

will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in these final results of review or in the most recent segment of the proceeding in which that manufacturer participated; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this review or in any previous segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will be 24.64 percent, the all others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation. These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility 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 in the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also is the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return/destruction or conversion to judicial protective order of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-549-807]

Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings 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: On August 6, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the

Department) published preliminary results of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (pipe fittings) from Thailand. This review covers Thai Benkan Corporation (TBC), a manufacturer/exporter of this merchandise to the United States, during the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998. We preliminarily determined that sales of the subject merchandise have been made below normal value. We gave parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. No comments were submitted to the Department. Additionally, we have changed our exchange rate methodology for a portion of the period covered by this review. However, this modification has not affected our results. Consequently, our preliminary results remain unchanged. We will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and the normal value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zev Primor or Tom Futtner, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4114 or 482-3814, respectively.

THE APPLICABLE STATUTE AND REGULATIONS: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions as of January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act), as amended, by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1998).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 6, 1992, the Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on pipe fittings from Thailand (57 FR 29702). On July 30, 1998, the respondent requested, in accordance with section 351.213(b) of the Department's regulations, an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pipe fittings from Thailand covering the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998. We published a notice of initiation of the review on August 27, 1998, (63 FR 45796). On September 15, 1998, the Department sent an antidumping

questionnaire to TBC. The Department received questionnaire responses in October and November of 1998.

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of preliminary results if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. On March 10, 1999, the Department published notice of extension of time limit for the preliminary results of this case (64 FR 11824). On May 7, 1999, we issued a supplemental questionnaire and received a response to that questionnaire on May 27, 1999. On August 6, 1999, (64 FR 42902), the Department published preliminary results of the administrative review. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. We received no comments. The Department has now completed this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this order is certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, having an inside diameter of less than 14 inches, imported in either finished or unfinished form. These formed or forged pipe fittings are used to join sections in piping systems where conditions require permanent, welded connections, as distinguished from fittings based on other fastening methods (e.g., threaded, grooved, or bolted fittings). Carbon steel pipe fittings are currently classified under subheading 7307.93.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive. The review covers TBC and the period of review (POR) July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

Currency Conversion

Effective July 2, 1997, the Thai government ended its restriction on the movement of the dollar-baht exchange rate, thereby allowing the rate to be determined by supply and demand. Our analysis of Federal Reserve exchange rate data shows that the value of the Thai baht in relation to the U.S. dollar fell on July 2, 1997, by about 18 percent from the previous day and did not rebound significantly in a short period of time. We have already concluded in another proceeding involving Thailand that this drop constitutes a "precipitous and large" decline for purposes of our exchange rate methodology. For a more detailed discussion of the methodology used for periods of "precipitous and

large" exchange rate declines, please refer to *Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 56759 (October 21, 1999) (*Pipes and Tubes from Thailand*). For these final results of review, we incorporated the same methodology used in *Pipes and Tubes from Thailand*. However, the results have not been affected. All of TBC's U.S. sales took place during specific months in which we relied upon our "standard" 40-day average benchmark.

Final Results of the Review

As a result of this review, we determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998:

Manufacturer/exporter	Weighted-Average Margin (percent)
Thai Benkan Corporation, Ltd.	0.94

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Upon completion of this review, 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 assessment of EP sales we calculated a per-unit customer or importer-specific assessment rate by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales to each customer/importer and dividing this amount by the total quantity of those sales.

Furthermore, the following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of pipe fittings from Thailand entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate indicated above; (2) for exporters not covered in this review, but covered in the original less than fair value (LTFV) investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a previous review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate

established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous reviews or the original LTFV investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 39.10 percent, the "All Others" rate from the LTFV investigation (57 FR 29702, July 6, 1992). These requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) 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 notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with section Sec. 353.34(d) of the Department's regulations. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 771(i)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and 1677f(i)(1)).

Dated: December 6, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan: 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 June 7, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of review of the antidumping duty order on certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan (64 FR 30306). The review covers four manufacturer/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period May 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998. The manufacturers covered are Yieh Hsing Enterprise Co. Ltd. (Yieh Hsing), Yieh Loong Co., Ltd. (Yieh Loong), Kao Hsing Chang Iron & Steel Corporation (KHC) and Yun Din Steel Co., Ltd. (Yun Din).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Killiam or Michael J. Heaney, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 or 482-4475, respectively.

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 the regulations, codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 7, 1999 the Department published the preliminary results of the administrative review, and rescinded the review with respect to Far East Machinery Co., Ltd., Sheng Yu Steel Co., Ltd., and Tai Feng Industries. *Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Recission of Review* 64 FR 30306 ("Preliminary Results"). We received comments from petitioners and respondents Yieh Hsing and KHC. We received rebuttal comments from the petitioners and KHC. The Department has now completed this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes. The Department defines such merchandise as welded carbon steel pipes and tubes of circular cross section, with walls not thinner than 0.065 inch and 0.375 inch or more but not over 4½ inches in