

Scope

Bangladesh—The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is cotton shop towels from Bangladesh. Shop towels are absorbent industrial wiping cloths made from a loosely woven fabric. The fabric may be either 100-percent cotton or a blend of materials. Shop towels are currently classifiable under item numbers 6307.10.2005 and 6307.10.2015 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS). This review covers imports from all manufacturers and exporters of shop towels from Bangladesh.

China—The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China. Shop towels are absorbent industrial wiping cloths made from a loosely woven fabric. The fabric may be either 100-percent cotton or a blend of materials. Shop towels are currently classifiable under item numbers 6307.10.2005 and 6307.10.2015 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS).

Pakistan—The subject merchandise is cotton shop towels from Pakistan. This merchandise is classifiable under item number 6307.10.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS).

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of these proceedings remain dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of these antidumping duty orders and countervailing duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable subsidy and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on cotton shop towels from Bangladesh and from China, and of the countervailing duty order on cotton shop towels from Pakistan. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping and countervailing duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of these orders will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends

to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than January 2005.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Stainless Steel Flanges from India

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of new shipper review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received a request for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel flanges (SSF) from India issued on February 9, 1994 (59 FR 5994). In accordance with our regulations, we are initiating a new shipper review covering Bhansali Ferromet Pvt. Ltd. (BFPL).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Killiam or Michael Heaney, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3019 or (202) 482-4475, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 references to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

The Department received a timely request, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b) of the Department's regulations, for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on SSF from India, which has a February anniversary date. (See Antidumping Duty Order and Amendment to Final

Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 59 FR 5994 (February 9, 1994).

Initiation of Review

Pursuant to the Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.214(b), BFPL certified in its August 31, 1999 submission that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of the investigation (POI) (July 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992), and that it was not affiliated with any exporter or producer of the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. BFPL submitted documentation establishing the date on which it first shipped the subject merchandise for export to the United States, the volume shipped and the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act and section 351.214(d) of the Department's regulations, we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on SSF from India. This review covers the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999. We intend to issue the final results of the review no later than 270 days from the date of publication of this notice.

We will instruct the Customs Service to suspend liquidation of any unliquidated entries of the subject merchandise from BFPL, and allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by BFPL, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e).

Interested parties may submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(b).

This initiation and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and § 351.214 of the Department's regulations (19 CFR 351.214).

Dated: December 10, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD-CVD Enforcement, Group III.

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