DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 74–97)

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone; Dublin, Virginia Area; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (a Virginia not-for-profit corporation), to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in the Dublin (Pulaski County), Virginia area. Designation of the New River Valley Airport as a Customs user fee airport has been requested under a separate application to the U.S. Customs Service. The FTZ application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on October 8, 1997. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Sections 62.1–159 to 62.1–162 of the Code of Virginia.

The proposed zone site (50 acres) is located at the New River Valley Airport on Virginia Route 100, north of Dublin, Virginia. Facilities (20,000 sq. ft.) are available for FTZ warehousing activity. The site also includes the airport's jet fuel systems. It is owned by the New River Valley Airport Commission.

The application contains evidence of the need for foreign-trade zone services in the New River Valley, Virginia area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures within the proposed project for warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on November 13, 1997, 9:00 a.m., New River Community College, Route 100 North, College Drive, Edwards Hall, Room 117, Section C, Dublin, Virginia 24084.

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 December 15, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to December 30, 1997).

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

New River Community College, Route 100 North, College Drive, Edwards Hall, Room 221, Dublin, VA 24084

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

Dated: October 9, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

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

ACTION: Notice of price determination on Uranium from Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section IV.C.1. of the antidumping suspension agreement on uranium from Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan, the Department of Commerce (the Department) calculated a price for uranium of $12.35/pound for the relevant period, as appropriate. On the basis of this price, the export quota for uranium pursuant to Section IV.B. of the Kazakstani agreement, as amended on March 27, 1995, is 500,000 pounds for the period October 1, 1997, through March 31, 1998. This price will also be used, as appropriate, according to Section 2.A. of the Uzbek agreement, as amended. The quota for the next relevant period for Uzbekistan, October 13, 1997–October 12, 1998, will be announced separately due to the fact that this quota will now be based on a production-tied quota, in accordance with Section 3.A. of that agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karla Whalen or Cindy Sonmez, Office of Antidumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement—Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0408 or (202) 482–0961, respectively.

Price Calculation

Background

Section IV.C.1. of the antidumping suspension agreements on uranium from Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan specifies that the Department will issue its determined market price on October 1, 1997, and use it to determine the quota applicable to imports from Kazakstan during the period October 1, 1997, to March 31, 1998, and Uzbekistan during the period of October 13, 1997 to October 12, 1998. Consistent with the February 22, 1993, letter of interpretation, the Department provided interested parties with the preliminary price determination on September 17, 1997.

Calculation Summary

Section IV.C.1. of these agreements specifies how the components of the market price are reached. In order to determine the spot market price, the Department utilized the monthly average of the Uranium Price Information System Spot Price Indicator (UPIS SPI) and the weekly average of the Uranium Exchange Spot Price (Ux Spot). In order to determine the long-term market price, the Department utilized the weighted-average long-term price as determined by the Department on the basis of information provided by market participants and a simple average of the UPIS U.S. Base Price for the months in which there were new contracts reported.

The Department's letters to market participants provided a contract summary sheet and directions requesting the submitter to report his/her best estimate of the future price of merchandise to be delivered in accordance with the contract delivery schedules (in U.S. dollars per pound U_3O_8 equivalent). Using the information reported in the proprietary summary sheets, the Department calculated the present value of the prices reported for any future deliveries assuming an annual inflation rate of 2.46 percent, which was derived from a rolling average of the annual GDP Implicit Price Deflator index from the past four years. The Department then calculated weight-averaged annual prices according to the specified nominal delivery volumes for each year to arrive at the long-term contract price. The Department then calculated a simple average of the UPIS U.S. Base Price and the long-term contract price as determined by the Department.

Weighting

The Department used the average spot and long-term volumes of U.S. utility and domestic supplier purchases, as reported by the Energy Information Administration (EIA), to weight the spot and long-term components of the observed price. In this instance, we have used purchase data from the period 1993–1996. During this period, the spot market accounted for 79.31 percent of total purchases, and the long-term market for 20.69 percent.

As in previous determinations, the Department used the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) *Uranium Industry Annual* to determine the available average spot-and long-term volumes of U.S. utility purchases. We have updated the data to reflect the period 1993 through 1996. The EIA has withheld certain business proprietary contract data from the public versions of the *Uranium Industry Annual 1993, Uranium Industry Annual 1994, Uranium Industry Annual 1995* and the *Uranium Industry Annual 1996.* The EIA, however, provided all business proprietary data to the Department and the Department has used it to update its weighting calculation.

Calculation Announcement

The Department determined, using the methodology and information described above, that the observed market price is $12.35. This reflects an average spot market price of $11.51, weighted at 79.31 percent, and an average long-term contract price of $15.54, weighted at 20.69 percent. The increase in the observed market price from our preliminary determination reflects the addition of one contract, as discussed below, and revised calculation methodology. Since this price is between $12.00/pound and $13.99/pound as defined in Appendix A of the suspension agreement with Kazakstan, as amended, Kazakstan receives a quota of 1,000,000 pounds for the period October 1, 1997, to September 30, 1998. This price will also be used, as appropriate, according to Section 2.A. of the Uzbek agreement.

Comments

Consistent with the February 22, 1993, letter of interpretation, the Department provided interested parties the preliminary price determination for this period on September 17, 1997. One interested party submitted comments.

Comment 1: The Ad Hoc Committee of Domestic Uranium Producers (the Miners) requested that the Department include Uzbekistan in the price calculation.

Department's Position: The Department agrees with the Miners and on September 29, 1997, placed the price calculation on the Uzbek record and served counsel. (*See* Memo to the File from Cindy Sonmez, September 29, 1997.)

Comment 2: The Miners indicated that the Department failed to include an additional U.S. Base Price Indicator month in its calculations of long-term price.

Department's Position: The Department agrees with the Miners and has included the relevant month under the ''UPIS Indicators'' section. Further, in accordance with our practice, the Department simple-averaged the relevant months, and this change has been reflected on the ''Simple Average of UPIS and Contract Price.''

Comment 3: The Miners requested the Department to collect more information on the reported prices of certain contracts to ascertain that the contract prices do not reflect unusual sale circumstances.

Department's Position: The Department reviewed these contracts and removed one contract from its long-term price calculations as it was a duplicate. The Department also confirmed with the submitting party that the reported contract prices used in our price calculations are accurate.

Comment 4: Petitioners request that the Department weight-average the price on multi-year contracts according to yearly delivery volumes.

Department's Position: The Department agrees with petitioners and has adjusted our long-term contract price methodology accordingly. In order to arrive at the contract price, the Department derived weighted-average price factors for each year of the contract period and added each individual factor. The Department calculated the weighted-average price factor by multiplying the deflated price for each contract year by the nominal volume of the contract year over the total nominal volume of the contract.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty—Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–549–502]

Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to requests by Thai Union Steel Co., Ltd. (''Thai Union''), Saha Thai Steel Pipe Company, Ltd. (''Saha Thai''), and its affiliated exporter S.A.F. Pipe Export Co., Ltd., (''SAF'') (collectively ''Saha Thai''), and two importers, Ferro Union Inc. (''Ferro Union''), and ASOMA Corp. (''ASOMA''), the Department of Commerce (''the Department'') is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand. This review covers the following manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States: Saha Thai and Thai Union. The period of review (''POR'') is March 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996. We received comments on the preliminary results and rebuttal comments from the petitioners and respondents.

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have applied total adverse facts available to both Saha Thai and Thai Union. Therefore, with respect to both respondents, the final results do not differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the section entitled ''Final Results of Review.''

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Totaro or Dorothy Woster, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1398 or (202) 482–3362, respectively.

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 (hereinafter, ''the Act'') by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (''URAA''). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations