

rail, it did not address rail sold according to nominal terms. Consequently, following clarification of the scope language and in accordance with 353.29(a) and (i)(1)(1996) of the Department's regulations, we conducted a scope inquiry to determine whether *nominal* 60 pounds per yard new steel rail was within the scope of these orders (emphasis added). Upon issuing a preliminary scope determination and not receiving comments from interested parties, on June 19, 1998, the Department issued a final scope determination finding nominal 60 pounds per yard steel rail outside of the scope of these orders. See, *New Steel Rail, Except Light Rail from Canada; Final Scope Determination on Steel Rail Model 60 ASCE/ASTM A1-92*.

Scope of Review

The product covered by the antidumping and countervailing duty orders is new steel rail, whether of carbon, high carbon, alloy or other quality steel, and includes, but is not limited to, standard rails, all main line sections (of more than 30 kg. per meter or 60 pounds per yard), heat-treated or head-hardened (premium) rails, transit rails, contact rail (or "third rail") and crane rails. Rails are used by the railroad industry, by rapid transit lines, by subways, in mines and in industrial applications. Specifically excluded from the antidumping and countervailing duty orders are light rail (rails which are 30 kg. per meter or 60 pounds per yard or less). Also excluded are relay rails which are used rails taken up from primary railroad track and relaid in a railroad yard or on a secondary track. The product covered by these antidumping and countervailing duty orders is currently provided for under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheadings: 7302.10.1020, 7302.10.40, 7302.10.5000 and 8548.00.0000. Prior to January 1, 1989, such merchandise was classifiable under items 610.2010, 610.2025, 610.2100 and 688.4280 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). The HTS and TSUSA numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description of the scope of these orders remains dispositive.

Termination of Changed Circumstances Reviews

Because nominal 60 pounds per yard steel rail is not within the scope of these orders, there are no grounds upon which to conduct changed circumstances reviews with respect to this size rail. Accordingly, the Department is now terminating these

antidumping and countervailing duty changed circumstances reviews.

The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to continue to suspend entries of subject merchandise at the appropriate cash deposit rate for all entries of new steel rail from Canada, except light rail.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protection orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d) and 355.34(d). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice of termination of changed circumstances reviews is in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and sections 353.22(f), 353.25(d), 355.22(h), and 355.25(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-807]

Industrial Belts and Components and Parts Thereof, Whether Cured or Uncured, from Japan: Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On July 28, 1998, the Department of Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on industrial belts and components and parts thereof, whether cured or uncured, from Japan for NOK Corporation, a manufacturer of industrial belts. This administrative review was requested by NOK Corporation and is for the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998. The Department is rescinding this review after timely receiving from NOK Corporation, a withdrawal of its request for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Trentham or Wendy Frankel, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4793 and (202) 482-5849, respectively.

Background

On June 30, 1998, NOK Corporation (NOK), requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the subject merchandise it exported from Japan for the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998.

On July 28, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 40258) a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to NOK for the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998. On July 28, 1998, NOK requested that it be allowed to withdraw its request for a review and that the review be terminated.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1)(1998), the Department may allow a party that requests an administrative review to withdraw such request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Because NOK's request for termination was submitted within the 90-day time limit, and there were no requests for review from other interested parties, we are rescinding this review. We will issue appropriate appraisement instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice is in accordance with section 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4)(1998).

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Maria Harris Tildon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-549-502]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Thailand

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 1998.

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

limit for the preliminary and final results of the 1996-97 antidumping duty administrative review for the antidumping order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (hereinafter, "the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Totaro or Dorothy Woster, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-1374 or 482-3362, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. In the instant case, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. See Memorandum from Roland L. MacDonald to Robert S. LaRossa (August 5, 1998).

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Act (245 days from the last day of the anniversary month for preliminary results, 120 additional days for final results), in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results until October 5, 1998.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

Roland L. MacDonald,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-427-815, C-475-825, and C-580-835]

Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination for Countervailing Duty Investigations: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Wells (France), at (202) 482-6309; Cynthia Thirumalai (Italy), at (202) 482-4087; and Eva Temkin (the

Republic of Korea), at (202) 482-1767, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Postponement

On June 30, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated countervailing duty investigations of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea. On July 22, 1998, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations, petitioners made a timely request that the Department postpone its preliminary determinations. As we find no compelling reasons to deny this request, we are postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than November 9, 1998, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Robert S. LaRossa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Workshop to Discuss the Development and Implementation of a Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme for Information Technology (IT) Security

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice of Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Security Agency (NSA), partners in the National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP), invite interested parties to attend a public workshop to discuss the development of a Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme for IT Security. The purpose of the Common Criteria Scheme is to meet the needs of industry and government and for cost-effective security evaluation of IT products, (e.g., operating systems, database management systems, firewalls). The proposed scheme represents a significant change to previous IT product evaluation programs conducted by NSA and completes the transition of

security testing and evaluation from the government to the private sector.

DATES: The workshop will take place on September 9, 1998 from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties should contact NIST at the address or telephone numbers listed below to confirm their interest in attending the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will take place at the Sheraton International Hotel (BWI Airport), 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240, phone: (410) 859-3300, fax: (410) 859-0565.

FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ron S. Ross, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 820 West Diamond Avenue (Room 426), Gaithersburg, MD 20899, email: rross@nist.gov, phone: (301) 975-5390, fax: (301) 948-0279. Alternate point of contact is: Ms. Robin Medlock, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, email: rmedlock@nist.gov, phone: (301) 975-5017, fax: (301) 948-0279. Detailed workshop information (to include copies of draft documents related to the Common Criteria Scheme) is available on the NIAP web site at <http://niap.nist.gov>. Laboratory accreditation information can be accessed at the following web sites: International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC), <http://www.ilac.org>, Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC), <http://www.ianz.govt.nz/aplac/>, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) <http://ts.nist.gov/nvlap>.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: To register for the workshop, visit the NIAP web site at <http://niap.nist.gov> and follow the link for Events. Registration must be received by August 26, 1998. For confirmation or additional information, contact Lazer Fuerst at Mitretek Systems, phone: (703) 610-1689, fax: (703) 610-1699, email: scheme-workshop@mitretek.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Recent advances in information technologies and the proliferation of computing systems and networks world-wide have raised the level of concern about security in both the public and private sectors. Security concerns are motivated by a growing use of IT products throughout industry and government in a variety of critical areas—from electronic commerce to national defense. Consumers have access to a growing number of security-enhanced IT products with different capabilities and limitations and must make important decisions about which