

relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 29, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Taiwan: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Extension of time limits for the preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limits for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of stainless steel sheet and strip ("SSSS") from Taiwan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Bertrand, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3207.

BACKGROUND:

On July 2, 2003, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on SSSS from Taiwan. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 68 FR 39511 (July 2, 2003). On July 24, 2003, Chia Far Industrial Factory Co. Ltd. ("Chia Far"), a Taiwanese producer of subject merchandise, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of its sales of subject merchandise during the period of review ("POR"). On July 30, 2003,

petitioners¹ requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Chia Far, Yieh United Steel Corporation ("YUSCO"), Tung Mung Development Co., Ltd. ("Tung Mung"), Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Co., Ltd. ("Ta Chen"), China Steel Corporation, Tang Eng Iron Works, PFP Taiwan Co., Ltd., Yieh Loong Enterprise Co., Ltd., Yieh Trading Corp., Goang Jau Shing Enterprise Co., Ltd., Yieh Mau Corp., Chien Shing Stainless Co., Chain Chon Industrial Co., Ltd., and their various affiliates. On August 22, 2003, the Department published a notice of initiation of a review of SSSS from Taiwan covering the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 50750 (August 22, 2003). The preliminary results of review are currently due on April 1, 2004.

EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS FOR PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, state that if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time specified, the administering authority may extend the 245-day period to issue its preliminary results by 120 days. Completion of the preliminary results of this review within the 245-day period is impracticable for the following reasons:

- The review involves a large number of transactions and complex adjustments;
- The responses from Chia Far and YUSCO include sales and cost information which require the Department to gather and analyze a significant amount of information pertaining to each company's sales practices, manufacturing costs and corporate relationships; and
- The review involves examining complex relationships between the producers and a large number of customers and suppliers.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of review by 60 days from April 1, 2004 until May 31, 2004. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results. This notice is issued and

published in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-829]

Stainless Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karine Gziryan or Crystal Scherr Crittenden, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4081 or (202) 482-0989, respectively.

TIME LIMITS:

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 or 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 245-day time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days and the time limit 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 October 24, 2002, the Department published a notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless

¹ Petitioners are Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, AK Steel Corporation, Butler Armco Independent Union, J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., United States Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, and Zanesville Armco Independent Organization.

steel wire rod from South Korea, covering the period September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2002. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 65336 (October 24, 2002). The preliminary results were published on October 7, 2003. *See Stainless Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 57879 (October 7, 2003). The final results are currently due no later than February 4, 2004.

Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results by 60 days until no later than April 5, 2004. *See* Decision Memorandum from Thomas F. Futtner to Holly A. Kuga, dated concurrently with this notice, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department's main building.

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

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-428-829, C-421-809, and C-412-821]

Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews: Low Enriched Uranium from Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of countervailing duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting administrative reviews of the countervailing duty (CVD) orders on low enriched uranium from Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom for the period May 14, 2001, through December 31, 2002. For information on the net subsidy for the reviewed companies, please see the Preliminary Results of Reviews section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on these

preliminary results. (See the "Public Comment" section of this notice).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Copyak (Germany) at 202-482-2209, Tipten Troidl (the Netherlands) at 202-482-1767, or Darla Brown (United Kingdom) at 202-482-2849, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 13, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the CVD orders on low enriched uranium from Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *See Notice of Amended Final Determinations and Notice of Countervailing Duty Orders: Low Enriched Uranium from Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom*, 67 FR 6688 (February 13, 2002) (Amended Final). On February 3, 2003, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of these CVD orders. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 68 FR 5272 (February 3, 2003). On February 5, 2003, we received a timely request for review from the Government of the United Kingdom (UKG). On February 27, 2003, we received a timely request for review from Urenco Ltd. (Urenco), the producer and exporter of subject merchandise. We note that this request covered all subject merchandise produced by Urenco in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. On February 28, 2003, we received a timely request for review from petitioners.¹ On March 18, 2003, the Department initiated administrative reviews of the CVD orders on low enriched uranium from Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 14394 (March 25, 2003).

On April 4, 2003, petitioners submitted new subsidy allegations, covering the following alleged programs: the UKG's sale of an uranium enrichment plant to Urenco Capenhurst Limited (UCL) for less than adequate remuneration, the UKG's decommissioning of UCL's centrifuge

plants for less than adequate remuneration, and the UKG's provision of insurance for less than adequate remuneration. On September 16, 2003, the Department declined to initiate investigations of petitioners' allegations. For additional information, *see* the September 16, 2003, New Subsidy Allegations memorandum to Melissa G. Skinner, Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, from Darla Brown, Case Analyst, on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building (CRU).

On April 21, 2003, the Department issued a questionnaire to the UKG and UCL, Urenco's producer of subject merchandise in the United Kingdom. On April 29, 2003, the Department issued a questionnaire to the Government of the Netherlands (GON) and Urenco Nederland BV (UNL), Urenco's producer of subject merchandise in the Netherlands. On April 30, 2003, the Department issued a questionnaire to the Government of Germany (GOG) and Urenco Deutschland GmbH (UD), Urenco's producer of subject merchandise in Germany.

We received questionnaire responses from the UKG and UCL on May 28, 2003, from the GON and Urenco Nederland on June 5, 2003, from UD on June 6, 2003, and from the GOG on June 10, 2003. The Department issued a supplemental questionnaire to UCL on October 14, 2003; UCL submitted its response on October 28, 2003.

On October 23, 2003, we issued an extension of the due date for these preliminary results from October 31, 2003, to January 29, 2004. *See Low Enriched Uranium from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom: Extension of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 68 FR 60643 (October 23, 2003) (*Extension Notice*). We conducted verification of UCL in Marlow, United Kingdom on December 3 through December 4, 2003.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), these reviews cover only those producers or exporters for which a review was specifically requested. The companies subject to these reviews are Urenco, UD, UNL, and UCL. These reviews cover five programs.

Scope of Reviews

For purposes of these reviews, the product covered is all low enriched uranium (LEU). LEU is enriched uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) with a U²³⁵ product assay of less than 20 percent that has not been converted into another chemical form, such as UO₂, or fabricated into nuclear fuel assemblies,

¹ Petitioners are the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) and USEC Inc.