

August 1, 1996, through July 31, 1997, since it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

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 Department of Commerce's regulations are to the current regulations as codified at 19 CFR 351.

Background

On September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50292), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping findings on titanium sponge from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan, covering the period August 1, 1996, through July 31, 1997. In our notice of initiation, we stated our intention to issue the final results of these reviews no later than August 31, 1998. Due to the complexity of the legal and methodological issues presented by these reviews, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act), as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Postponement of Preliminary and Final Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the original time frame because of the complexity of the legal and methodological issues in these reviews.

Due to the 60 day extension, the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of these reviews is now no later than July 3, 1998. The deadline for issuing the final results of these reviews will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

These extensions are in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Richard Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Scope Rulings

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

ACTION: Notice of scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries completed by Import Administration between October 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997. In conjunction with this list, the Department of Commerce is also publishing a list of pending requests for scope clarifications and anticircumvention inquiries. We intend to publish future lists within 30 days of the end of each quarter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Background

The regulations of the Department of Commerce (the Department) (19 CFR 351.225(o)) provide that on a quarterly basis the Secretary will publish in the **Federal Register** a list of scope rulings completed within the last three months.

This notice lists scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries completed by Import Administration, between October 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997, and pending scope clarification and anticircumvention inquiry requests.

The Department intends to publish in April 1998 a notice of scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries completed between January 1, 1998, and March 31, 1998, as well as pending scope clarification and anticircumvention inquiry requests.

The following lists provide the country, case reference number, requester(s), and a brief description of either the ruling or product subject to the request.

I. SCOPE RULINGS COMPLETED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1997 and DECEMBER 31, 1997

Country: Italy

A-475-818 *Certain Pasta*

C-475-819 Shonfeld's (U.S.A.) Inc.—Multicolored pasta in decorative glass containers, which are sealed with cork or paraffin and bound with raffia, is outside the scope of the order. 8/25/97.

Country: People's Republic of China

A-570-832 *Pure Magnesium*

American Metallurgical Inc. (AMI)—Magnesium crystal granules having a maximum dimension (i.e., length or diameter) of less than one inch are included within the scope of the order. 11/14/97.

A-570-504 *Petroleum Wax Candles*

Meijer, Inc.—Three candles (Joy, Peace, flame) are within the scope of the order. Two candles (Noel, Happy Valentine's Day) are outside the scope of the order. 12/15/97.

Country: Japan

A-588-703 *Internal-Combustion Industrial Forklift Trucks*

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., and Nissan Forklift Corporation (collectively Nissan)—Model FO5-70 forklifts are not within the scope of the order. 10/14/97.

A-588-802 *3.5" Microdisks*

Maxell Corporation of America—Maxell's OSD325—Floptical Disk is outside the scope of the order. 11/21/97.

A-588-803 *Stainless Steel Bar*

Keystone Stainless Inc.—“Keystone 2000,” a speciality stainless steel bar product, is within the scope of the order. 10/15/97.

II. ANTICIRCUMVENTION RULINGS COMPLETED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1997 AND DECEMBER 31, 1997

None.

III. SCOPE INQUIRIES TERMINATED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1997 AND DECEMBER 31, 1997

None.

IV. ANTICIRCUMVENTION INQUIRIES TERMINATED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1997 AND DECEMBER 31, 1997

Country: Korea

A-580-008 *Color Television Receivers*

On August 11, 1995, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine & Furniture Workers, and the Industrial Union Department (collectively the petitioners), filed an application requesting that the Department conduct an anti-circumvention inquiry of the antidumping order on color televisions from the Republic of Korea. Pursuant to that application, the Department initiated an anti-circumvention inquiry on January 19, 1996. On December 19, 1997, petitioners submitted a letter requesting that the Department terminate the inquiry. Accordingly, the anticircumvention inquiry was terminated effective 12/31/97.

V. PENDING SCOPE CLARIFICATION REQUESTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

Country: Canada

A-122-823 *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate*

Petitioners—Clarification to determine whether certain carbon steel plate with boron added is within the scope of the order.

Country: Sweden

A-401-040 *Stainless Steel Plate*

Avesta Sheffield AB and Avesta Sheffield NAD, Inc.—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 order.

Country: Germany

A-428-801 *Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings), and Parts Thereof*

FAG Aerospace & Superprecision Bearings GmbH—Clarification to determine whether certain aerospace bearings which have entered the United States but have been returned to Germany for repair or refurbishing, and which then reenter the United States, are within the scope of the order.

A-428-821 *Large Newspaper Printing Presses from Germany*

Clarification to determine whether parts for reel tension pasters are within the scope of the order.

Country: Italy

A-475-818 *Certain Pasta*

C-475-819 Joseph A. Sidari Company, Inc.—Clarification to determine whether a shrink wrapped package containing six one-pound packages, each of which would first be individually packaged in a cellophane wrapper (cello) with "Not Labeled for Retail Sale" written across the entire length of each of the individual packages on both sides is with the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders.

Country: People's Republic of China

A-570-501 *Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads*

Kwick Clean and Green Ltd.—Clarification to determine whether a group of bristles held together at the base with glue, which are to be used as replaceable parts within the cavity of the paintbrush body, is within the scope of the order.

A-570-504 *Petroleum Wax Candles*

Sun-It Corporation—Clarification to determine whether taper candles containing oil of citronella are within the scope of the order.

Ocean State Jobbers—Clarification to determine whether taper candles consisting of a blend of petroleum wax and beeswax are within the scope of the order.

American Drug Stores—Clarification to determine whether spherical candles with a "wax veneer" are within the scope of the order.

A-570-808 *Chrome-Plated Lug Nuts*

Wheel Plus, Inc.—Clarification to determine whether imported zinc-plated lug nuts which are chrome-plated in the United States are within the scope of the order.

A-570-827 *Certain Cased Pencils*

Creative Designs International, Ltd.—Clarification to determine whether 10 piece dress-up/vanity sets for young girls, containing two pencils (approximately 3 inches in length with no eraser or ferrule), are within the scope of the order.

Country: Korea

A-580-601 *Certain Stainless Steel Cooking Ware*

C-580-802 Samuel Shapiro & Company—Clarification to determine

whether certain stainless steel pasta and steamer inserts are within the scope of the order.

A-580-803 *Small Business Telephone Systems*

TT Systems Corporation—Clarification to determine whether the "Model 4300" which is a "blocking" system should be excluded from the scope of the order which pertains to "non-blocking" systems.

Country: Taiwan

A-583-009 *Color Television Receivers, Monochrome and Color*

Coach Master International Corporation (CMI)—Clarification to determine whether the Kitchen Coach Unit 8100 manufactured by Action Electronics and imported by CMI is within the scope of the order.

Country: Japan

A-588-028 *Roller Chain, Other Than Bicycle*

Kaga Chain Manufacturer (KCM)—Clarification to determine whether silent timing chain for use in automobiles is within the scope of the order.

A-588-405 *Cellular Mobile Telephones and Subassemblies*

Matsushita Communication Industrial Corporation of America—Clarification to determine whether a new subscriber unit (model number HS600) is within the scope of the order.

A-588-804 *Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings), and Parts Thereof*

Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.—Clarification to determine whether a cylindrical roller bearing, allegedly without a precision rating, for use as an axle bearing in cars and trucks is within the scope of the order.

A-588-813 *Light-Scattering Instruments and Parts Thereof*

Thermo Capillary Electrophoresis, Inc.—Clarification to determine whether diode array detectors and cell flow units are within the scope of the order.

A-588-824 *Corrosion Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products*

Drive Automotive Industries—Clarification to determine whether 2000 millimeter wide, made to order, corrosion resistant carbon steel coils are within the scope of the order.

VI. PENDING ANTICIRCUMVENTION INQUIRIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

Country: Mexico

A-201-805 *Certain Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe*

Allied Tube & Conduit Corp., Sawhill Tubular Division of Tex-Tube Co., Century Tube Corp., Laclede Steel Co., LTV Tubular Products Co., Sharon Tube Co., Western Tube & Conduit Co., Wheatland Tube Co., and CSI Tubular Products, Inc. (Petitioners)—

Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of: (i) Pipe certified to the American Petroleum Institute (API) 5L line pipe specifications (API 5L or line pipe), and (ii) pipe certified to both the API 5L line pipe specifications and the less stringent American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-53 standard pipe specifications (dual certified pipe), falling within the physical dimensions outlined in the scope of the order, are circumventing the antidumping duty order.

Country: United Kingdom

A-412-810 *Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products*

C-412-811 Inland Steel Bar Company and USS/Kobe Steel Company (Petitioners)—Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether British Steel PLC is circumventing the order by shipping leaded steel billets to the United States, where they are converted into the hot-rolled carbon steel products covered by the order.

Country: Germany

A-428-811 *Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products*

C-429-812 Inland Steel Bar Company and USS/Kobe Steel Company (Petitioners)—Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether Saerstahl A.G. and Thyssen s Stahl A.G. are circumventing the order by shipping leaded steel billets to the United States, where they are converted into the hot-rolled carbon steel products covered by the order.

Country: Italy

A-475-818 *Certain Pasta*

Borden, Inc., Hershey Foods Corp., Gooch Foods, Inc. (Petitioners)—Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether Barilla S.r.L. (Barilla) is importing pasta in the United States in bulk (defined as packages of greater than five pounds) and repackaging the pasta into packages of five pounds or less for sale in the retail market; and whether such repackaging constitutes

circumvention of the antidumping duty order.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the accuracy of the list of pending scope clarification requests. Any comments should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Precision Measurement Grants

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is continuing a program of research grants, formally titled Precision Measurement Grants, to faculty members of U.S. universities or colleges for significant, primarily experimental research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants. Applicants must submit an abbreviated proposal for preliminary screening. Based on the merit of the abbreviated proposal, applicants will be advised whether a full proposal should be submitted.

DATES: Abbreviated proposals must be received at the address listed above below no later than 5 p.m. EST March 12, 1998. The semi-finalists will be notified of their status by Monday, March 23, 1998, and will be requested to submit their full proposals to NIST by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 8, 1998. Selection of the awards will be made by Friday, August 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applicants are requested to submit an abbreviated proposal (original and two (2) signed copies), using Standards Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) with a description of their proposed work of no more than five (5) double spaced pages. Standard Form 424A(4-92) and 424B(4-92) are also required. Copies should be

sent to the following: Dr. Barry N. Taylor, Chairman, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, Bldg. 225, Rm. B161, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Programs may be directed to the above address or to Dr. Taylor at 301-975-4220. Prospective applicants with general questions may contact Dr. Taylor before preparing their abbreviated proposal. Specific inquiries as to the usefulness or merit of any particular project, or other specific inquiries that deal with evaluation criteria, can potentially impede the competitive selection process and, therefore, cannot be answered.

Administrative questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program may be directed to the Grants Office at 301-975-6329. Written inquiries should be forwarded to the following address: Grants Office, Acquisition and Assistance Division, Building 301/Room B129, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number

Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards 11.609

Authority

As authorized by Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1901 as amended (15 U.S.C. 272(b)(2) and (c)(3)), NIST conducts directly, and supports through grants and cooperative agreement, a basic and applied research program in the general area of fundamental measurement and the determination of fundamental constants of nature. The annual budget for Precision Measurement Grants is approximately \$300,000. The annual awards must have scopes of work that are clearly severable that can be easily separated into annual increments of meaningful work which represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available to the Applicant. Because of commitments for supporting multi-year programs, only a portion of the budget is available to initiate new program in any one year. The issuance of awards is contingent upon availability of funding. As part of this research program since 1970, NIST has awarded Precision Measurement Grants to faculty members of U.S. universities and colleges for significant, primarily experimental research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants.