

Singapore

Export Price

The petitioners based EP on the average customs unit value of PVA imports during the period July 2001 through June 2002, as the petitioners stated they were unable to obtain price data for U.S. imports from Singapore.

Normal Value

With respect to NV, the petitioners provided a range of prices for PVA sold in Singapore within the POI. For purposes of the petition, the petitioners used the lowest price in the range as a conservative estimate of the home market sales price for PVA. The petitioners made a circumstance-of-sale adjustment for credit expenses. We revised the petitioners' calculation of home market credit expenses to base this expense on the Singapore dollar price, rather than the U.S. dollar equivalent price.

The petitioners have provided information demonstrating reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of PVA in the home market were made at prices below the fully absorbed COP, within the meaning of section 773(b) of the Act, and requested that the Department conduct a country-wide sales-below-cost investigation. Pursuant to section 773(b)(3) of the Act, COP consists of the COM, SG&A, financial expenses, and packing expenses. The petitioners calculated COM based on their own production experience, adjusted for known differences between costs incurred to produce PVA in the United States and in Singapore. In order to calculate SG&A and financial expenses, the petitioners relied upon amounts reported in the 2001 unconsolidated financial statements of Chemical Industries Ltd., a Singaporean producer of comparable merchandise. We recalculated financial expenses based on the 2001 consolidated financial statements of this company. Based upon a comparison of the prices of the foreign like product in the home market to the calculated COP of the product, we find reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of the foreign like product were made below the COP, within the meaning of section 773(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act. Accordingly, the Department is initiating a country-wide cost investigation.

Pursuant to sections 773(a)(4), 773(b) and 773(e) of the Act, the petitioners also based NV for sales in Singapore on CV. The petitioners calculated CV using the same COM, SG&A, and financial expense figures used to compute the Singapore home market costs. Consistent with 773(e)(2) of the Act, the

petitioners calculated an amount for profit based upon Chemical Industries Ltd.'s 2001 financial statements. Because these statements showed a net loss, petitioners included a zero profit in CV. We recalculated financial expenses as noted above. Furthermore, the petitioners made a circumstance-of-sale adjustment to CV for credit expenses.

The estimated dumping margin for Singapore based on a comparison between the adjusted EP and home market price is 35.11 percent. The estimated dumping margin based on a comparison between the adjusted EP and CV is 61.94 percent.

Fair Value Comparisons

Based on the data provided by the petitioners, there is reason to believe that imports of PVA from Germany, Japan, Korea, the PRC, and Singapore are being, or are likely to be, sold at less than fair value.

Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

With regard to Germany, Japan, Korea, and the PRC, the petitioners allege that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of the individual and cumulated imports of the subject merchandise sold at less than NV. With respect to Singapore, while the imports from Singapore do not meet the statutory requirement for cumulation, in its analysis for threat, the petitioners allege that imports from Singapore will imminently account for more than three percent of all PVA imports of the subject merchandise and therefore are not negligible. See section 771(24)(A)(ii) of the Act.

The petitioners contend that the industry's injured condition is evident in the declining trends in net operating profits, net sales volumes, profit-to-sales ratios, production employment, and capacity utilization. The allegations of injury and causation are supported by relevant evidence including U.S. Customs import data, lost sales, and pricing information. We have assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation, and we have determined that these allegations are properly supported by adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation. See the Initiation Checklist.

Initiation of Antidumping Investigations

Based upon our examination of the petitions on PVA, we have found that they meet the requirements of section 732 of the Act. Therefore, we are

initiating antidumping duty investigations to determine whether imports of PVA from Germany, Japan, Korea, the PRC, and Singapore are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless this deadline is extended pursuant to section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Act, we will make our preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of each petition has been provided to the representatives of the governments of Germany, Japan, Korea, the PRC, and Singapore. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of each petition to each exporter named in the petitions, as provided for under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

ITC Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiations as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determinations by the ITC

The ITC will determine no later than October 21, 2002, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of PVA from Germany, Japan, Korea, the PRC, and Singapore are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination for any country will result in the investigation being terminated with respect to that country; otherwise, these investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-489-807]

Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Turkey; Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results in Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limits for completion of the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel concrete reinforcing bars from Turkey. The period of review is April 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irina Itkin or Elizabeth Eastwood at (202) 482-0656 or (202) 482-3874, respectively, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2002).

Background

On May 23, 2002, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel concrete reinforcing bars from Turkey (67 FR 36148). The period of review is April 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002, and the preliminary results are currently due no later than December 31, 2002. The review covers three producers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States.

Extension of Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an administrative review of an antidumping order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend the 245-day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. We determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, because this review involves a number of complicated issues including high inflation in Turkey during the period of review. Moreover, the petitioners requested that the Department conduct verification, pursuant to section

782(i)(3)(A) of the Act. Although we intend to verify the sales and cost data submitted by the three respondents, we will be unable to complete these verifications before the date of the preliminary results as currently scheduled. Therefore, we have extended the deadline for completing the preliminary results until April 30, 2003.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)) and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: September 24, 2002.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP).

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hawk's Cay Resort, 61 Hawk's Cay Boulevard, Duck Key, FL; telephone: 305-743-7000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The LEAP will convene to review an update of Joint Enforcement Agreements (JEAs) and the 2003 Operations Plans. The LEAP will discuss which Council managed fisheries are most in need of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) and the requirements for VMS. Also to be discussed is whether vessels should be allowed to simultaneously possess recreational and commercial bag limits and trip limits, respectively. A presentation will be given by NMFS on

its process used to monitor quota openings and closures (especially red snapper). The LEAP will also review the Gulf Safety Committee activities; the status of Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), amendments, and regulatory actions; and hear state and federal enforcement reports.

The LEAP consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf states as well as NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the NOAA General Counsel. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the LEAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meetings. Actions of the LEAP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 9, 2002.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Vessel Monitoring Systems Committee and Skate Oversight Committee in October, 2002 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the