

name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: August 10, 2001.

Holly A. Kuga,

Senior Office Director, Group II, Office 4,
AD/CVD Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-570-860)

Notice of Amended Final Antidumping Duty Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magd Zalok or Constance Handley, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4162 or (202) 482-0631, respectively.

Amendment of Final Determination

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is amending the final determination in the antidumping investigation of steel concrete reinforcing bar from the People's Republic of China (rebar) to reflect the correction of a ministerial error. This amended final determination results in revised antidumping rates.

Background

On June 22, 2001, the Department issued its affirmative final determination in this proceeding. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From the People's Republic of China*, 66 FR 33522 (June 22, 2001) (*Final Determination*). On June 25, 2001, the Department received timely allegations from Laiwu Steel Group, Ltd. (Laiwu) of ministerial errors in connection with the final determination.

In its allegations, Laiwu stated that the Department made ministerial errors with regard to the inflator used in the valuation of the factors of production for anthracite coal, iron ore concentrate, slag water, and iron skin. See letter from Laiwu to the Department of Commerce alleging ministerial errors in the final determination (June 25, 2001).

On June 27, 2001, the petitioner¹ objected to Laiwu's allegation, stating that the Department's decision to use the Indian inflator is methodological in nature, not a ministerial error. Therefore, the petitioner stated that Laiwu's allegation is misplaced, and submits that the Department's use of Indian inflation rates was a reasonable approach.

Amended Determination

The Department has reviewed its final calculations and determined that unintentional ministerial errors have been made within the meaning of Section 735(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.224(f). We agree with Laiwu that the Department erred in using incorrect inflators to adjust for inflation the values for anthracite coal, iron ore concentrate, slag water, and iron skin. For a detailed analysis of these allegations, relevant comments, and the Department's determinations, see the June xx, 2001, Memorandum to Bernard T. Carreau from Magd Zalok and Constance Handley, regarding Ministerial Error Allegations on file in room B-099 of the Main Commerce building. As a result of our analysis of Laiwu's allegations, we are amending our final determination to revise the antidumping rate for Laiwu, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e). Suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly and parties shall be notified of this determination, in accordance with sections 735(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

The following weighted-average dumping margins apply:

Exporter/manufacture	Weighted-average margin percentage
Laiwu Steel Group	132.53
PRC-Wide Rate	132.53

¹ The petitioner in this investigation is the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (RTAC), and its individual members, AmeriSteel, Auburn Steel Co., Inc., Birmingham Steel Corp., Border Steel, Inc., Marion Steel Company, Riverview Steel, and Nucor Steel and CMC Steel Group.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 13, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for nomination of members to serve on the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology.

SUMMARY: NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT). The terms of some of the members of the VCAT will soon expire. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before September 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Janet Russell, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1004, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-948-1224.

Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/vcat.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet R. Russell, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1004, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone 301-975-2107, fax 301-948-1224, or via email at janet.russell@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VCAT Information

The VCAT was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 278 and the

Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee shall review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs, within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

4. The Committee shall provide a written annual report, through the Director of NIST, to the Secretary of Commerce for submission to the Congress on or before January 31 each year. Such report shall deal essentially, though not necessarily exclusively, with policy issues or matters which affect the Institute, or with which the Committee in its official role as the private sector policy adviser of the Institute is concerned. Each such report shall identify areas of research and research techniques of the Institute of potential importance to the long-term competitiveness of United States industry, which could be used to assist United States enterprises and United States industrial joint research and development ventures. The Committee shall submit to the Secretary and the Congress such additional reports on specific policy matters as it deems appropriate.

Membership

1. The Committee is composed of fifteen members that provide representation of a cross-section of traditional and emerging United States industries. Members shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in one or more field such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Committee.

2. The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the VCAT are not paid for their service, but will, upon request,

be allowed travel expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq., while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. Meetings of the VCAT take place in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, usually at the NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and once each year at the NIST headquarters in Boulder, Colorado. Meetings are one or two days in duration and are held quarterly.

3. Committee meetings are open to the public except for approximately one hour, usually at the beginning of the meeting, a closed session is held in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. All other portions of the meetings are open to the public.

Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from all fields described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in fields such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment and international relations. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledge the responsibilities of serving on the VCAT, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the VCAT. Besides participation at meetings, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of two days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, and so forth in furtherance of their Committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse VCAT membership.

Dated: August 13, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 5-9, 2001. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, and continue through Thursday, September 6. The Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Thursday, September 6, and continue through Saturday, September 8, 2001. The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 7, continuing through Sunday, September 9, 2001. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions which may be held during the week at which the Council may discuss personnel issues and/or current litigation.

Council: The sole purpose of these meetings is to review the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and associated Draft Biological Opinion (BiOp) for Steller sea lion protection measures in the Federal groundfish fisheries off Alaska, and send them out for public review. The agenda for the SSC, AP, and Council will consist of staff reports on Steller sea