

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-475-703]****Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2002.

SUMMARY: On September 25, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 60211) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on granular polytetrafluoroethylene resin from Italy, covering the period August 1, 2001, through July 31, 2002. The review was requested by both E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company (DuPont), a U.S. producer of the domestic like product and Ausimont SPA and Ausimont USA, Inc., collectively Ausimont, an Italian producer of the subject merchandise under review and its United States subsidiary. We are now rescinding this review as a result of both DuPont's and Ausimont's withdrawal of their requests for an administrative review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicki Schepker or Keith Nickerson, at (202) 482-1756 or (202) 482-3813, respectively, AD/CVD Enforcement Office V, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

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 19 CFR Part 351 (April 2002).

Background

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), on August 27 and August 30, 2002, respectively DuPont and Ausimont requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order

on granular polytetrafluoroethylene resin from Italy. On September 25, 2002, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of this order for the period August 1, 2001, through July 31, 2002 (67 FR 60211). DuPont and Ausimont withdrew their requests for this review on October 18 and 28, 2002, respectively.

Rescission of Review

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) provide that the Department will rescind an administrative review if the party that requested the review withdraws its request for review within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review, or withdraws its request at a later date if the Department determines that it is reasonable to extend the time limit for withdrawing the request. Both DuPont and Ausimont withdrew their requests within the 90-day period. Accordingly, we are rescinding this review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the U.S. Customs Service within 15 days of publication of this notice. This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675) and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: December 9, 2002.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II Import Administration

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****A-583-831****Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Taiwan; Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

ACTION: Notice of final results and partial rescission of antidumping duty administrative review of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Taiwan.

SUMMARY: SUMMARY: On July 9, 2002, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results and partial rescission of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Taiwan. *See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Taiwan:*

Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 67 FR 45742 (July 9, 2002) ("Preliminary Results"). This review covers imports of subject merchandise from Tung Mung Development Co. Ltd. ("Tung Mung"), Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Co. Ltd. ("Ta Chen"), Chia Far Industrial Factory Co. Ltd. ("Chia Far"), and Yieh United Steel Company ("YUSCO"). The period of review ("POR") is July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations for Chia Far. Therefore, the final results differ from the *Preliminary Results*. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the reviewed firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of the Review." In addition, we are rescinding the review with respect to Ta Chen.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel LaCivita (Ta Chen) (YUSCO); Cheryl Werner (Chia Far); Marlene Hewitt (Tung Mung); or Bob Bolling, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4243, (202) 482-2667, (202) 482-1385 or (202) 482-3434, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**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 Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (2001).

Background

On July 9, 2002, the Department published the *Preliminary Results*. As we stated in that notice, we preliminarily rescinded this review with respect to Ta Chen, pursuant to its claim of no shipments of the subject merchandise during the POR. We are now rescinding this review with respect to Ta Chen, since no information on the record indicates that Ta Chen made any shipments during the POR.

We invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. We received written comments on September 4,

2002, from petitioners¹ on YUSCO, Tung Mung, Ta Chen, and Chia Far. Also, on September 4, 2002, we received written comments from Chia Far. On September 16, 2002, we received rebuttal comments from YUSCO and Chia Far on petitioners' comments. Also on September 16, 2002, we received rebuttal comments from petitioners on Chia Far's comments. On September 18, 2002, we received a submission from petitioners concerning Chia Far, alleging new information. On September 25, 2002, the Department rejected petitioners' September 18, 2002, submission finding that the second portion of the letter included new factual information that was untimely filed for this review. See Department's Letter to Petitioners dated September 25, 2002. On September 27, 2002, petitioners resubmitted, pursuant to instructions received from the Department on September 25, 2002, the letter of September 18, 2002, with the requested modifications. On October 8, 2002, the Department rejected petitioners' request to remove from the record certain passages contained in Chia Far's rebuttal brief. The Department determined that Chia Far's rebuttal brief contained only information already on the written record of review, and was therefore, not rejecting any passages contained in Chia Far's rebuttal brief. The Department found that Chia Far submitted its rebuttal brief in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(d).

On October 7, 2002, the Department informed petitioners that it was rejecting its case brief with respect to YUSCO, filed on September 18, 2002, which contained new and untimely-filed information. On October 9, 2002, petitioners submitted a revised case brief concerning YUSCO, which excluded certain new factual information.

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. On October 8, 2002, the Department extended the time limit for the final results to December 6, 2002. See *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Taiwan: Extension of Final Results of Review*, 67 FR 62697 (October 8, 2002). We have now completed the

administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

For purposes of this administrative review, the products covered are certain stainless steel sheet and strip in coils. Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject sheet and strip is a flat-rolled product in coils that is greater than 9.5 mm in width and less than 4.75 mm in thickness, and that is annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject sheet and strip may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, aluminized, coated, etc.) provided that it maintains the specific dimensions of sheet and strip following such processing.

The merchandise subject to this review is classified in the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTS) at subheadings: 7219.13.0031, 7219.13.0051, 7219.13.0071, 7219.1300.81², 7219.14.0030, 7219.14.0065, 7219.14.0090, 7219.32.0005, 7219.32.0020, 7219.32.0025, 7219.32.0035, 7219.32.0036, 7219.32.0038, 7219.32.0042, 7219.32.0044, 7219.33.0005, 7219.33.0020, 7219.33.0025, 7219.33.0035, 7219.33.0036, 7219.33.0038, 7219.33.0042, 7219.33.0044, 7219.34.0005, 7219.34.0020, 7219.34.0025, 7219.34.0030, 7219.34.0035, 7219.35.0005, 7219.35.0015, 7219.35.0030, 7219.35.0035, 7219.90.0010, 7219.90.0020, 7219.90.0025, 7219.90.0060, 7219.90.0080, 7220.12.1000, 7220.12.5000, 7220.20.1010, 7220.20.1015, 7220.20.1060, 7220.20.1080, 7220.20.6005, 7220.20.6010, 7220.20.6015, 7220.20.6060, 7220.20.6080, 7220.20.7005, 7220.20.7010, 7220.20.7015, 7220.20.7060, 7220.20.7080, 7220.20.8000, 7220.20.9030, 7220.20.9060, 7220.90.0010, 7220.90.0015, 7220.90.0060, and 7220.90.0080. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

Excluded from the scope of this review are the following: (1) sheet and

strip that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled, (2) sheet and strip that is cut to length, (3) plate (i.e., flat-rolled stainless steel products of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more), (4) flat wire (i.e., cold-rolled sections, with a prepared edge, rectangular in shape, of a width of not more than 9.5 mm), and (5) razor blade steel. Razor blade steel is a flat-rolled product of stainless steel, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced), in coils, of a width of not more than 23 mm and a thickness of 0.266 mm or less, containing, by weight, 12.5 to 14.5 percent chromium, and certified at the time of entry to be used in the manufacture of razor blades. See Chapter 72 of the HTS, "Additional U.S. Note" 1(d).

In response to comments by interested parties, the Department has determined that certain specialty stainless steel products are also excluded from the scope of this review. These excluded products are described below.

Flapper valve steel is defined as stainless steel strip in coils containing, by weight, between 0.37 and 0.43 percent carbon, between 1.15 and 1.35 percent molybdenum, and between 0.20 and 0.80 percent manganese. This steel also contains, by weight, phosphorus of 0.025 percent or less, silicon of between 0.20 and 0.50 percent, and sulfur of 0.020 percent or less. The product is manufactured by means of vacuum arc remelting, with inclusion controls for sulphide of no more than 0.04 percent and for oxide of no more than 0.05 percent. Flapper valve steel has a tensile strength of between 210 and 300 ksi, yield strength of between 170 and 270 ksi, plus or minus 8 ksi, and a hardness (Hv) of between 460 and 590. Flapper valve steel is most commonly used to produce specialty flapper valves in compressors.

Also excluded is a product referred to as suspension foil, a specialty steel product used in the manufacture of suspension assemblies for computer disk drives. Suspension foil is described as 302/304 grade or 202 grade stainless steel of a thickness between 14 and 127 microns, with a thickness tolerance of plus-or-minus 2.01 microns, and surface glossiness of 200 to 700 percent Gs. Suspension foil must be supplied in coil widths of not more than 407 mm, and with a mass of 225 kg or less. Roll marks may only be visible on one side, with no scratches of measurable depth. The material must exhibit residual stresses of 2 mm maximum deflection, and flatness of 1.6 mm over 685 mm length.

Certain stainless steel foil for automotive catalytic converters is also excluded from the scope of this review.

¹ Allegheny Ludlum, AK Steel Corporation (formerly Armco, Inc.), J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., North American Stainless, Butler-Armco Independent Union, Zanesville Armco Independent Union, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC.

² Due to changes to the HTS numbers in 2001, 7219.13.0030, 7219.13.0050, 7219.13.0070, and 7219.13.0080 are now 7219.13.0031, 7219.13.0051, 7219.13.0071, and 7219.13.0081, respectively.

This stainless steel strip in coils is a specialty foil with a thickness of between 20 and 110 microns used to produce a metallic substrate with a honeycomb structure for use in automotive catalytic converters. The steel contains, by weight, carbon of no more than 0.030 percent, silicon of no more than 1.0 percent, manganese of no more than 1.0 percent, chromium of between 19 and 22 percent, aluminum of no less than 5.0 percent, phosphorus of no more than 0.045 percent, sulfur of no more than 0.03 percent, lanthanum of less than 0.002 or greater than 0.05 percent, and total rare earth elements of more than 0.06 percent, with the balance iron.

Permanent magnet iron-chromium-cobalt alloy stainless steel strip is also excluded from the scope of this review. This ductile stainless steel strip contains, by weight, 26 to 30 percent chromium, and 7 to 10 percent cobalt, with the remainder of iron, in widths 228.6 mm or less, and a thickness between 0.127 and 1.270 mm. It exhibits magnetic remanence between 9,000 and 12,000 gauss, and a coercivity of between 50 and 300 oersteds. This product is most commonly used in electronic sensors and is currently available under proprietary trade names such as "Arnokrome III."³

Certain electrical resistance alloy steel is also excluded from the scope of this review. This product is defined as a non-magnetic stainless steel manufactured to American Society of Testing and Materials ("ASTM") specification B344 and containing, by weight, 36 percent nickel, 18 percent chromium, and 46 percent iron, and is most notable for its resistance to high temperature corrosion. It has a melting point of 1390 degrees Celsius and displays a creep rupture limit of 4 kilograms per square millimeter at 1000 degrees Celsius. This steel is most commonly used in the production of heating ribbons for circuit breakers and industrial furnaces, and in rheostats for railway locomotives. The product is currently available under proprietary trade names such as "Gilphy 36."⁴

Certain martensitic precipitation-hardenable stainless steel is also excluded from the scope of this review. This high-strength, ductile stainless steel product is designated under the Unified Numbering System ("UNS") as S45500-grade steel, and contains, by weight, 11 to 13 percent chromium, and 7 to 10 percent nickel. Carbon, manganese, silicon and molybdenum

each comprise, by weight, 0.05 percent or less, with phosphorus and sulfur each comprising, by weight, 0.03 percent or less. This steel has copper, niobium, and titanium added to achieve aging, and will exhibit yield strengths as high as 1700 Mpa and ultimate tensile strengths as high as 1750 Mpa after aging, with elongation percentages of 3 percent or less in 50 mm. It is generally provided in thicknesses between 0.635 and 0.787 mm, and in widths of 25.4 mm. This product is most commonly used in the manufacture of television tubes and is currently available under proprietary trade names such as "Durphynox 17."⁵

Finally, three specialty stainless steels typically used in certain industrial blades and surgical and medical instruments are also excluded from the scope of this review. These include stainless steel strip in coils used in the production of textile cutting tools (e.g., carpet knives).⁶ This steel is similar to AISI grade 420 but containing, by weight, 0.5 to 0.7 percent of molybdenum. The steel also contains, by weight, carbon of between 1.0 and 1.1 percent, sulfur of 0.020 percent or less, and includes between 0.20 and 0.30 percent copper and between 0.20 and 0.50 percent cobalt. This steel is sold under proprietary names such as "GIN4 Mo." The second excluded stainless steel strip in coils is similar to AISI 420-J2 and contains, by weight, carbon of between 0.62 and 0.70 percent, silicon of between 0.20 and 0.50 percent, manganese of between 0.45 and 0.80 percent, phosphorus of no more than 0.025 percent and sulfur of no more than 0.020 percent. This steel has a carbide density on average of 100 carbide particles per 100 square microns. An example of this product is "GIN5" steel. The third specialty steel has a chemical composition similar to AISI 420 F, with carbon of between 0.37 and 0.43 percent, molybdenum of between 1.15 and 1.35 percent, but lower manganese of between 0.20 and 0.80 percent, phosphorus of no more than 0.025 percent, silicon of between 0.20 and 0.50 percent, and sulfur of no more than 0.020 percent. This product is supplied with a hardness of more than Hv 500 guaranteed after customer processing, and is supplied as, for example, "GIN6".⁷

⁵ "Durphynox 17" is a trademark of Imphy, S.A.

⁶ This list of uses is illustrative and provided for descriptive purposes only.

⁷ "GIN4 Mo," "GIN5" and "GIN6" are the proprietary grades of Hitachi Metals America, Ltd.

Rescission of Review

In the *Preliminary Results*, we stated that Ta Chen reported, and the Department confirmed through independent U.S. Customs Service data, that it had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. See memorandum from Laurel LaCivita to the file dated October 9, 2002. Since Ta Chen did not report any shipments during the POR, we had no basis for determining a margin. Consequently, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3) and consistent with the Department's practice, we preliminarily rescinded our review with respect to Ta Chen. Because we have received no information since the *Preliminary Results* that contradicts the decision made in the *Preliminary Results*, we are rescinding the review with respect to Ta Chen. Since Ta Chen did not participate in the original investigation, its cash deposit rate will remain at 12.12 percent, which is the all others rate established in the less than fair value ("LTFV") investigation.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memorandum") from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated December 6, 2002, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the *Decision Memorandum*, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. 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 Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Department building. In addition, a complete version of the *Decision Memorandum* can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/>. The paper copy and electronic version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

Total Adverse Facts Available

In our *Preliminary Results*, we explained that Tung Mung did not participate in this review and therefore, we applied an adverse facts available ("AFA") rate of 21.10 percent to all sales and entries of Tung Mung's subject merchandise during the POR. Since the *Preliminary Results*, we have received no information on the record that contradicts our finding in the *Preliminary Results*. As a result, we will

³ "Arnokrome III" is a trademark of the Arnold Engineering Company.

⁴ "Gilphy 36" is a trademark of Imphy, S.A.

make no changes to Tung Mung's margin of 21.10 percent for the final results.

Sales Below Cost

We disregarded sales below cost for both YUSCO and Chia Far during the course of the review.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations for Chia Far. The changes to the margin calculations are listed below:

1. We included all of the depreciation expense incurred in the common service department at Pu-Shin and allocated it to the rolling department in the calculation of the cost of production.
2. We used Chia Far's 2001 financial statements to calculate the net interest expense ratio and G&A expense ratio. We also included miscellaneous losses in the G&A expense ratio.
3. We used Chia Far's reported inventory carrying costs incurred in Taiwan.

Final Results of Review

We determine that the following percentage margin exists for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001:

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| Manufacturer/exporter/reseller | Margin (percent) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| YUSCO | 0.0 |
| Chia Far | 1.11 |
| Tung Mung | 21.10 |

The Department will determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we have calculated an exporter/importer (or customer)-specific assessment rate for merchandise subject to this review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to the Customs Service within 15 days of publication of these final results of review. We will direct the Customs Service to assess the resulting assessment rates against the entered customs values for the subject merchandise on each of the importer's/customer's entries during the review period. For duty-assessment purposes, we will calculate importer-specific assessment rates by dividing the dumping margins calculated for each importer by the total entered value of sales for each importer during the period of review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Taiwan entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rates for YUSCO, Chia Far and Tung Mung will be the rates shown above; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in these or any previous reviews conducted by the Department, the cash deposit rate will be the "all others" rate, which is 12.12 percent.

These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Notification of Interested Parties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of the antidumping duties or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties or countervailing duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APOs") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/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.

We are issuing and publishing this determination and notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 771(i) of the Act.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

APPENDIX 1 -- ISSUES IN THE DECISION MEMORANDUM

Issues with Respect to Tung Mung and Ta Chen

Comment 1: Total Adverse Facts Available ("AFA") for Tung Mung and Ta Chen

Comment 2: Whether Ta Chen Should Be Granted a Partial Recision of Review

Issues with Respect to YUSCO

Comment 3: Sales to Affiliated Parties in the United States

Comment 4: Affiliation With China Steel

Comment 5: Classification of Home Market Sales

Comment 6: The Use of AFA

Issues with Respect to Chia Far

Comment 7: Total AFA

Comment 8: Affiliated-Party Purchases

Comment 9: General and Administrative ("G&A") Expenses

Comment 10: Appropriate Period for G&A and Interest Expense Ratios

Comment 11: Inventory Carrying Costs Incurred in Taiwan for U.S. Sales

Comment 12: Constructed Export Price ("CEP") Transactions

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Economic Data Collection

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).