

portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: October 20, 1999.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Committee Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-859-801]

Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determination: Certain Cold-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Slovakia

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaVonne Jackson, Doug Campau, or Abdelali Elouaradia, Office V, DAS Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3003, 482-1784, or (202) 482-0498, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is postponing the preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of cold-rolled, flat-rolled, carbon-quality steel products from Slovakia. The deadline for issuing the preliminary determination in this investigation is now December 8, 1999.

On June 21, 1999, the Department initiated an antidumping investigation of cold-rolled, flat-rolled, carbon-quality

steel products from Slovakia. See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Cold-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Argentina, Brazil, the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Venezuela*, 64 FR 34194. The notice stated that the Department would issue its preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of initiation (i.e., November 8, 1999).

On October 13, 1999, pursuant to section 771(18)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department revoked the non-market economy status of Slovakia. As a result, the Department discontinued the use of its non-market economy methodology in this investigation, and is now proceeding using its market economy methodology. Thus, the Department must now gather additional data, review responses, and address all issues using its market economy investigation methodology. Consequently, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act, the Department concludes that this case is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to issue the preliminary determination. Therefore, pursuant to section 733(c)(1) of the Act, the Department is postponing the deadline for issuing this determination until December 8, 1999. This extension is in accordance with section 733(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2).

Dated: October 19, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-412-803]

Industrial Nitrocellulose From the United Kingdom: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: On August 30, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on industrial nitrocellulose from the United Kingdom for Imperial Chemical Industries PLC ("ICI"), a manufacturer and exporter of

industrial nitrocellulose. This administrative review was requested by ICI and is for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. The Department is rescinding this review after receiving a timely withdrawal from ICI of its request for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Futtner or Ron Trentham, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-3814 and (202) 482-6320, respectively.

The 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 Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On July 26, 1999, ICI requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the subject merchandise it exported from the United Kingdom for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

On August 30, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 47167) a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to ICI for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. On September 29, 1999, ICI requested that it be allowed to withdraw its request for a review and that the review be terminated.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Because ICI's request for termination was submitted within the 90-day time limit, and there were no requests for review from other interested parties, we are rescinding this review. We will issue appropriate appraisement instructions directly to the US Customs Service.

This notice is in accordance with section 771(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-428-803]

Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Industrial Nitrocellulose From Germany

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of expedited sunset review: industrial nitrocellulose from Germany.

SUMMARY: On June 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the antidumping order on industrial nitrocellulose from Germany (64 FR 29261) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act"). On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive response filed on behalf of a domestic interested party and inadequate response (in this case, no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct an expedited review. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the Final Results of Review section of this notice. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eun W. Cho or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1698 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 1999.

Statute and Regulations

This review was conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(c) of the Act. The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in Procedures for Conducting Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing duty Orders, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations") and 19 CFR Part 351 (1998) in general. Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of

sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

Scope

The product covered by this order is industrial nitrocellulose ("nitrocellulose") from Germany. Industrial nitrocellulose is a dry, white, amorphous synthetic chemical with a nitrogen content between 10.8 and 12.2 percent, and is produced from the reaction of cellulose with nitric acid. Industrial nitrocellulose is used as a film-former in coatings, lacquers, furniture finishes, and printing inks. The scope of this order does not include explosive grade nitrocellulose, which has a nitrogen content greater than 12.2 percent. Industrial nitrocellulose is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") item number 3912.20.00. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description remains dispositive.

History of the Order

The antidumping duty order on nitrocellulose from Germany was published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 1990 (55 FR 28270).¹ In that order, the Department determined that the weighted-average dumping margin for all entries of the subject merchandise was 3.84 percent.² Since that time, the Department has completed one administrative review.³ We note that, to date, the Department has not issued any duty absorption findings in this case. The order remains in effect for all manufacturers and exporters of the subject merchandise.

Background

On June 1, 1999, the Department initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on nitrocellulose from Germany (64 FR 29261), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. The Department received a Notice of Intent to Participate on behalf of Hercules Incorporated ("Hercules") on June 9, 1999, within the deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of

the Sunset Regulations. Hercules asserts that it is not related to a foreign producer, foreign exporter, or domestic importer of the subject merchandise and that it is not an importer of the subject merchandise except on an occasional spot basis. (See Hercules' June 9, 1999 Intent to Participate at 2.)

We received a complete substantive response from Hercules on July 1, 1999, within the 30-day deadline specified in the Sunset Regulations under section 351.218(d)(3)(i). Hercules claims interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a U.S. manufacturer, producer, and wholesaler of the subject merchandise. In its substantive response, Hercules indicates that it is the sole remaining U.S. producer of nitrocellulose, was the petitioner in the original investigation, and has participated in the administrative review proceeding. (See Hercules' July 1, 1999 Substantive Response at 1-2.)

We did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party to this proceeding. Consequently, pursuant to section 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C) of the Sunset Regulations, the Department determined to conduct an expedited, 120-day, review of this order.

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Act, the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order—an order which was in effect on January 1, 1995. See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department determined that the sunset review of the antidumping duty order on industrial nitrocellulose from Germany is extraordinarily complicated. Therefore, on October 12, 1999, the Department extended the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of this review until not later than December 28, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.⁴

Determination

In accordance with section 751(c)(1) of the Act, the Department conducted this review to determine whether revocation of the antidumping order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. Section 752(c) of the Act provides that, in making this determination, the Department shall consider the weighted-average dumping margins determined in the investigation and subsequent reviews and the volume of imports of the subject merchandise for the period

¹ See Antidumping Duty Order: Industrial Nitrocellulose from Germany, 55 FR 28271 (July 10, 1990).

² However, the underlying investigation and the subsequent review dealt with only one German company, Wolff Walsrode AG ("Wolff").

³ See Industrial Nitrocellulose From Germany: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 63 FR 43372 (August 13, 1998).

⁴ See Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Reviews, 64 FR 55233 (October 12, 1999).