

FTZ procedures would exempt Clariant from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. Some 10 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. On its domestic sales, Clariant would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to finished electronic chemicals (6.0–6.5%) for the foreign inputs noted above. In addition, Clariant products shipped to semiconductor manufacturers with subzone status could be subject to the semiconductor duty rate (duty-free). The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is November 8, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period November 22, 1999.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Customs Port of Entry -Perth
Amboy, 205 Jefferson St., Room 203,
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room
3716, U.S. Department of Commerce,
14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20230

Dated: August 27, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the

time limit for the final results of 23 expedited sunset reviews initiated on May 3, 1999 (64 FR 23596) covering various antidumping and countervailing duty orders. Based on adequate responses from domestic interested parties and inadequate responses from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting expedited sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable. As a result of these extensions, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than November 29, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 1999.

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

Extension of Final Results

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 has determined that the sunset reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders are extraordinarily complicated:

A-583-008 Small Diameter Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube from Taiwan
A-549-502 Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Thailand
A-533-502 Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from India
A-489-501 Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Turkey
A-122-506 Oil Country Tubular Goods from Canada
A-583-505 Oil Country Tubular Goods from Taiwan
A-559-502 Small Diameter Standard & Rectangular Pipe & Tube from Singapore
A-583-803 Light Walled Rectangular Tubing from Taiwan
A-357-802 Light Walled Rectangular Tubing from Argentina
A-351-809 Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Brazil
A-580-809 Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Korea
A-201-805 Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico
A-583-814 Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan

A-307-805 Circular-Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Venezuela
A-588-707 Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Japan
A-475-703 Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy
A-351-602 Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil
A-583-605 Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan
A-588-602 Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Japan
A-570-814 Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from China
A-549-807 Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Thailand
A-484-801 Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Greece
A-588-806 Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Japan

Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of these reviews until not later than November 29, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-824]

Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Japan: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent to Revoke Antidumping Order in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review, and intent to revoke antidumping order in part.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(b), Taiho Corporation of America (Taiho America) requested a changed circumstances review of the antidumping order on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Japan. In response to Taiho's request, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating a changed circumstances review and issuing a notice of intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on

certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Ellerman or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4106, (202) 482-3020, respectively.

The 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 of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 27, 1999, Taiho America requested that the Department revoke in part the antidumping duty order on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan. Specifically, Taiho America requested that the Department revoke the order with respect to imports of the following merchandise: (1) Carbon steel flat products measuring 0.97 mm in thickness and 20 mm in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1008) with a two-layer lining, the first layer consisting of a copper-lead-tin alloy powder that is balance copper, 9%–11% tin, 9%–11% lead, less than 1% zinc, less than 1% other materials and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 792 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys, the second layer consists of 45%–55% lead, 38%–50% polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) and 3%–5% molybdenum disulfide and less than 2% other materials; and (2) carbon steel flat products measuring 1.84 mm in thickness and 43.6 mm or 16.1 mm in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1008) clad with an aluminum alloy that is balance aluminum, 20% tin, 1% copper, 0.3% silicon, 0.15% nickel less than 1% other materials and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 783 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys. Taiho America, a domestic manufacturer of plain sleeve bushings, is an importer of the products in question.

Scope of Antidumping Order

This antidumping duty order on certain corrosion-resistant steel flat products covers flat-rolled carbon steel products, of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) and of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, or in straight lengths which, if of a thickness less than 4.75 millimeters, are of a width of 0.5 inch or greater and which measures at least 10 times the thickness or if of a thickness of 4.75 millimeters or more are 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 7210.30.0030, 7210.30.0060, 7210.41.0000, 7210.49.0030, 7210.49.0090, 7210.61.0000, 7210.69.0000, 7210.70.6030, 7210.70.6060, 7210.70.6090, 7210.90.1000, 7210.90.6000, 7210.90.9000, 7212.20.0000, 7212.30.1030, 7212.30.1090, 7212.30.3000, 7212.30.5000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7212.60.0000, 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.3000, 7215.90.5000, 7217.20.1500, 7217.30.1530, 7217.30.1560, 7217.90.1000, 7217.90.5030, 7217.90.5060, and 7217.90.5090. Included 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 are flat-rolled steel products either plated or coated with tin, lead, chromium, chromium oxides, both tin and lead ("terne plate"), or both chromium and chromium oxides ("tin-free steel"), whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. Also excluded are clad products in straight lengths of 0.1875 inch or more in composite thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness. Also excluded are certain clad stainless flat-rolled products, which are three-layered corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat-rolled products less than 4.75 millimeters in composite thickness that consist of a carbon steel flat-rolled

product clad on both sides with stainless steel in a 20%-60%-20% ratio. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive of the scope of this review.

Also excluded are certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the following specifications: (1) widths ranging from 10 millimeters (0.394 inches) through 100 millimeters (3.94 inches); (2) thicknesses, including coatings, ranging from 0.11 millimeters (0.004 inches) through 0.60 millimeters (0.024 inches); and (3) a coating that is from 0.003 millimeters (0.00012 inches) through 0.005 millimeters (0.000196 inches) in thickness and that is comprised of either two evenly applied layers, the first layer consisting of 99% zinc, 0.5% cobalt, and 0.5% molybdenum, followed by a layer consisting of chromate, or three evenly applied layers, the first layer consisting of 99% zinc, 0.5% cobalt, and 0.5% molybdenum followed by a layer consisting of chromate, and finally a layer consisting of silicate.

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part

Pursuant to sections 751(d)(1) and 782(h)(2) of the Act, the Department may revoke an antidumping or countervailing duty order, in whole or in part, based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (i.e., a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances review to be conducted upon receipt of a request which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations provides that the Department will conduct a changed circumstances review under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order (in whole or in part), if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the relief provided by the order, in whole or in part, or if other changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation exist. In addition, in the event that the Department concludes that expedited action is warranted, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

In accordance with sections 751(d)(1) and 782(h)(2) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222(g), based on affirmative statements by domestic producers of the like product, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Ispat Inland Steel Industries, Inc, LTV Steel Co., Inc., National Steel Corporation,

and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, of no further interest in continuing the order with respect to corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products measuring 0.97 mm in thickness and 20 mm in width consisting of carbon steel coil, SAE 1010 or 1012, with a two-layer lining, the first layer consisting of a copper-lead-tin alloy powder that is 76%–80% copper, 9%–11% tin, 9%–11% lead, and under 1% zinc and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 792 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys, the second layer consisting of 45%–55% lead, 38%–50% PTFE, and 3%–5% molybdenum disulfide, we are initiating this changed circumstances review. We are also initiating a changed circumstances review, based on affirmative statements, by the domestic producers listed above, of no further interest in continuing the order with respect to corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products measuring 1.84 mm in thickness and 43.6 mm or 16.1 mm in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1008) clad with an aluminum alloy that is balance aluminum, 20% tin, 1% copper, 0.3% silicon, 0.15% nickel less than 1% other materials and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 783 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys. Furthermore, we determine that expedited action is warranted, and we preliminarily determine that continued application of the order with respect to corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products falling within the descriptions above is no longer of interest to domestic interested parties. Because we have concluded that expedited action is warranted, we are combining these notices of initiation and preliminary results. Therefore, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan with respect to imports of the above-specified products.

If the final revocation, in part, occurs, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, as applicable, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, with the dimensions and chemical composition of coatings indicated above, not subject to final results of administrative review as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the final results of this changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222. We will also instruct Customs to pay interest on such

refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, with the dimensions and coatings indicated above, will continue unless and until we publish a final determination to revoke in part.

Public Comment

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. Parties to the proceedings may request a hearing within 14 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than 2 days after the deadline for the submission of rebuttal briefs, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs may be submitted by interested parties not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to the issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 5 days after the deadline for submission of case briefs. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing. The Department will publish the final results of this changed circumstances review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written comments.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-485-803]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Romania: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from one respondent and the petitioners, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Romania. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise. The period of review (POR) is August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998.

We preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties equal to the difference between export price (EP) and NV.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Baker or Robert James, Enforcement Group III—Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2924 (Baker), (202) 482-5222 (James).

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, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department's regulations are to Part 351 of 19 CFR (1998).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Romania on August 19, 1993 (58 FR 44167). The Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order for the 1997/98 review period on August 11, 1998 (63 FR 42821). On August 31, 1998, respondents Windmill International