

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of March, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1029]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 137, Loudoun County, VA

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Washington Dulles Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 137, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 137 to include an additional site in Loudoun County, Virginia, within the Washington DC Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 40-97; filed 5/8/97; amended 8/20/98);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in **Federal Register** (62 FR 28445, 5/23/97) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal would be in the public interest provided approval is subject to a monitoring condition;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 137 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and subject to subject to a condition that requires the grantee to submit an annual report to the Board regarding the procedures for identification and development of sites and users.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of March, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-817]

Oil Country Tubular Goods From Mexico; Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of changed circumstances antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: Since 1997, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") has received two requests to revoke the antidumping duty (AD) order covering Oil Country Tubular Goods ("OCTG") from Mexico as it pertains to drill pipe with tool joints attached (commonly referred to as finished drill pipe). One request came from the International Association of Drilling Contractors ("IADC"), requesting that the Department self-initiate a changed circumstances review for the antidumping duty orders covering OCTG from Mexico, Japan, and Argentina. The other request came from Grant Prideco Inc., the leading producer of finished drill pipe in the United States. The latter request, covering only the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Mexico, was withdrawn.

Because of the unusual circumstances surrounding this product, we initiated an antidumping duty changed circumstances administrative review to determine the extent of domestic industry support for continuing the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Mexico with regard to both unfinished and finished drill pipe. We included both finished and unfinished drill pipe in the review because the International Trade Commission determined, in its injury test, that both finished and unfinished drill pipe constituted a "like product" with respect to the antidumping duty orders on OCTG from Argentina, Japan, and Mexico. We solicited comments from parties

regarding this review, and also requested production figures for 1997 and the first quarter of 1998 for all identified domestic producers of the like product (i.e. finished and unfinished drill pipe). We conducted verifications of the submitted data between September 29 and October 2, 1998.

Based on the information submitted by producers, and our findings at verification, we preliminarily determine that there is insufficient domestic industry support for proceeding to revoke the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods with respect to finished drill pipe.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument (no longer than five pages, including footnotes).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John K. Drury or Richard Weible, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-3208 or (202) 482-1103, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute 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 the current regulations.

Scope of the Review

The merchandise subject to this changed circumstances review is finished oil well drill pipe with tool joints attached. This merchandise is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item number 8431.43.8010 as "Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 8425 to 8430, [o]f machinery of heading 8426, 8429 or 8430: [p]arts for boring or sinking machinery of subheading 8430.41 or 8430.49: [o]ther: [o]f oil and gas field machinery." Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

Background

On July 8, 1997, the IADC requested that the Department self-initiate a changed circumstances review with respect to finished drill pipe for all countries with finished drill pipe included in the OCTG antidumping duty order. On March 13, 1998, the Department responded to the IADC request. On January 28, 1998, Grant Prideco, Inc. requested revocation of the AD order on Mexican OCTG with respect to finished drill pipe. The Department received letters in opposition to this second request from OMSCO Industries and Drill Pipe Industries, Inc. on February 12, 1998, and February 13, 1998, respectively. On March 16, 1998, Grant Prideco withdrew its request for a changed circumstances review.

Subsequent to the Department's response to IADC on March 13, 1998, parties raised questions regarding whether "substantially all" of the domestic industry supports continuation of the AD order on OCTG from Mexico with respect to finished drill pipe. In light of the request originally filed by Grant Prideco and the information available to the Department, the Department believed that Grant Prideco's affirmative statement of no interest constituted good cause for conducting a changed circumstances review solely to determine if "substantially all" of the domestic producers of the like product supported partial revocation of the antidumping duty order with respect to finished drill pipe.

Analysis

Section 351.222(g)(i) of the Department's regulations provides that the Secretary may revoke an order in part based on changed circumstances if "producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which * * * the part of the order to be revoked * * * have expressed a lack of interest" in the continued existence of the order, in whole or in part. The Department interprets "substantially all" production to mean at least 85 percent of domestic production of the domestic like product. The Department thus conducted the review solely to determine the level of support of domestic producers of the domestic like product for maintaining this order with respect to finished drill pipe.

In order to determine whether "substantially all" of the domestic producers supported revocation in part of the order, the Department solicited comments from all parties with an

interest in this review. In addition, the Department requested production information from producers of both finished and unfinished drill pipe. The Department received numerous comments regarding interest in the order, including comments on the supply and production lead times of finished drill pipe in the United States. Additionally, the Department received production information from producers of finished drill pipe, as well as producers of unfinished drill pipe.

To verify this information, the Department conducted verifications of three of the domestic producers of the like product (Grant Prideco, OMSCO, and Drill Pipe Inc.) in September and October of 1998. Copies of the public versions of the verification reports for all three companies are available in the Import Administration's Central Records Unit.

Based on the responses by domestic producers, and the results of our verification, we have determined that less than 85 percent of the domestic industry of the like product supports the partial revocation of the order.

Parties wishing to comment on these results must submit briefs to the Department within 30 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Parties will have five days subsequent to this date to submit rebuttal briefs. Any requests for hearing must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Preliminary Results of Review

Based on the submissions by the producers, the Department has preliminarily determined that producers supporting a partial revocation of the order account for less than 85 percent of domestic production of the like product. Under the definition given above, "substantially all" of the domestic producers of the like product do not support partial revocation of the order with respect to finished drill pipe. As a result, we preliminarily determine that there is no basis to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods from Mexico with respect to finished drill pipe.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Process to Revoke Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 96-00004.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to The Foreign Market Search for U.S. Products and Services, Inc. doing business as FMS Exports-Imports, Inc., ("FMS"). Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Department is initiating proceedings to revoke the certificate. This notice summarizes the notification letter sent to FMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325. Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on September 10, 1996 to FMS.

A certificate holder is required by law (section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018) to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate. The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (§§ 325.14(a) and (b) of the regulations). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation. (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the regulations).

The Department of Commerce sent to FMS on August 31, 1998, a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on October 25, 1998. Additional reminders were sent on November 13, 1998, and on February 10, 1999. The Department has received no written response to any of these letters.

On March 18, 1999, and in accordance with § 325.10 (c)(1) of the regulations, a letter was sent by certified mail to notify FMS that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate. The letter stated that this action is being taken because