

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-307-820]****Silicomanganese From Venezuela: Notice of Postponement of Final Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation**

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

ACTION: Postponement of final determination of antidumping duty investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 2001.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is postponing the final determination in the antidumping duty investigation of silicomanganese from Venezuela.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Scott at (202) 482-2657 or Robert James at (202) 482-0649, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

On November 9, 2001, the Department published the affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation of silicomanganese from Venezuela. *See Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value; Silicomanganese From Venezuela*, 66 FR 56,635. Pursuant to section 735(a)(2) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii) of the Department's regulations, on December 5, 2001, respondent Hornos Electricos de Venezuela, S.A. (Hevensa) requested the Department extend the deadline for the final determination for the full sixty days, as permitted by the statute and regulations. Hevensa also agreed to the extension of provisional measures (*i.e.*, suspension of liquidation) from a four-month period to a period not to exceed

six months, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2).

Section 735(a)(2) of the Tariff Act provides that a final determination may be postponed not later than 135 days after the date of publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by petitioner. The Department's regulations, at 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2) require requests by respondents for postponement of a final determination be accompanied by a request for the extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to not more than six months.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because (i) our preliminary determination is affirmative, (ii) the respondent requesting postponement accounts for a significant proportion of the exports of the subject merchandise, and (iii) no compelling reasons for denial exist, we are granting Hevensa's request and are postponing the final determination to no later than 135 days after publication of the preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**. Suspension of liquidation will be extended accordingly. This notice of postponement is published pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(g).

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-475-831]****Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Structural Steel Beams From Italy**

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary determination of sales at not less than fair value.

SUMMARY: We preliminarily determine that structural steel beams from Italy are not being, nor are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value,

as provided in section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. Since we are postponing the final determination, we will make our final determination not later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alysia Wilson or Michael Strollo, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0108 or (202) 482-0629, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**The Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce ("Department's") regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 2001).

Background

Since the initiation of this investigation (*Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Structural Steel Beams From the People's Republic of China, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Russia, South Africa, Spain, and Taiwan*, 66 FR 33048 (June 20, 2001)) (*Initiation Notice*), the following events have occurred.

On July 9, 2001, the United States International Trade Commission ("ITC") preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable indication that imports of structural steel beams from Italy are materially injuring the United States industry (*see* ITC Investigation Nos. 731-TA-935-942 (Publication No. 3438)).

On July 18, 2001, we selected Duferdofin SpA ("Duferdofin"), the largest producer/exporter of structural steel beams from Italy, as the mandatory respondent in this proceeding. For further discussion, see the memorandum to Louis Apple, Director, Office 2, from the Team Regarding: Respondent Selection, dated July 18, 2001. We subsequently issued the antidumping questionnaire to Duferdofin on July 18, 2001.

During the period August through November 2001, the Department received responses to the Department's