

Antidumping duty proceedings	Period to be reviewed
CMC of Zengzhou CMC of Tsinan CMC of Nanjing CMC of Guangzhou CMC of Shijiazhuang CMC of Changsha CMC of Hefei CMC of Wuhan CMC of Hangzhou CMC of Shenyang CMC of Nanchang CMC of Kunming CMC of Harbin CMC of Xian CMC of Guiyang CMC of Fuzhou CMC of Taiyuan CMC of Changchun CMC of Lanzhou CMC of Haikou CMC of Xining CMC of Guangxi Zhuang CMC of Nei Monggol CMC of Xinjiang Uygur CMC of Ningxia Hui CMC of Xizang CMC of Nanning CMC of Hohhot CMC of Urumqi CMC of Yinchuan CMC of Lhasa CMC of Shanghai CMC of Beijing CMC of Tianjin	

¹ All other exporters of tapered roller bearings from Romania are conditionally covered by this review.

² All other exporters of tapered roller bearings from the People's Republic of China are conditionally covered by this review.

Countervailing Duty Proceedings

None.

If requested within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, the Department will determine, where appropriate, whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to any of these reviews if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer which is affiliated with such exporter or producer.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 353.34(b) and 355.34(b).

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 353.22(c)(1) and 355.22(c)(1).

Dated: August 2, 1996.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube Products from Turkey; Partial Termination of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of partial termination of countervailing duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On April 25, 1996, in response to requests from the Government of Turkey (GOT), Borusan Birlesik Boru Fabrikalari A.S. (BBBF), and Borusan Ihracat Ithalat ve Dagitim A.S. (Dagitim), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain carbon steel pipe and tube products from Turkey for BBBF and Dagitim, covering the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 (61 FR 18378). We are now terminating the review for BBBF and Dagitim because the GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim have timely withdrawn their requests for a review of these companies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Albright or Kelly Parkhill, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 29, 1996, the Department received a request from the GOT for an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain carbon steel pipe and tube products (including both standard pipe and tube and line pipe) from Turkey for the following four companies: BBBF, Dagitim, Erbosan Erciyas Boru Sanayii Ve Ticaret A.S. (Erbosan), and Mannesman-Sumerbank Boru Endustrisi T.A.S. (Mannesman). Also on March 29, 1996, BBBF and Dagitim submitted requests for administrative reviews of themselves, respectively. On April 25, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of "Initiation of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," initiating the reviews of BBBF,

Dagitim, Erbosan, and Mannesman for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

On June 13, 1996, the GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim collectively withdrew their requests for review for BBBF and Dagitim. On July 2, 1996, Wheatland Tube Company (Wheatland), a domestic interested party, objected to the withdrawal of review requests made by the GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim. On July 11, 1996, the GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim submitted comments in rebuttal to Wheatland's objection.

The GOT did not withdraw its request for review for Erbosan and Mannesman. Therefore, the Department is continuing its review of those companies.

Analysis: Wheatland argues that the Department should not terminate its review of BBBF and Dagitim for a number of reasons. First, Wheatland argues that the statute requires investigation of BBBF and Dagitim. In support, Wheatland points to 19 U.S.C. 1677f-1(e)(1), which states that the Department "shall determine an individual countervailing subsidy rate for each known exporter or producer of the subject merchandise." Second, Wheatland contends that the Department's regulations do not permit partial withdrawal of a review request and that the Department should not exercise its discretion to permit withdrawal of the requests for review of BBBF and Dagitim. Finally, Wheatland points out that it has a strong interest in the conduct of a review for BBBF and Dagitim, due to the fact that the two companies likely account for a significant portion of subject imports and likely benefit from countervailable subsidies. According to Wheatland, the Department therefore should not permit the review process to be manipulated to exclude these exporters.

The GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim counter that, pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA), the Department has the authority to limit reviews to those exporters and/or producers specified in a request for review. The withdrawing parties point to section 355.22(a) of the Department's Interim Regulations for support, which reflects the fact that there is no longer a preference for calculating a single country-wide subsidy rate in countervailing duty proceedings, but rather a company-specific approach similar to antidumping reviews. Similarly, according to the withdrawing parties, section 355.22(a)(5) contemplates a withdrawal of request for review that does not include every company initially included in the request. The Department reaffirmed this view by terminating a review for a

portion of the companies for which the review was initially requested in Leather Wearing Apparel from Mexico, 60 FR 53585 (October 16, 1995). Finally, the GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim state that Wheatland's assertion that it has a strong interest in this review covering all exporters is belied by the fact that Wheatland did not request a review.

The Statement of Administrative Action reads that the presumption in favor of a single country-wide CVD rate has been eliminated in favor of individual rates for those companies individually investigated. Statement of Administrative Action at 271. The Department's Interim Regulations have been adapted to reflect this change. Antidumping and Countervailing Duties, Interim Regulations, 60 FR 25130 (May 11, 1995). Indeed, § 355.22(a) makes clear that parties requesting a review must specify the producers or exporters to be reviewed. The Department's regulations further stipulate that the Secretary may permit a party that requests a review to withdraw the request not later than 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. 19 CFR 355.22(a)(5)(1995).

In this case, the GOT, BBBF, and Dagitim submitted their withdrawal of request for review within the 90-day deadline. Furthermore, with respect to the GOT's withdrawal, there is no statutory or regulatory suggestion that a request for review of multiple companies can only be withdrawn on an all-or-none basis. In fact, § 355.22(a)(5) provides for partial termination. Moreover, as pointed out by the withdrawing parties, in Leather Wearing Apparel from Mexico the Department accepted the Government of Mexico's withdrawal of review for a portion of the companies for which a review was originally requested.

Neither Wheatland nor any other company requested a review for BBBF and Dagitim. In addition, no significant work has been completed on these reviews and the Department has not been unduly burdened by its review of these companies. Therefore, for the reasons stated above, we are terminating our review for BBBF and Dagitim.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 355.22(a)(5).

Dated: July 30, 1996.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of the American Petroleum Institute's Standards Activity

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to develop or revise standards and request for public comment and participation in standards development.

SUMMARY: The American Petroleum Institute (API), with the assistance of other interested parties, continues to develop standards, both national and international, in several areas. This notice lists the standardization efforts currently being conducted by API committees. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of API is being undertaken as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend the standards referenced.

- General Committee on Pipelines
 - Risk Management for Pipelines
 - 500 Classification of Locations for Electrical Installations at Petroleum Facilities
 - 1104 Welding of Pipelines and Related Facilities
 - 1110 Pressure Testing of Liquid Petroleum Pipelines

DATES: The Pipeline Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel from March 12 through March 14, 1997. Interested parties may contact Allie Chamberline via fax at (202) 682-8222 for more information regarding attending this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Read, Manufacturing, Distribution, and Marketing, American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

- General Committee on Marketing
 - Recommended Practice on Bulk Oil Handling
 - 1529 Aviation Fueling Hose
 - 1542 Airport Equipment Marking for Fuel Identification
 - 1581 Specifications and Qualifications Procedure for Aviation Jet Fuel/Separators

DATES: The 1996 Operations & Engineering Marketing Symposium will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Omni Rosen Hotel on October 6 and 7, 1996. Interested parties may contact Karen Halligan via fax at (202) 682-8222 for more information regarding attending this meeting.