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Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada; Final Results of Full Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of full sunset review: Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada.

SUMMARY: On April 7, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of preliminary results of the full sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada (65 FR 18290) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). We provided interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received comments from both domestic and respondent interested parties. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of this order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn B. McCormick or James Maeder, 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) 482-1930 or (202) 482-3173, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statute and Regulations

This review is being conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 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 in CFR Part 351 (1999) 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").

Background

On April 7, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the *Federal Register* a notice of preliminary results of the full sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada (65 FR 18290) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). In our preliminary results, we found that revocation of the order would likely result in continuation or recurrence of dumping with net margins of 68.70 percent for Stelco, Inc. ("Stelco") and 61.88 percent for "all others."

On April 26, 2000, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, Ispat Inland, Inc., and LTV Steel Company, Inc. (collectively "domestic interested parties") requested a hearing in the sunset review. On May 1, 2000, Stelco also requested a hearing.

On May 9, 2000, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.209(c)(1)(i), we received a case brief on behalf of Stelco. On May 12 and May 17, 2000, domestic interested parties requested an extension of the deadline for filing rebuttal briefs; on May 19, 2000, the Department granted an extension for domestic interested parties to file rebuttal briefs until May 22, 2000.¹ Additionally, on May 17, 2000, because Stelco's case brief contained information from Gerdau MRM Steel's ("MRM") untimely submission to the notice of initiation, the Department requested that Stelco redact its case brief accordingly. Subsequently, we received Stelco's refiling of page 16 of its case brief. Additionally, the Department canceled the scheduled hearing in response to interested parties' withdrawal of their requests for a hearing.

Scope of Review

The scope of this order includes hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coils and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal,

whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") under item numbers: 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.5030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, and 7212.50.0000. Included in this order are flat-rolled products of non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling")—for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this order is grade X-70 plate. Also excluded is cut-to-length carbon steel plate meeting the following criteria: (1) 100 percent dry steel plates, virgin steel, no scrap content (free of Cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides); (2) 0.290 inches maximum thickness, plus 0.0, minus 0.030 inches; (3) 48.00 inch wide, plus 0.05, minus 0.0 inches; (4) 10 foot lengths, plus 0.5, minus 0.0 inches; (5) flatness, plus/minus 0.5 inch over 10 feet; (6) AISI 1006; (7) tension leveled; (8) pickled and oiled; and (9) carbon content, 0.3 to 0.8 (maximum). On February 28, 1996, the Department revoked the order with respect to certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate free of cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides; and with certain dimensions and other characteristics.² On February 12, 1999, the Department revoked the order with respect to certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate free of cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides; and with certain dimensions and other characteristics.³ In addition, there has been one circumvention inquiry initiated with respect to imports of

² See *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping Duty Order*, 61 FR 7471 (February 28, 1996).

³ See *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping Duty Order*, 64 FR 7167 (February 12, 1999).

¹ See May 19, 2000, Letter from Jeffrey A. May, Office of Policy, to John Mangan of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Regarding Extension of Deadline for Filing Rebuttal Briefs.

boron-added grader blade and draft key steel.⁴ These HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this sunset review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memo") from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Troy H. Cribb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated July 27, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the suspension investigation terminated. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Record Unit, room B-099, of the main Commerce building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn/, under the heading "Canada." The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Final Results of Review

We determine that revocation of the antidumping duty order on corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Canada would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

Manufacturer/exporters	Margin (percent)
Stelco, Inc	68.70
All Others	61.88

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms

of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Germany

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Blozy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0165.

The 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 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1999).

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Germany are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 733 of the Act. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

Case History

On January 31, 2000, the Department initiated antidumping duty investigations of imports of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Germany, Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines. See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings*

From Germany, Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines, 65 FR 4595 (January 31, 2000) ("Notice of Initiation"). Since the initiation of this investigation the following events have occurred.

The Department set aside a period for all interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (see *Notice of Initiation* at 4596). A response was received from Coprosider S.p.A. ("Coprosider") on February 1, 2000, agreeing with the scope of the investigation. On February 3, 2000, Wilh. Schulz GmbH and its affiliates ("Schulz") submitted comments to the Department requesting that the scope be limited only to specification ASTM 403/403M fittings below 14 inches in diameter.

On January 21, 2000, the Department issued proposed product concordance criteria to all interested parties. On February 4, 2000, the following interested parties submitted comments on our proposed product concordance criteria: Kanzen Tetsu Sdn. Bhd. ("Kanzen"); Coprosider; and Alloy Piping Products, Inc.; Flowline Division of Markovitz Enterprises, Inc.; Gerlin, Inc.; and Taylor Forge Stainless, Inc. ("petitioners"). On February 8, 2000 and February 18, 2000, we received comments on our proposed product concordance criteria from Schulz.

On February 14, 2000, the United States International Trade Commission ("ITC") notified the Department of its affirmative preliminary injury determination on imports of subject merchandise from Germany, Italy, Malaysia and the Philippines. On February 24, 2000, the ITC published its preliminary determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of the subject merchandise from Germany, Italy, Malaysia and the Philippines (65 FR 9298).

On January 27, 2000, the Department issued Section A of its antidumping questionnaire to Schulz, Butting Edelstahlrohre GmbH ("Butting"), Hage Fittings GmbH ("Hage Fittings GmbH"), Kremo-Werke Hermanns GmbH ("Kremo-Werke"), Uhlig-Rohrbogen GmbH ("Uhlig-Rohrbogen"), and Nirobo Metalverarbeitungs GmbH ("Nirobo Metalverarbeitungs"). On February 7, 2000, the Department received a letter from Kremo-Werke stating that it has not sold, directly or indirectly, subject merchandise to the United States. Also, on February 7, 2000, the Department received a letter from Uhlig-Rohrbogen stating that it has at no time delivered, directly or indirectly, subject merchandise to the United States. On February 18, 2000, Schulz submitted its

⁴ See *Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada; Initiation of Anticircumvention Inquiry on Antidumping Duty Order*, 63 FR 29179 (May 28, 1998).