.00.70, 7219.12.00.80, 8219.21.00.05, 7219.21.00.50, 7219.22.00.05, 7219.22.00.10, 7219.22.00.30, 7219.22.00.60, 7219.31.00.10, 7219.31.00.50, 7220.11.00.00, 7222.30.00.00, and 7228.40.00.00.

Although the subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

On November 21, 1997, Avesta and Avesta Sheffield NAD, Inc. requested clarification to determine whether stainless steel slabs that are manufactured in Great Britain and rolled into hot bands in Sweden are

within the scope of the antidumping finding. On December 22, 1997, the Department determined that British slabs rolled into hot bands in Sweden are within the scope of the finding. The review covers the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997. The Department is conducting this review in accordance within section 751 of the Act, as amended.

The Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. (See 19 C.F.R. 351.2139(g)(2).) On February 24, 1998, the Department extended the time limit for these preliminary results to June 30, 1998. See *Stainless Steel Plate from Sweden; Extension of Time Limits for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review* (63 FR 10590, March 4, 1998).

United States Price (USP)

In calculating USP, the Department treated sales as constructed export price (CEP) sales, as defined in section 772(b) of the Act, because the merchandise was first sold to unaffiliated U.S. purchasers, before or after importation, by an affiliated seller in the United States. There were no export price sales during the period of review.

We based CEP on the delivered price to unaffiliated customers in the United States. We made adjustments, where applicable, for ocean freight, U.S. inland freight, U.S. brokerage and handling expenses, U.S. customs duties, early payment discounts, and rebates. In accordance with section 772(d)(1) of the Act, we made deductions for warranty expenses, royalties, slitting and cutting expenses, credit expenses, and indirect selling expenses associated with economic activity in the United States.

With respect to merchandise to which value was added in the United States by Avesta prior to sale to unaffiliated customers, we deducted the cost of further manufacturing in accordance with section 772(d)(2) of the Act. To arrive at the CEP, the gross unit price was further reduced for both Avesta and Uddeholm by an amount for profit pursuant to section 772(d)(3) of the Act.

Normal Value

In order to determine whether there were sufficient sales of stainless steel plate in the home market (HM) to serve as a viable basis for calculating NV, we compared the volume of home market sales of subject merchandise to the volume of subject merchandise sold in the United States, in accordance with section 773(a)(1)(C) of the Act. Avesta's aggregate volume of HM sales of the