

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption; Notice of Open Meeting

The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption (PECSENC) will meet on February 25, 2000, at the Hewlett-Packard Company, Spyglass Room, Building 5, 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California, 94304. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn at 4 p.m. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to policies regarding commercial encryption products.

Open Session: 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m.

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public
3. Update on Bureau of Export Administration initiatives
4. Issue briefings
5. Open discussion

The meeting is open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the PECSENC. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to PECSENC members, the PECSENC suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS:

3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

For more information, contact Ms. Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Brian Nilsson,

Acting Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-804, C-122-805]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order and Countervailing Duty Order: New Steel Rail From Canada

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

ACTION: Notice of continuation of antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order: new steel rail from Canada.

SUMMARY: On December 29, and December 30, 1999, respectively, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and a countervailable subsidy (64 FR 73013 (December 29, 1999) and 64 FR 73519 (December 30, 1999), respectively). On January 26, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (65 FR 4261 (January 26, 2000)). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing this notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada.

DATES: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darla D. Brown or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230;

telephone: (202) 482-3207 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

Background

On June 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (64 FR 23596 and 64 FR 23677, respectively) of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of these reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and revocation of the countervailing duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. The Department notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail, the net countervailable subsidy, and the nature of the subsidy likely to prevail were the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order revoked.¹

On January 26, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.²

Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order and this countervailing duty order is new steel rail, whether of carbon, high carbon, alloy or other quality steel from Canada. Subject merchandise includes, but is not limited to, standard rails, all main line sections (at least 30 kilograms per meter or 60 pounds per yard), heat-treated or head-hardened (premium) rails, transit rails, contact rails (or "third rail") and crane rails. Rails are used by the railroad industry, by rapid transit lines, by subways, in mines, and in industrial applications.

Specifically excluded from the order are light rails (less than 30 kilograms per meter or 60 pounds per yard). Also excluded from the order are relay rails, which are used rails taken up from primary railroad track and relaid in a railroad yard or on a secondary track. As a result of a changed circumstances review in 1996, the antidumping duty

¹ See *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: New Steel Rail from Canada*, 64 FR 73013 (December 29, 1999) and *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: New Steel Rail from Canada*, 64 FR 73519 (December 30, 1999).

² See *Steel Rails From Canada*, Investigations Nos. 701-TA-297 (Review) and 731-TA-422 (Review), 65 FR 4261 (January 26, 2000).

order on new steel rail was partially revoked with regard to 100ARA—A new steel rail, except light rail, from Canada.³ Also, nominal 60 pounds per yard steel rail is outside the scope of this order.⁴

This merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) items 7302.10.1010, 7302.10.1015, 7302.10.1035, 7302.10.1045, 7302.10.5020, 8548.90.0000.⁵ The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of these antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and a countervailable subsidy and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than January 2005.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-008]

Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, and the period of review May 1, 1998 through April 30, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Killiam or Robert James, Enforcement Group III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 or 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We initiated the review on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35125) following a request made by the petitioners on May 28, 1999. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act directs the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days for each administrative review. The section provides, however, that if it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time, the administering authority may extend that 245-day period to 365 days. Due to the reasons enumerated in the Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan, Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results, dated January 28, 2000, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the 245-day time limit.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results of the administrative review by 120 days to May 30, 2000.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-809]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Mexico: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is rescinding the review it initiated on October 1, 1999 of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico (64 FR 53318).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Killiam or Robert James, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 and 482-0649, respectively.

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 codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

On August 31, 1999, the sole respondent, Altos de Hornos de Mexico (AHMSA), and the petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Geneva Steel, Gulf Lakes Steel, Inc., of Alabama, Inland Steel Industries, Inc., Lukens Steel Company, Sharon Steel Corporation, and U.S. Steel Group (a unit of USX Corporation) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of subject merchandise exported by AHMSA from Mexico to the United States for the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999. On October 1, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 53318) a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to AHMSA for that period. The

³ See *New Steel Rail, Except Light Rail, From Canada; Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 61 FR 11607 (March 21, 1996).

⁴ See *New Steel Rail, Except Light Rail, From Canada; Notice of Termination of Changed Circumstances Administrative Reviews and Clarification of Scope Language*, 63 FR 43137 (August 12, 1998).

⁵ Per conversation with April Avalone at U.S. Customs on September 7, 1999.