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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel From Italy: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 17, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Denenberg at (202) 482-1386, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### Time Limits

##### Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days. The time limit for the final determination may be extended to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

##### Background

On October 1, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel from Italy, covering the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999 (64 FR 53318). The preliminary results are currently due no later than May 2, 2000.

#### Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than August 30, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated March 9, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Market Development Cooperator Program

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration (ITA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The ITA of the U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) requests that eligible organizations submit proposals (applications) for the fiscal year (FY) 2000 Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP) competition. The ITA promotes U.S. exports and works to improve the global competitiveness of the United States, creating jobs for Americans. The Department administers the MDCP to build public/private export marketing partnerships. The MDCP is a competitive matching grants program that provides Federal assistance to export multipliers such as state trade departments, trade associations, chambers of commerce, world trade centers and other non-profit industry organizations that are particularly effective in reaching small-and medium-size enterprises (SMEs).

MDCP awards help to underwrite the start-up costs of new export promotion ventures which these groups are often reluctant to undertake without Federal Government support. The MDCP aims to:

- Challenge the private sector to think strategically about foreign markets;
- Be the catalyst that spurs private-sector innovation and investment in export marketing; and
- Increase the number of American companies, particularly SMEs, taking decisive export actions.

Partnerships enable the Federal Government to pool expertise and funds with non-Federal sources so that each maximizes its market development resources. They can also sharpen the focus on long-term export market development better than traditional trade promotion activities. These partnerships are also a mechanism for improving government-industry relations.

While the Department sponsors, guides and partially funds MDCP projects, it expects applicants to develop, initiate and provide matching funding to carry out market development project activities. As an active partner, the Department will, as appropriate, provide assistance that the applicant identifies as essential to the achievement of project goals and objectives.

Examples of activities that might be included in an applicant's project proposal are described below under "I. Program Description". The Department encourages applicants to propose activities that (1) would be most appropriate to the market development needs of their industry or industries; and (2) display the imagination and innovation of the applicants working in partnership with the government to obtain the maximum market development impact.

**DATES: Public Meeting:** The Department will hold a public meeting to discuss MDCP proposal preparation, procedures, and selection process on Monday, April 3, 2000. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3407, at the Herbert Clark Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. No discussion of specific proposals will occur at this meeting. Attendance at this public meeting by potential applicants is not required.

**Applications:** Complete applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, May 16, 2000. Late applications will not be accepted. They will be returned to the sender.

As set forth under *III.B.2. Number of Copies*, ITA is requesting one original application, plus six (6) copies. Applicants for whom this is a financial hardship should submit an original and two copies. Send the application to the address listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.