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Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 14450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubbard or Kristy Beard, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The SEFSC is requesting a five-year permit to conduct cetacean research in U.S. and international waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. The research is designed to meet the SEFSC's mandates under the MMPA and ESA and primarily focuses on stock assessment. Specific objectives include: (1) define stock structure for each species; (2) provide estimates of each stock's abundance and distribution; (3) describe the habitat of each stock in terms of biological and oceanographic parameters; (4) study association, movement, and ranging patterns of individual animals using photo-identification; and (5) assess the level of anthropogenic chemical contaminants in selected species. Proposed activities include aerial and vessel-based line-transect sampling, acoustic sampling, behavioral observations, and vessel-based photo-identification and biopsy sampling. Tissue samples collected in other countries would be imported into the

U.S. Research platforms would include large ships, small vessels, and a variety of aircraft. The SEFSC is requesting takes of all cetacean species that may occur in the study area, including the following species listed as endangered (maximum number of animals that would be taken per year by Level B harassment / maximum number of animals that would be biopsy sampled per year: blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) (20/10), fin whales (*B. physalus*) (500/15), sei whales (*B. borealis*) (10/15), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) (1000/300), sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) (4000/300), and North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) (50/0). See table in application for numbers of takes requested for other species.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: October 9, 2009.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-423-808]

Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: On June 8, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils (SSPC) from Belgium. See *Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 27097 (June 8, 2009) (Preliminary Results). This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise: ArcelorMittal Stainless Belgium N.V. (AMS Belgium). The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2008.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes to the Preliminary Results. For the final dumping margins see the

“Final Results of Review” section below.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 19, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Zhang or George McMahon at (202) 482-1168 or (202) 482-1167, respectively; Office of AD/CVD Operations 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 8, 2009, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the seventh administrative review of the antidumping duty order on SSPC from Belgium. See Preliminary Results. Since the Preliminary Results, a case brief was timely filed by AMS Belgium on July 8, 2009 (AMS case brief). The petitioners¹ did not submit a case brief or rebuttal brief.

The issues raised in the case brief by AMS Belgium are addressed in the memorandum titled, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Seventh Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium (2007-2008)”, from John M. Andersen, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration (October 6, 2009) (Decision Memorandum), which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues addressed in the Decision Memorandum is appended to this notice. The Decision Memorandum is on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU), room 1117 of the Department of Commerce main building and can be accessed directly at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/index.html>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Antidumping Duty Order

The product covered by this order is certain stainless steel plate in coils. Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject plate products are

¹ The petitioners in this case include: Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, North American Stainless, United Auto Workers Local 3303, Zanesville Armco Independent Organization, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC (collectively, the petitioners).

flat-rolled products, 254 mm or over in width and 4.75 mm or more in thickness, in coils, and annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject plate may also be further processed (cold-rolled, polished, *etc.*) provided that it maintains the specified dimensions of plate following such processing. Excluded from the scope of this order are the following: (1) Plate not in coils; (2) Plate that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled; (3) Sheet and strip; and (4) Flat bars.

The merchandise subject to this order is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings: 7219.11.00.30, 7219.11.00.60, 7219.12.00.06, 7219.12.00.21, 7219.12.00.26, 7219.12.00.51, 7219.12.00.56, 7219.12.00.66, 7219.12.00.71, 7219.12.00.81, 7219.31.00.10, 7219.90.00.10, 7219.90.00.20, 7219.90.00.25, 7219.90.00.60, 7219.90.00.80, 7220.11.00.00, 7220.20.10.10, 7220.20.10.15, 7220.20.10.60, 7220.20.10.80, 7220.20.60.05, 7220.20.60.10, 7220.20.60.15, 7220.20.60.60, 7220.20.60.80, 7220.90.00.10, 7220.90.00.15, 7220.90.00.60, and 7220.90.00.80. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to these orders is dispositive.

Period of Review

The period of review is May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2008.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the calculations for the final dumping margin. The changes made since the Preliminary Results are listed under the "List of Issues," which is appended to this notice. The changes are discussed in detail in the memorandum to the File Through James Terpstra from Joy Zhang and titled, "Analysis Memorandum for ArcelorMittal Stainless Belgium N.V. for the Final Results of the Seventh Administrative Review of Stainless Steel Plate in Coils (SSPC) from Belgium," dated October 6, 2009 (Final Sales Analysis Memorandum).

Facts Available

As discussed in the Preliminary Results, we found that it was appropriate to resort to facts otherwise available with an adverse inference to

account for a certain selling expense² and U.S. other transportation expenses. The respondent, AMS Belgium, raised several issues in its case brief regarding the Department's application of facts otherwise available with an adverse inference with respect to the certain selling expense and the U.S. other transportation expenses. See the Decision Memorandum for a discussion of these issues.

We have considered the issues raised by AMS Belgium. With respect to the certain selling expense, the Department maintains its decision from the Preliminary Results that facts otherwise available with an adverse inference are warranted for these final results. *Id.* With respect to the U.S. other transportation expenses (data field name: USOTHR1U) reported by AMS Belgium, we have reconsidered the information provided and have changed our position, as outlined in the Preliminary Results, in which we applied facts otherwise available with an adverse inference for this expense. Specifically, during the sales verification, the company officials presented the Department with a calculation for this expense that was incorrect due to the weight basis applied therein. After reviewing AMS Belgium's case brief and our sales verification report and exhibits with respect to the calculation of USOTHR1U, we agree with AMS Belgium that we made a ministerial error in our two sample calculations of the per-unit USOTHR1U referenced in the Preliminary Results. Final Sales Analysis Memorandum. We find that AMS Belgium's recalculated USOTHR1U values provided at the constructed export price (CEP) verification for these two sample sales are correct. Accordingly, for the final results, we will use the actual USOTHR1U value that we collected at the CEP verification. See Sales Verification Exhibit 19; see also AMS case brief at Appendix 1.

Final Results of Review

As a result of our review, we determine that the following weighted-average margin exists for the period May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2008:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
ArcelorMittal Stainless Belgium N.V.	6.57

² Due to the proprietary nature of this particular expense, see the Department's discussion of this expense in the proprietary version of the Department's Final Sales Analysis Memorandum, dated October 6, 2009.

Duty Assessment

The Department shall determine and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), the Department calculates an assessment rate for each importer of the subject merchandise for each respondent. Upon issuance of the final results of this administrative review, if any importer-specific assessment rates calculated in the final results are above 4. minimis (*i.e.*, at or above 0.5 percent), the Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to CBP to assess antidumping duties on appropriate entries.

To determine whether the duty assessment rates covering the period were minimis, in accordance with the requirement set forth in 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), for each respondent we calculated importer (or customer)-specific ad valorem rates by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales to that importer or customer and dividing this amount by the total value of the sales to that importer (or customer). Where an importer (or customer)-specific ad valorem rate is greater than de minimis, and the respondent has reported reliable entered values, we apply the assessment rate to the entered value of the importer's/customer's entries during the review period. Where an importer (or customer)-specific ad valorem rate is greater than minimis and we do not have reliable entered values, we calculate a per-unit assessment rate by aggregating the dumping duties due for all U.S. sales to each importer (or customer) and dividing this amount by the total quantity sold to that importer (or customer).

The Department clarified its "automatic assessment" regulation on May 6, 2003. See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003). This clarification will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by the respondent for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction. For a full discussion of this clarification, see Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceeding Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

We have been enjoined from liquidating entries of the subject merchandise produced and exported by

Ugine & ALZ Belgium N.V. (U&A Belgium). Therefore, we do not intend to issue liquidation instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for entries made during the period May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2008, until such time the preliminary injunction issued on January 16, 2009, is lifted.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following antidumping duty deposit rates will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of SSPC from Belgium entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of these final results, as provided for by section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act): (1) For AMS Belgium, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (2) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, but was covered in a previous review or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate established for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the subject merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered by this review, a prior review, or the LTFV investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 9.86 percent ad valorem, the "all-others" rate established in the LTFV investigation. See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, 64 FR 15476 (March 31, 1999). These deposit rates, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the 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 doubled antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding APOs

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their

responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(5). Timely written notification of the return/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 sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 6, 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

List of Issues

Comment 1: Whether the Department Incorrectly Converted Inventory Carrying Costs (DINVCARU).

Comment 2: Whether to Exclude Certain Sales Transactions from the U.S. Sales Listing.

Comment 3: Whether to Use Facts Otherwise Available for U.S. Other Transportation Costs (USOTHR1U).

Comment 4: Whether to Use Facts Otherwise Available for Failing to Report a Certain Selling Expense.

Comment 5: Whether to Use AMS Belgium's Reported U.S. Warranty Expense.

Comment 6: Whether to Offset Negative Margins.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and Malaysia: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: On July 1, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from the People's Republic of China (PRC), Thailand, and Malaysia pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). See Initiation of Five-year ("Sunset") Review, 74 FR 31412 (July 1, 2009). The Department has conducted expedited (120-day) sunset reviews for these orders. As a result of these sunset reviews, the Department finds that

revocation of the antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping as indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 19, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dustin Ross or Minoo Hatten, AD/CVD Operations, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; *telephone:* (202) 482-0747 or (202) 482-1690, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2009, the Department published the notice of initiation of the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders¹ on PRCBs from the PRC, Malaysia, and Thailand pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. See Initiation of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews, 74 FR 31412 (July 1, 2009) (Notice of Initiation).

The Department received notices of intent to participate in these sunset reviews from the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members, Hilex Poly Co., LLC, Superbag Corporation, Unistar Plastics LLC, Command Packaging, Roplast Industries Inc., and Genpack LLC (collectively, the Committee) within the 15-day period specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). The domestic interested parties claimed interested-party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as producers of a domestic like product in the United States.

The Department received complete substantive responses to the Notice of Initiation from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day period specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). The Department received no substantive responses from any respondent interested parties. On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive responses filed on behalf of the domestic interested parties and no responses filed on behalf of respondent interested parties and in accordance with 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department is conducting expedited (120-day) sunset reviews of the

¹ On August 9, 2004, the Department published the following antidumping duty orders: Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From the People's Republic of China, 69 FR 48201 (August 9, 2004); Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Malaysia, 69 FR 48203 (August 9, 2004); Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Thailand, 69 FR 48204 (August 9, 2004).