

information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination.

Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.310, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on this preliminary determination. The hearing will tentatively be held 57 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and, (3) to the extent practicable, an identification of the arguments to be raised at the hearing. In addition, six copies of the business proprietary version and three copies of the nonproprietary version of the case briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 50 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination. As part of the case brief, parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Six copies of the business proprietary version and three copies of the nonproprietary version of the rebuttal briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 55 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination. An interested party may make an affirmative presentation only on arguments included in that party's case or rebuttal briefs. Written arguments should be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309 and will be considered

if received within the time limits specified above.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-351-829]

Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Brazil: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

ACTION: Notice of postponement of time limit for preliminary results of countervailing duty investigation

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil because we deem this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated, and determine that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Lockard or Javier Barrientos, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2786.

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.

Postponement

On October 15, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil. See Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Certain Hot-Rolled

Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil, 63 FR 56623 (October 22, 1998). The preliminary determination currently must be issued by December 21, 1998. Respondents have indicated that they will be cooperating in the investigation. In addition, we are investigating several complex alleged countervailable subsidy practices. Accordingly, as detailed in the December 1, 1998, Memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce), we deem this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated, and determine that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), we are postponing the preliminary determination in this investigation to no later than January 25, 1999.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-412-811]

Certain Hot-Rolled Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products From the United Kingdom: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending by no longer than 120 days the time limit of the preliminary results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom (C-412-811), covering the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, since it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gayle Longest and Chris Cassel, Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group II, Office Six, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3338 and 482-4847, respectively.

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 (1998).

Background

On April 24, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom ("UK"), covering the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997 (63 FR 20378). In our notice of initiation, we stated our intention to issue the final results of this review no later than March 31, 1998. The preliminary results of review are currently due no later than December 1, 1998. Due to the complexity of the legal and methodological issues presented by this review, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

Postponement of Preliminary 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 the preliminary results this review within the original time frame. See Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, "Extension of Preliminary Results: Certain Hot-Rolled

Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products from the United Kingdom (C-412-811)", dated November 27, 1998.

The deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is now no later than March 31, 1999, which is the full amount of time the Department can extend the preliminary results under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The deadline for issuing the final results of this review will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

Dated: November 27, 1998.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy 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: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limits of Preliminary Results of Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative reviews of the countervailing duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes and welded carbon steel line pipe from Turkey. The reviews cover two manufacturers/exporters and the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Moore or Eric B. Greynolds, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3692 or (202) 482-6071, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the initial time limits

established by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department is extending the time limits for completion of the preliminary results until no later than March 31, 1999. See Memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa, dated November 25, 1998, which is a public document on file in the Central Records Unit. The deadline for the final results of these reviews will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Cooperative Program for Operational Meteorology, Education, and Training (COMET)

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Issue Notice of Noncompetitive Financial Assistance Award.

SUMMARY: NOAA issues this notice to announce its fiscal year 1999 plan to continue its financial support of the COMET Cooperative Agreement sponsored by the NWS. The COMET program, which is part of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), establishes scientific training in meteorology for Federal agencies, the private sector, and universities; expedites the transfer of scientific knowledge; provides for formal collaborative research agreements between the NWS and participating universities and other groups; and finds innovative ways to enhance the performance of weather forecasters and improve the utilization of weather products by the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy Spayd, Chief, Science and Training Core, Office of Meteorology, NWS, Room 13308, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Telephone: 301-713-1970 x 194. E-mail: leroy.spayd@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The COMET cooperative agreement represents a close link between NOAA staff and universities, enabling the