

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Bar from India: Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. The period of review is February 1, 2003, through January 31, 2004. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 24, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Holland, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On March 7, 2005, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India covering the period February 1, 2003, through January 31, 2004. See *Notice of Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Bar from India*, 70 FR 10977 (March 7, 2005). On June 1, 2005, the Department published in the **Federal Register** an extension of the time limit for the final results in the antidumping duty review to no later than August 25, 2005, in accordance with the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). See *Stainless Steel Bar from India: Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 70 FR 31425 (June 1, 2005).

Extension of Time Limits for Final Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an antidumping duty order for which a review is requested and issue the final

results within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend these deadlines to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

On July 29, 2005, Carpenter Technology Corp., Crucible Specialty Metals Division of Crucible Materials Corp., Electralloy Corp., Slater Steels Corp., Empire Specialty Steel and the United Steelworkers of America (AFL-CIO/CLC) (collectively, the "petitioners"), timely filed a case brief for the Department's final results of the administrative review. In order to allow sufficient time for the Department to analyze the complex arguments contained in the petitioners' case brief, we find that it is not practicable to complete this review within the originally anticipated time limit (*i.e.*, by August 25, 2005). Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results to no later than September 6, 2005, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: August 18, 2005.

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On August 18, 2005, ThyssenKrupp Mexinox S.A. de C.V. and Mexinox USA, Inc. (collectively "Mexinox") filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the Five Year Review of the AD and CVD Order made by the International Trade Commission, respecting Stainless Steel Sheet and

Strip in Coils from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. The determination was published in the **Federal Register** (70 Fed. Reg. 41236) on July 18, 2005. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-MEX-2005-1904-06 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on August 18, 2005, requesting panel review of the determination and order described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is September 16, 2005);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is October 3, 2005); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the