

in order to convert foreign currencies into U.S. dollars, unless the daily rate involves a "fluctuation." In accordance with our practice, we have determined as a general matter that a fluctuation exists when the daily exchange rate differs from a benchmark by 2.25 percent. The benchmark is defined as the rolling average of rates for the past 40 business days. When we determine a fluctuation exists, we substitute the benchmark for the daily rate. *See Policy Bulletin 96-1 Currency Conversions*, 61 FR 9434 (March 8, 1996).

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following margin exists for the period June 1, 1997–May 31, 1998:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Illovo Sugar Ltd	0.00

Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date after the submission of the case briefs. Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the submission of rebuttal briefs, or the first workday thereafter. The Department will issue a notice of the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any briefs, within 120 days from the publication of these preliminary results.

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess no antidumping duties on the merchandise subject to review. Upon completion of this review, the Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of furfuryl alcohol from the Republic of South Africa entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(c) of the Act: (1) no cash deposit will be required for merchandise produced and exported

by ISL if we revoke the order with respect to merchandise produced and exported by ISL; (2) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, the previous review, or the original 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 merchandise; and (3) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review conducted by the Department, the cash deposit rate will be 11.55 percent, the "All Others" rate established in the LTFV investigation.

These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a preliminary 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 double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 771(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-101]

Greige Polyester Cotton Printcloth From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of five-year ("sunset") review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the sunset review on the antidumping duty order on greige polyester cotton printcloth from the People's Republic of China. Based on adequate response from domestic interested parties and

inadequate response (in this case no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting an expedited sunset review to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. As a result of this extension, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than June 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

Extension of Final Results

The Department has determined that the sunset review of the antidumping duty order on greige polyester cotton printcloth from the People's Republic of China are extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("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). *See* section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of this review until not later than June 1, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Iron Construction Castings From Canada, Brazil and the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of five-year ("sunset") review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the

sunset reviews on the antidumping duty orders on iron construction castings from Canada, Brazil and the People's Republic of China. Based on adequate responses from domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in these cases, no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting expedited sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. As a result of this extension, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than June 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3207, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

Extension of Final Results

The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on iron construction castings from Canada, Brazil, and the People's Republic of China are extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("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). See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of these review until not later than June 1, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Robert S. LaRossa,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-840]

Manganese Metal From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results and partial rescission of antidumping

duty administrative review of manganese metal from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: We have preliminarily determined that sales by China Metallurgical Import & Export Hunan Corporation/Hunan Nonferrous Metals Import & Export Associated Corporation have been made below normal value during the period of review of February 1, 1997, through January 31, 1998. Because we were unable to verify that China Hunan International Economic Development Corporation reported all of its U.S. sales during the period of review, we have preliminarily determined to apply adverse facts available in calculating the dumping margins for this exporter of the subject merchandise. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and normal value on all appropriate entries.

We have also determined that the review of China National Electronics Import and Export Hunan Company and Minmetals Precious & Rare Minerals Import & Export Corporation should be rescinded.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Campbell or Craig Matney, 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) 482-2239 or (202) 482-1778, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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, all references to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

Background

On February 6, 1996, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on manganese metal from the People's Republic of China (PRC). See *Notice of Amended Final Determination and Antidumping Duty Order: Manganese Metal from the*

People's Republic of China, 61 FR 4415 (February 6, 1996) (*LTFV Investigation*). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2), on February 9, 1998, Elkem Metals Company and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation (the petitioners) requested that we conduct an administrative review of this order. On March 23, 1998, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(c)(3), we published a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review. See 63 FR 13837. On November 9, 1998, we published a notice of extension of time limit for the preliminary results. See 63 FR 60303.

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act. The period of review (POR) is February 1, 1997 through January 31, 1998.

Scope of Review

The merchandise covered by this review is manganese metal, which is composed principally of manganese, by weight, but also contains some impurities such as carbon, sulfur, phosphorous, iron and silicon. Manganese metal contains by weight not less than 95 percent manganese. All compositions, forms and sizes of manganese metal are included within the scope of this administrative review, including metal flake, powder, compressed powder, and fines. The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under subheadings 8111.00.45.00 and 8111.00.60.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Partial Rescission

China National Electronics Import and Export Hunan Company (CEIEC) notified the Department that it had not made any U.S. sales of subject merchandise during the POR. Entry data provided by the U.S. Customs Service confirms that there were no POR entries from CEIEC of manganese metal.

Minmetals Precious & Rare Minerals Import & Export Corporation (Minmetals) reported one sale which, based on the date of commercial invoice, was made during the previous POR but which Minmetals believes would have entered the United States during the POR. However, the U.S. Customs data, for both the 1995/97 review period and this review period, indicates that this sale was never entered into the United States. Moreover, neither Minmetals nor the Department has been able to identify