

Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1784, E-mail bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The headquarters and warehouse facility is proposed to be located one mile south of Dunn on U.S. Highway 421. The facility will be located on a 35 acre tract of land owned by South River Electric Membership Corporation. The headquarters and warehouse facility will consist of a 35,000 square foot headquarters building, a 10,000 square foot warehouse building, and a 3,500 square foot administration building.

RUS considered the alternatives of no action, expanding South River Electric Membership Corporation's existing headquarters building, engineering and operations building, and warehouse located on 2.3 acres in Dunn, North Carolina. Under the no action alternative, RUS would not approve financing assistance for construction of the headquarters and warehouse facility. Since RUS believes that South River Electric Membership Corporation has a need to expand its existing headquarters building, engineering and operations building, and warehouse to alleviate overcrowded conditions, it does not consider the no action alternative to be acceptable. The expansion of the existing headquarters building, engineering and operations building, and warehouse is not practicable as there is not enough space available for the needed expansion.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Marty G. Hinson, Manager of Engineering, South River Electric Membership Corporation, P.O. Box 391, Dunn, North Carolina, 28335-0931 telephone (910) 892-8071.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.

[FR Doc. 98-19523 Filed 7-21-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-502]

Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From India; Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of amended final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On June 16, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the final results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from India (63 FR 32825). The period of review is May 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997. Subsequent to the publication of the final results, we received comments from the respondent alleging various ministerial errors. After analyzing the comments submitted, we are amending our final results to correct certain ministerial errors. Based on the correction of these ministerial errors, we have changed the margin for Rajinder Pipes Ltd. and Rajinder Steel, Ltd (collectively called "RSL").

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Thompson or Robin Gray, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0410/4023.

APPLICABLE STATUTE: 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 19 CFR Part 353 (April 1997).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 16, 1998, the Department published the final results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from India covering the period May 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997 (63 FR 32825). After publication of our final results, we received timely allegations from RSL that we had made ministerial errors in calculating the final results.

A summary of each allegation along with the Department's response is included below. We corrected our calculations, where we agree that we made ministerial errors, in accordance with section 751(h) of the Tariff Act.

Clerical Error Allegations

Allegation 1: RSL alleges that we inadvertently miscalculated the credit expense for sales made directly from the factory. Specifically, RSL states that when calculating credit expenses for

these sales, we should have included the excise duty in the gross unit price.

Department's Position: We agree and have changed the margin program accordingly. Excise taxes were included in gross unit price for all other sales. The omission of such taxes on these transactions was inadvertent.

Allegation 2: RSL alleges that the excise duties should have been deducted from the home-market prices for purpose of comparison to the U.S. prices.

Department's Position: We agree and have changed the margin program accordingly. This was an inadvertent programming error.

Allegation 3: RSL asserts that we used the incorrect level-of-trade adjustment figure. RSL states that the correct figure is the one which equates level one with level two.

Department's Position: We agree that this was an inadvertent programming error and have changed the margin program accordingly.

Allegation 4: RSL states that we inadvertently rejected its inventory carrying costs by not using them in the commission offset calculation.

Department's Position: We agree that this was an inadvertent programming error and have changed the margin program accordingly.

Amended Final Results of Review

As a result of the amended margin calculations, the following weighted-average percentage margin exists for the period May 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997:

Manufacturer/Exporter	
Percentage Margin	
RSL	29.81

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. We have calculated, wherever possible, an exporter/importer-specific assessment rate for RSL's sales to the United States. We will also direct the Customs Service to collect cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties on all appropriate entries in accordance with the procedures discussed in the final results of review (63 FR 32825, 32833) and as amended by this determination. The amended deposit requirements are effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice and shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 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.

This notice also serves as a 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 353.34(d) 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.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with sections 751(h) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 353.28(c).

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

[FR Doc. 98-19525 Filed 7-21-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-DS-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 980716181-8181-01]

Cooperative Agreement Program for American Business Centers in Russia and the New Independent States

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration (ITA) is soliciting competitive applications to establish and operate an American Business Center (ABC) in the city of Khabarovsk, Russia for a two (2) year multi-year award period. The ABC will encourage the export of U.S. goods and services and stimulate trade and investment in the Khabarovsk, Russia region. The award resulting from this announcement is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

The ABC will provide, on a user fee basis, a broad range of business development and facilitation services to United States companies in the Khabarovsk, Russia region. Services provided by the ABC will be designed to encourage more U.S. firms to explore

opportunities for trade and investment in the Khabarovsk, Russia region and to help them conduct business there more effectively. The core services to be provided by the ABC include: international telephone, fax, and data transmission; temporary office space; space for meetings, small seminars, and small product exhibitions or demonstrations; secretarial support (e.g. word processing, typing, message taking); translator/interpreters; photocopying; market research; counseling on local business conditions; and arranging appointments with Russian business contacts. The Center also will work closely with Russian businesses to help them become more attractive trading partners; identify and report obstacles to trade and investment; and serve as a link between financial institutions, U.S. companies, and Russian enterprises.

In addition to these core services, the ABC will support U.S. Government activities under the Regional Investment Initiative (RII). This will include providing, at cost, support for the activities of the RII coordinator. Such support may include office space, computers, telecommunications equipment and secretarial and translation services.

DATES: ITA will accept only those applications which are received at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1235, HCHB, no later than 3:00 pm E.S.T. August 21, 1998. Late applications will not be accepted and will not be considered. On July 27, 1998 competitive application kits will be available from the Department of Commerce.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the application kit, please send a written request with a self-addressed mail label to: Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Room 1235, HCHB, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Requests for application kits also may be faxed to 202-482-2456. Only one application kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but the kit may be reproduced by the requester. All forms necessary to submit an application will be included in the application kit. The kit will include Standard Forms 424, Application for Federal Assistance; 424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs, and 424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs, Rev 4-88). Completed applications should be returned to the same address. Applicants must submit a signed original and two copies of the application and supporting materials. It

is anticipated that it will take ten weeks after the deadline for receipt of applications to process applications and make awards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Applicants wishing further information should contact Douglas Barry, Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, room 1235, HCHB, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2902, or Fax: (202) 482-2456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Authority

The American Business Center program is authorized by Title III of the "Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992" or the "FREEDOM Support Act", Pub. L. 102-511. Funding for the program is provided by the Agency for International Development under Section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Eligible Applicants

United States for-profit firms, non-profit organizations, non-Federal government agencies, industry and trade associations, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. An enterprise which includes or intends to include participation of host country citizens or entities will be considered an eligible applicant so long as the applicant is and will remain, throughout the award period, controlled and managed by citizens and/or entities of the United States.

Funding Guidelines

Since it is anticipated that ITA will be involved in the implementation of the project for which an award is made, the funding instrument for the program will be a cooperative agreement. Examples of ITA involvement include but are not limited to the following: supplemental marketing to promote the ABC, guidance on eligibility of ABC clients, and coordination with other U.S. government assistance programs.

ITA anticipates \$320,000 will be available for the first year of funding for one (1) multi-year cooperative agreement award during FY 1999. Applicants will be requested to submit a work-plan and budget which cover a one (1) year period for a total amount of not more than \$320,000 in Federal funds. Applicants must supply at least twenty-percent (20%) of total project costs, with the Federal portion of total project costs to be no more than eighty-percent (80%). A minimum of one half (1/2) of the support supplied by the applicant must be in the form of cash.