

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****(A-351-828)****Administrative Review of the Suspension Agreement on Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Brazil: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Statutory Time Limits**

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department of Commerce ("the Department") to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order 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 and for the final determination 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 July 6, 1999, the Department entered into Antidumping Duty Suspension Agreement regarding certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products ("hot-rolled steel") from Brazil produced by Companhia Siderurgica Nacional ("CSN"), Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais ("USIMINAS"), and Companhia Siderurgica Paulista ("COSIPA"). This agreement was entered into under section 734(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, requiring, among other things, that the estimated margin of each entry under the suspension agreement does not exceed 15 percent of the

margin found in the investigation. In addition, the Agreement requires that sales of subject merchandise are not made below the reference price (calculated quarterly, to match the market). On July 28, 2000, petitioners requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the agreement. The Department initiated this review on September 6, 2000. See 65 FR 53980 (September 6, 2000). The preliminary results are due not later than April 2, 2001.

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 limits mandated by section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Act. The Department is therefore extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results by 120 days, until July 31, 2001. See Decision Memorandum from Richard Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated February 26, 2001, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building.

This extension of the time limit is in accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: February 27, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-588-810]****Mechanical Transfer Presses From Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review: Mechanical transfer presses from Japan.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on mechanical transfer presses (MTPs) from Japan in response to a request by respondent, Komatsu, Ltd (Komatsu). Petitioner is Verson Division of Allied Products Corp. This review covers shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period of February 1, 1999

through January 31, 2000. We have preliminarily determined that U.S. sales have not been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate entries without regard to antidumping duties. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2001.

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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 Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on MTPs from Japan on February 16, 1990 (55 FR 5642). On March 30, 2000, we published a notice initiating an administrative review of MTPs (65 FR 16875). The review covers one manufacturer, Komatsu, which requested the review.

Due to complicated issues in this case, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this antidumping duty administrative review on October 24, 2000. See *Mechanical Transfer Presses From Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 65 FR 64666 (October 30, 2000).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review include MTPs currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item numbers 8462.99.0035 and 8466.94.5040. The HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of this order is dispositive. The term "mechanical transfer presses"