

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