

(3) 48.00 inch wide, plus 0.05, minus 0.0 inches; (4) 10 foot lengths, plus 0.5, minus 0.0 inches; (5) flatness, plus/minus 0.5 inch over 10 feet; (6) AISI 1006; (7) tension leveled; (8) pickled and oiled; and (9) carbon content, 0.3 to 0.8 (maximum). On February 28, 1996, the Department revoked the order with respect to certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate free of cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides; and with certain dimensions and other characteristics.<sup>5</sup> On February 12, 1999, the Department revoked the order with respect to certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate free of cobalt-60 and other radioactive nuclides; and with certain dimensions and other characteristics.<sup>6</sup> In addition, there has been one circumvention inquiry initiated with respect to imports of boron-added grader blade and draft key steel.<sup>7</sup> These HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

#### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this sunset review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memo") from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Robert S. La Russa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated March 29, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the attached Decision Memo include adequacy, the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping, and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099, of the main Commerce building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at [www.ita.doc.gov/import\\_admin/records/frn](http://www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn). The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

<sup>5</sup> See *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping Duty Order*, 61 FR 7471 (February 28, 1996).

<sup>6</sup> See *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping Duty Order*, 64 FR 7167 (February 12, 1999).

<sup>7</sup> See *Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada; Initiation of Anticircumvention Inquiry on Antidumping Duty Order*, 63 FR 29179 (May 28, 1998).

#### Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that revocation of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

| Manufacturer/exporters | Margin (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Stelco, Inc .....      | 68.70            |
| All Others .....       | 61.88            |

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held on May 17, 2000, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(d). Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than May 8, 2000, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than May 15, 2000. The Department will issue a notice of final results of this sunset review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, no later than July 27, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[A-423-805]

#### Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Belgium; Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of expedited sunset review: Cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium.

**SUMMARY:** On September 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium (64 FR 47767) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of

a notice of intent to participate and an adequate substantive response filed on behalf of domestic interested parties and inadequate response from respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct an expedited review. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the Final Results of Review section of this notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 7, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to 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 regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (1999). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98.3—*Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin*, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

##### Background

On September 1, 1999, the Department initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium (64 FR 47767), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. The Department received a notice of intent to participate on behalf of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and U.S. Steel Corporation, a unit of USX Corporation ("domestic interested parties"), within the applicable deadline (September 15, 1999) specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of the *Sunset Regulations*. Domestic interested parties claimed interested-party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as U.S. producers of a domestic like product.

On September 20, 1999, we received a request for an extension to file rebuttal comments from domestic interested

parties.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b)(1999), the Department extended the deadline for all participants eligible to file rebuttal comments until October 15, 1999.<sup>2</sup>

On October 1, 1999, we received a complete substantive response from domestic interested parties, within the 30-day deadline specified in the *Sunset Regulations* under section 351.218(d)(3)(i). Respondent interested parties Duferco La Louviere ("Duferco") and Fabrique de Fer de Charleroi ("FAFER"), each submitted incomplete responses on October 1, 1999.

Domestic interested parties assert that at least one of them has been involved in this proceeding since the petition was filed, and has participated in each subsequent segment of the case (*see* October 1, 1999, Substantive Response of domestic interested parties at 3). On October 15, 1999, the domestic interested parties submitted a letter to the Department requesting that the Department undertake an expedited review in this case. They assert that FAFER's October 1, 1999, letter to the Department is wholly inadequate as it fails to meet necessary procedural and substantive requirements of a response to a notice of initiation (*see* October 15, 1999, Letter from domestic interested parties at 2). Further, domestic interested parties urge the Department to deem FAFER's failure to file a complete response as a waiver of participation in this review. *Id.*

On October 21, 1999, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(A), the Department determined to conduct an expedited (120-day) sunset review of this order.<sup>3</sup>

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Act, the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). This review concerns a transition order within the meaning of section 751(c)(6)(ii) of the Act. Accordingly, on

December 22, 1999, the Department determined that the sunset review of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium is extraordinarily complicated, and extended the time limit for completion of the final results of this review until not later than March 29, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

#### Scope of Review

The scope of this order includes hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coils and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") under item numbers: 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, and 7212.50.0000. Included in this order are flat-rolled products of non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling")—for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this order is grade X-70 plate. These HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

#### Analysis of Comments Received

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Secretary for Import Administration, dated March 29, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the attached Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099, of the main Commerce building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at [www.ita.doc.gov/import\\_admin/records/frn](http://www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn). The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

#### Final Results of Review

We determine that revocation of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

| Manufacturer/exporters                  | Margin (percent) |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Forges de Clabecq, S.A. ....            | 6.78             |
| Fabrique de Fer de Charleroi, S.A. .... | 27.5             |
| All Others .....                        | 6.75             |

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 of the Department's regulations. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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<sup>1</sup> See September 20, 1999, Request for an Extension to File Rebuttal Comments in the Sunset Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Steel Products from Belgium, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain, South Korea, Taiwan and the United Kingdom: A-583-080, A-423-805, A-427-808, A-428-815, A-428-814, A-428-816, A-580-815, A-580-816, S-201-809, A-469-803, A-412-814, C-423-806, C-427-810, C-428-817 (CTL), C-428-817 (CR), C-580-818 (CORE), C-201-810, C-469-804, C-412-815, from Bradford L. Ward, Dewey Ballantine LLP, to Jeffrey A. May, Office of Policy.

<sup>2</sup> See September 30, 1999, Letter from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy to Michael H. Stein, Dewey Ballantine LLP.

<sup>3</sup> See October 21, 1999, Memorandum for Jeffrey A. May, Re: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Flat Plate from Belgium: Adequacy of Respondent Interested Party Response to the Notice of Initiation.

<sup>4</sup> See *Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Expedited Five-Year Reviews*, 64 FR 71726 (December 22, 1999).