

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limits for the final results of the 1999–2000 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Mexico. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period January 4, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 15, 2001.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 8, 2001, we published the preliminary results of this administrative review. *See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Mexico; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 41523. Currently, the final determination in this administrative review is due on December 6, 2001. Petitioners' and respondent's case and rebuttal briefs raise complicated issues such as major inputs purchased from affiliated and unaffiliated suppliers and the use of downstream sales. Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the normal statutory time limit, the Department is extending the time limits for completion of the final results until February 4, 2002 in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A) (2001)).

Dated: November 8, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–428–825]

#### **Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Germany: Notice of Court Decision and Suspension of Liquidation**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Court Decision and Suspension of Liquidation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 15, 2001.

**SUMMARY:** On October 19, 2001, the Court of International Trade (the Court) affirmed the redetermination made by the Department of Commerce (the Department) pursuant to the Court's remand of the final determination of sales at less than fair value of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils (stainless sheet) from Germany. *See Krupp Thyssen Nirosta GmbH and Krupp Hoesch Steel Products, Inc. v. United States*, Court No. 99–08–0050, Slip Op. 01–123 (CIT October 19, 2001). In the redetermination the Department (i) used neutral facts available for the purpose of calculating U.S. Reseller's margin rate and any other calculation predicated on U.S. Reseller's cost and sales data<sup>1</sup>; and, (ii) calculated facts available for the reseller in a way that enabled the facts available rate and the sales prices to which it is applied to be adjusted to be net of movement and selling expenses. The results of the remand redetermination are shown below. Consistent with the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Timken Co. v. United States*, 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (*Timken*), the Department will continue to order the suspension of liquidation of the subject merchandise until there is a "conclusive" decision in this case.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On July 27, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a

<sup>1</sup> "U.S. Reseller" refers to an affiliate of respondent Krupp Thyssen Nirosta, GmbH (KTN). The firm's name is considered proprietary.

notice of amended final determination of sales at less than fair value and antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Germany. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Germany*, 64 FR 40557 (July 27, 1999) (*Amended Final Determination*).

Following publication of the amended final determination, KTN and Krupp Hoesch Steel Products, Inc. (KHSP) filed a lawsuit with the Court challenging certain aspects of the Department's findings in the antidumping investigation of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Germany.

On July 31, 2000, the Court remanded eight issues from the *Amended Final Determination*, ordering the Department i) to explain why its choice of adverse facts available for the German resellers was "rationally related to KTN's sales and indicative of its customary selling practices," and why these facts available were not unduly harsh or punitive; ii) to explain which data fields in the U.S. Reseller's U.S. cost database were verified or verifiable; iii) to explain whether, and to what extent, errors in the U.S. Reseller's cost response tainted its attendant sales database; iv) to adduce substantial evidence that KTN had the ability to check the U.S. Reseller's database for errors prior to verification; v) to point to additional evidence, aside from computer programming errors, for assigning adverse facts available to the U.S. Reseller; vi) to explain why the Department's allocation methodology for the U.S. Reseller's sales of unknown origin was not unduly harsh or punitive; vii) to explain its refusal to deduct movement and selling expenses from the U.S. Reseller's gross unit price prior to applying adverse facts available; and viii) to exclude the U.S. Reseller's sales of non-subject merchandise (*i.e.*, cut-to-length sheet and strip) from the margin calculation. *See Krupp Thyssen Nirosta GmbH and Krupp Hoesch Steel Products, Inc. v. United States*, Court No. 99–08–0050, Slip Op. 00–89 (CIT 2000) (*Krupp I*).

Furthermore, with respect to points (ii) and (iii), the Court ordered the Department to use the U.S. Reseller's data if it found the information was verified or verifiable, "subject to filling any gaps, as noted in the [C]ourt's opinion, with facts available." *Krupp I* at 19. The Court further held, with respect to points (iv) and (v), that if the Department could not produce evidence of KTN's ability to check its data prior to verification, and evidence of errors

aside from computer programming errors, the Department could not use an adverse inference in selecting among the facts otherwise available. *Id.*

On October 30, 2000 the Department issued its *Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Court Remand Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Germany (Remand Determination I)* addressing the concerns of the Court stated above.

On July 9, 2001 the Court issued a second order remanding the Department's *Remand Determination I*. In *Krupp Thyssen Nirosta GmbH and Krupp Hoesch Steel Products, Inc. v. United States*, Court No. 99-08-0050, Slip Op. 01-84 (CIT 2001) (*Krupp II*), the Court sustained (i) the use of adverse facts for German Resellers' downstream sales; (ii) the Department's rejection of U.S. Reseller's entire database; and (iii) the adverse facts the Department selected with respect to the allocation of sales of unidentified origin. The Court directed the Department (i) to use neutral facts available for the purpose of calculating U.S. Reseller's margin rate and any other calculation predicated on U.S. Reseller's cost and sales data; and, (ii) to calculate facts available for the reseller in a way that enables the facts available rate and the sales prices to which it is applied to be adjusted to be net of movement and selling expenses.

On September 7, 2001 the Department issued its Draft Results of Redetermination to the plaintiffs and defendant-intervenors to comment. In the Draft Results of Redetermination, the Department, for purposes of the remand, used neutral facts available to calculate U.S. Reseller's margin rate and any other calculation predicated on U.S. Reseller's cost and sales data, and calculated facts available for the reseller in a way that enabled the facts available rate and the sales prices to which it is applied to be adjusted for movement and selling expenses. Neither party submitted comments on the Department's Draft Results of Redetermination. Pursuant to *Krupp II* the Department filed its redetermination on remand on September 14, 2001. The Department's Results of Redetermination were identical to the Draft Results of Redetermination.

On October 19, 2001, the Court affirmed the Department's remand determination. See *Krupp Thyssen Nirosta GmbH and Krupp Hoesch Steel Products, Inc. v. United States*, Court No. 99-08-0050, Slip Op. 01-123 (CIT October 19, 2001). As a result of the remand determination, the final dumping margins are as follows:

| Exporter/manufacture       | Weighted-Average Margin (percent) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Krupp Thyssen Nirosta GmbH | 13.48                             |
| All Others .....           | 13.48                             |

#### Suspension of Liquidation

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Timken* held that the Department must publish notice of a decision of the Court or the Federal Circuit which is not in harmony with the Department's determination. Publication of this notice fulfills this obligation. The Federal Circuit also held that the Department must suspend liquidation of the subject merchandise until there is a "final and conclusive" decision on the case. Therefore, pursuant to *Timken*, the Department must continue to suspend liquidation of the subject merchandise pending the expiration of the period to appeal the Court's October 19, 2001 decision, or if that decision is appealed, pending a final decision by the Federal Circuit. However, because entries of the subject merchandise continue to be suspended pursuant to the antidumping duty order in effect (the Department is conducting administrative reviews for the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 periods), the Department need not send additional instructions to the Customs Service to suspend liquidation. Further, consistent with *Timken*, the Department will order the Customs Service to change the relevant cash deposit rates in the event that the Court's ruling is not appealed or the Federal Circuit issues a final decision affirming the Court's ruling.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

**Faryar Shirzad,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-601]

#### **Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of 1999-2000 Administrative Review, Partial Rescission of Review, and Determination Not To Revoke Order in Part**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of 1999-2000 administrative review, partial rescission of the review, and determination not to revoke the order in part.

**SUMMARY:** We have determined that sales of tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from the People's Republic of China, were made below normal value during the period June 1, 1999, through May 31, 2000. Based on our review of comments received and a reexamination of surrogate value data, we have made certain changes in the margin calculations of all of the reviewed companies. Consequently, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margins for these firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of the Review." Based on these final results of review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and normal value on all appropriate entries.

Weihai Machinery Holding (Group) Co., China National Machinery Import & Export Corporation, Wanxiang Group Corporation, and Zhejiang Machinery Import & Export Corp. have requested revocation of the antidumping duty order in part. Based on record evidence, we find that none of these companies qualify for revocation. Accordingly, we are not revoking the order with respect to the subject merchandise produced and exported by these four companies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 15, 2001.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melani Miller, Jarrod Goldfeder, Anthony Grasso, or Andrew McAllister, Group 1, Office I, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0116, (202) 482-0189, (202) 482-3853, and (202) 482-1174, 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 ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department") regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2001).