

local changes in municipal laws. The land area covered by the survey has not increased, but when a municipality begins issuing its own permits independently from the jurisdiction that previously covered their permits (usually a county government), that new municipality becomes part of the survey.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-824]

Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Japan: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On October 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 53318) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Japan for two producers/exporters, Nippon Steel Corporation ("Nippon") and Kawasaki Steel Corporation ("Kawasaki"), covering the period of review ("POR"), which is

August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999. The Department of Commerce has now rescinded this review with respect to Kawasaki as a result of the absence of Kawasaki's shipments and entries into the United States of subject merchandise during the period of review. In addition, it has rescinded the review with respect to Nippon at the request of petitioners, the only party that requested the review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doreen Chen, Brandon Farlander, or Rick Johnson, Office 9, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0408, (202) 482-0182 or (202) 482-3818, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1999).

Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 1999 (64 FR 43649) a "Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Japan. On August 31, 1999, petitioners requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of this order with respect to Nippon and Kawasaki.

On October 1, 1999, the Department initiated an administrative review for the period August 1, 1998—July 31, 1999 (64 FR 53318). On October 4, 1999, the Department issued questionnaires to Nippon and Kawasaki.

Kawasaki

On October 25, 1999, Kawasaki reported that it made no sales of the subject merchandise during the POR. On January 4, 2000, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to Kawasaki requesting that it answer additional questions concerning its statement that it did not have any sales to the United States during the POR. On January 11, 2000, Kawasaki submitted a response

confirming that neither it nor any of its affiliated producers made sales of the subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. Also, Kawasaki stated that none of its subject merchandise sold to third countries during the POR was shipped to the United States. Finally, Kawasaki stated that, to the best of its knowledge, none of its third-party sales of the subject merchandise or the third-party sales of the subject merchandise made by affiliated producers, was ultimately destined for the United States. Additionally, we have reviewed U.S. Customs data, which confirms that there were no entries during the POR of merchandise produced or exported by Kawasaki. Finally, on February 10, 2000, we contacted petitioner and asked if petitioner was aware of any shipments made by Kawasaki during the POR. On February 23, 2000, petitioner confirmed that it had no information on Kawasaki's shipments to the United States during the POR. Therefore, we have determined that Kawasaki made no entries of subject merchandise into the customs territory of the United States during the POR.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise. In light of the fact that we determined that Kawasaki had no entries of the subject merchandise into the territory of the United States during the POR, we are rescinding this review for Kawasaki. The rate for Kawasaki will remain as that established in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding with respect to Kawasaki.

Nippon

On November 2, 1999, Nippon submitted section A of its questionnaire response. On December 10, 1999, it submitted sections B through D, and on December 27, it filed its response to question III.B of the Department's section D questionnaire.

On December 30, 1999, petitioners requested that the Department rescind the review with respect to Nippon. Petitioners were the only party requesting the review and their request for withdrawal was made within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation in accordance with section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations. The Department is therefore rescinding the review with respect to Nippon in accordance with that regulation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-475-811)

Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel From Italy: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samantha Denenberg at (202) 482-1386, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Time Limits

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (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 these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days. The time limit for the final determination may be extended to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

Background

On October 1, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel from Italy, covering the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999 (64 FR 53318). The preliminary results are currently due no later than May 2, 2000.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than August 30, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated March 9, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 970424097-0068-05]

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Market Development Cooperator Program

AGENCY: International Trade Administration (ITA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The ITA of the U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) requests that eligible organizations submit proposals (applications) for the fiscal year (FY) 2000 Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP) competition. The ITA promotes U.S. exports and works to improve the global competitiveness of the United States, creating jobs for Americans. The Department administers the MDCP to build public/private export marketing partnerships. The MDCP is a competitive matching grants program that provides Federal assistance to export multipliers such as state trade departments, trade associations, chambers of commerce, world trade centers and other non-profit industry organizations that are particularly effective in reaching small-and medium-size enterprises (SMEs).

MDCP awards help to underwrite the start-up costs of new export promotion ventures which these groups are often reluctant to undertake without Federal Government support. The MDCP aims to:

- Challenge the private sector to think strategically about foreign markets;
- Be the catalyst that spurs private-sector innovation and investment in export marketing; and
- Increase the number of American companies, particularly SMEs, taking decisive export actions.

Partnerships enable the Federal Government to pool expertise and funds with non-Federal sources so that each maximizes its market development resources. They can also sharpen the focus on long-term export market development better than traditional trade promotion activities. These partnerships are also a mechanism for improving government-industry relations.

While the Department sponsors, guides and partially funds MDCP projects, it expects applicants to develop, initiate and provide matching funding to carry out market development project activities. As an active partner, the Department will, as appropriate, provide assistance that the applicant identifies as essential to the achievement of project goals and objectives.

Examples of activities that might be included in an applicant's project proposal are described below under "I. Program Description". The Department encourages applicants to propose activities that (1) would be most appropriate to the market development needs of their industry or industries; and (2) display the imagination and innovation of the applicants working in partnership with the government to obtain the maximum market development impact.

DATES: *Public Meeting:* The Department will hold a public meeting to discuss MDCP proposal preparation, procedures, and selection process on Monday, April 3, 2000. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3407, at the Herbert Clark Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. No discussion of specific proposals will occur at this meeting. Attendance at this public meeting by potential applicants is not required.

Applications: Complete applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, May 16, 2000. Late applications will not be accepted. They will be returned to the sender.

As set forth under *III.B.2. Number of Copies*, ITA is requesting one original application, plus six (6) copies. Applicants for whom this is a financial hardship should submit an original and two copies. Send the application to the address listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.