

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 1999 AMP—Continued

Material	Units	Current FY 1999 quantity	Revised FY 1999 quantity
Bauxite (Surinam)	LDT	800,000	1,500,000
Columbium (Ferro)	Lb Cb	200,000	400,000
Graphite (All)	ST	2,660	3,760
Tantalum (Carbide Powder)	Lb Ta	2,000	4,000

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the sale of these commodities. Although comments in response to this Notice must be received by July 6, 1998 to ensure full consideration by the Committee, interested parties are encouraged to submit additional comments and supporting information at any time thereafter to keep the Committee informed as to the market impact of the sale of these commodities. Public comment is an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

Public comments received will be made available at the Department of Commerce for public inspection and copying. Material that is national security classified or business confidential will be exempted from public disclosure. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public file. Communications from agencies of the United States Government will not be made available for public inspection.

The public record concerning this notice will be maintained in the Bureau of Export Administration's Records Inspection Facility, Room 4525, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-5653. The records in this facility may be inspected and copied in accordance with the regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*).

Information about the inspection and copying of records at the facility may be obtained from Ms. Margaret Cornejo, the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Officer, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

William J. Denk,

Acting Director, Strategic Industries and Economic Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Overseas Business Interest Questionnaire; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Thomas Nisbet, Trade Development, Office of Export Promotion Coordination, Room 2013, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-5657, and fax number: (202) 482-1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection allows U.S. firms participating in overseas trade events sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) an opportunity to specifically identify their marketing objective for a specific event as well as current marketing activities and status in the specific foreign markets where

the event will take place. The U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service/ITA overseas posts use the information to schedule business appointments during the trade event, arrange "blue ribbon" calls on key agents or distributors identified by participants prior to an event, and to issue specific show invitations appropriate prospective overseas business partners. It is critical to prearrange business appointments thus providing U.S. participants with a program of high caliber business appointments.

II. Method of Data Collection

Form ITA-471P is sent by request to U.S. firms. Applicant firms complete the form and forward it to the appropriate Department of Commerce trade event manager.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0039.

Form Number: ITA-471P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit companies; small to medium sized businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 490 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$20,000.00 (\$18,000.00 for respondents and \$2,000.00 for federal government).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rods From France: 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: On January 26, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the third administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rods from France. This review covers Imphy S.A. and Ugine-Savoie, two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States. The period of review (POR) is January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have changed the results from those presented in the preliminary results of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Bolling or Stephen Jacques, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3434 or (202) 482-1391, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The 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 citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 C.F.R. Part 353 (1997).

Background

On January 26, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the third administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rods from France (63 FR 3704, January 26, 1998). The Department has now completed this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The products covered by this administrative review are certain stainless steel wire rod (SSWR) products which are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed, and/or pickled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons, or other shapes, in coils. SSWR are made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are only manufactured by hot-rolling, are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross section. The majority of SSWR sold in the United States is round in cross-sectional shape, annealed, and pickled. The most common size is 5.5 millimeters in diameter.

The SSWR subject to this review is currently classifiable under subheadings 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0020, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0040, 7221.00.0045, 7221.00.0060, 7221.00.0075, and 7221.00.0080 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. We received comments and rebuttal comments from Imphy S.A. and Ugine-Savoie, manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise (respondents), and from Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Armco Stainless & Alloy Products, Carpenter Technology Corp., Republic Engineered Steels, Talley Metals Technology, Inc., and United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC (petitioners).

Comment 1: Respondents argue that the Department improperly resorted to constructed value (CV), instead of utilizing contemporaneous home market sales made in the ordinary course of

trade. Respondents note that in the Department's preliminary results, the Department disregarded numerous home market sales that were below the cost of production and, therefore, outside the ordinary course of trade. In these instances, respondents contend that the Department inappropriately resorted to CV, despite the existence of contemporaneous home market sales of the foreign like product made in the ordinary course of trade. Consequently, respondents argue that the Department contravened the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) January 8, 1998 decision in *CEMEX v. United States*, 133 F.3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (*CEMEX*). Respondents state that in *CEMEX*, the Department disregarded home market sales of subject merchandise that was comparable to the merchandise sold in the United States, as not in the ordinary course of trade and, thus, ineligible as the basis for determining foreign market value. Therefore, the Department used CV as the basis for comparing U.S. sales.

Respondents note that although *CEMEX* was decided under pre-URAA law, the reasoning of the Court is applicable to the new statute. The new statute continues to subordinate CV to home market sales for determining normal value, therefore, allowing the Department to use CV only where price for home market sales of the foreign like product in the ordinary course of trade cannot be determined.

Respondents note that in recent Departmental decisions, the Department has referenced *CEMEX*, but never applied its holding due to time constraints and the fact that the case was decided under pre-URAA law. Respondents contend that although *CEMEX* was decided under pre-URAA law, the principles are applicable and must be applied. Respondents argue that by applying its own matching hierarchy, the Department has the facts on the record to confirm that contemporaneous sales of foreign like product in the ordinary course of trade exist; therefore, the Department does not need to resort to CV in these instances.

Petitioners argue that the Department should not modify its preliminary results with regard to the *CEMEX* decision. Petitioners contend that the Department has examined and rejected arguments that it should depart from its normal methodology and base normal value on other models if the Department finds that all contemporaneous sales of the identical or most similar merchandise are made at below-cost prices, citing *Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review: Canned Pineapple Fruit from Thailand*;