

comparison of CEP sales to these non-JIT home market sales.

Because we have preliminarily determined that there are sales in the home market at the same level of trade as the sale to the United States, and because we have used only these same LOT sales as matching in calculating the margin, we are not making an LOT adjustment or a CEP offset.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following margins exist for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998: TAMSA—0.00%

Parties to this proceeding may request disclosure within five days of publication of this notice and any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 37 days after the date of publication, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 35 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at a hearing, within 120 days after the publication of this notice.

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to Customs. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the determination and for future deposits of estimated duties. For duty assessment purposes, we calculated an importer-specific assessment rate by taking the dumping margin calculated for the U.S. sale to the importer and dividing this amount by the total entered value of the sale. This specific rate calculated will be used for the assessment of antidumping duties on the entry of the subject merchandise during the POR.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of these administrative reviews for all shipments of OCTG from Mexico entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of these administrative reviews, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash

deposit rate for reviewed firms will be the rate established in the final results of administrative review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent, and therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(d)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit will continue to be the most recent rate published in the final determination or final results for which the manufacturer or exporter received a company-specific rate; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in the final results of these reviews, or the LTFV investigation; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review or the original fair value investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 23.79%, the "all other" rate from the original investigation.

This notice also 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 777(i)(1) 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-533-808]

Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod From India: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limits for preliminary results of antidumping administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the antidumping administrative review on certain stainless steel wire rod from India.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 9, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Bailey or Rick Johnson, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0413 or (202) 482-3818, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

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 current regulations, codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On October 20, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (58 FR 54110) the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rod from India. On December 8, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order (63 FR 67646).

On December 29, 1998, Viraj, an Indian producer, requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rod from India. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b), we initiated the review of Viraj on January 25, 1999 (64 FR 3682), covering the period of December 1, 1997 through November 30, 1998.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results 120 days to January 3, 2000 (for a further discussion, see *Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Reviews: Certain*

Stainless Steel Wire Rod from India, dated August 25, 1999).

The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of California at Santa Barbara, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-018. *Applicant:* University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1230. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 64 FR 39972, July 23, 1999. *Order Date:* June 17, 1999.

Docket Number: 99-019. *Applicant:* National Institutes of Health, Hamilton, MT 59840. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model H-7500. *Manufacturer:* Nissei Sangyo Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 64 FR 42091. *Order Date:* May 19, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. *Reasons:* Each foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of each instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Purdue University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-016. *Applicant:* Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN 47907-1393. *Instrument:* ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model PlasmaQuad 3. *Manufacturer:* VG Elemental, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 64 FR 36338, July 6, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) Determination of six radionuclides (^{10}Be , ^{14}C , ^{26}Al , ^{36}Cl , ^{41}Ca , ^{129}I) for NSF Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Facility, (2) a high sensitivity quadrupole and (3) measurement of more elements than other ICP-mass spectrometers as determined by testing of standard specimen samples. The Department of Energy advised on August 18, 1999 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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National Plan of Action for the Reduction of Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The United States, through a collaborative effort of NMFS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), is developing a National Plan of Action (NPOA) pursuant to the endorsement of the International Plan of Action (IPOA) for the Reduction of Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN FAO) Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Ministerial Meeting in March 1999. Noting the increased numbers of incidental seabird catch in longline fisheries, this IPOA calls on COFI member states to voluntarily develop national plans on reducing this incidental seabird catch. The United States has committed itself to developing this national plan, and reporting on its implementation to COFI, no later than 2001. This notice provides a time frame for the completion of this project and an outline of the contents of this NPOA. The public is invited to provide written comments and suggestions for items to be incorporated or addressed within the NPOA.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on the Seabird NPOA from September 9, 1999 until September 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to David Kerstetter, NOAA-Fisheries/SF, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Kerstetter, 301-713-2337, ext. 107, or FAX 301-713-2313.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "International Plan of Action (IPOA) for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries" was endorsed in principle at the 23rd FAO COFI session in February 1999 and approved at the Fisheries Ministerial in March 1999. As with the two other IPOAs on sharks and capacity reduction, the Seabird IPOA calls on members to voluntarily develop an NPOA on this issue.

The FAO Fisheries Department has a draft budget for the 1999-2001 biennium of US\$ 304,000 to assist with implementation of the seabird Plan by its Members. These funds have been allocated primarily to staff time, consultants, and publication costs. FAO anticipates the following three major actions from this budget toward its members: (1) Providing technical assistance while preparing NPOAs, (2) providing assistance in coordinating research and training, and (3) assisting in the reporting process to COFI.