

Exporter	Weighted-average margin percentage	Critical circumstances
Wonderful Chemical Industrial Ltd./Jiangsu Taifeng Chemical Industry Co., Ltd .....	78.35	Yes
Tianjin Hongfa Group Co. ....	126.65	Yes
China National Chemical Construction Jiangsu Company .....	97.58	Yes
China Jiangsu International Economic Technical Cooperation Corp .....	97.58	Yes
Shanghai Yongchen International Trading Company Ltd. ....	97.58	Yes
Hebei Jinzhou Import & Export Corporation .....	97.58	Yes
Sinochem Hebei Import & Export Corp. ....	97.58	Yes
Chongqing Dyestuff Import & Export United Corp. ....	97.58	Yes
Wuhan Tiangong Chemicals Import & Export Corp., Ltd. ....	97.58	Yes
PRC-wide Rate .....	129.60	Yes

The PRC-wide rate applies to all entries of subject merchandise except for entries from exporters that are identified individually above.

*ITC Notification*

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after our final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

*Public Comment*

Case briefs or other written comments in at least ten copies must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than March 23, 2000, and rebuttal briefs, no later than March 28, 2000. A list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, the hearing will be held on March 30, 2000, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If this investigation

proceeds normally, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-588-854]

**Notice of Opportunity to Comment on the Scope of the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Tin Mill Products From Japan**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 14, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Denenberg at (202) 482-1386 or Linda Ludwig at (202) 482-3833, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**Background**

On November 30, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of initiation for the antidumping duty investigation of certain tin mill products from Japan (64 FR 66892). Omitted from this initiation notice was the Department's invitation for public comment on the scope of the investigation. The Department is now seeking public comment on the scope of the investigation.

**Scope of Investigation**

The scope of this investigation includes tin mill flat-rolled products that are coated or plated with tin, chromium or chromium oxides. Flat-rolled steel products coated with tin are known as tin plate. Flat-rolled steel products coated with chromium or chromium oxides are known as tin-free steel or electrolytic chromium-coated steel. The scope includes all the noted tin mill products regardless of thickness, width, form (in coils or cut sheets), coating type (electrolytic or otherwise), edge (trimmed, untrimmed or further processed, such and scroll cut), coating thickness, surface finish, temper, coating metal (tin, chromium, chromium oxide), reduction (single-or double-reduced), and whether or not coated with a plastic material.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"), under HTSUS subheadings 7210.11.0000, 7210.12.0000, 7210.50.0000, 7212.10.0000, and 7212.50.0000 if of non-alloy steel and under HTSUS subheadings 7225.99.0090, and 7226.99.0000 if of alloy steel. Although the subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

During our review of the petition, we discussed the scope with the petitioners to ensure that the scope in the petition accurately reflects the product for which the domestic industry is seeking relief. Moreover, as we discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations (62 FR 27323), we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all parties to submit such comments within 20 days of the publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's Central Records Unit at Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street

and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The period of scope consultations is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments and consult with parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-580-842]

#### **Preliminary Negative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination: Structural Steel Beams From the Republic of Korea**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 14, 1999.

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric B. Greynolds or Tipten Troidl, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2786.

#### *Preliminary Determination*

The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers and exporters of structural steel beams from the Republic of Korea.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Petitioners**

The petition in this investigation was filed by Northwestern Steel & Wire Co., Nucor-Yamato Steel Co., TXI-Chaparral Steel Co., and the United Steelworkers of America (the petitioners).

##### **Case History**

Since the publication of the notice of initiation in the **Federal Register** (see *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Structural Steel Beams From the Republic of Korea*, 64 FR 42088, (August 3, 1999) (*Initiation Notice*)), the following events have occurred. On July 29, 1999, we issued countervailing duty questionnaires to the Government of Korea (GOK), and the producers/exporters of the subject

merchandise. On October 4, 1999, we postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until no later than December 6, 1999. See *Structural Steel Beams From the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 64 FR 53665 (October 4, 1999).

We received responses to initial questionnaires from the GOK and Kangwon Industries Ltd. (Kangwon), Inchon Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. (Inchon), producers of subject merchandise, on September 21, 1999. In addition, we received responses from three trading companies which are involved in exporting the subject merchandise to the United States: Hyosung Corporation (Hyosung), Sampyo Corporation (Sampyo), and Hyundai Corporation (Hyundai). Dongkuk Steel Mill Co, Ltd. (DSM) and its trading company, Dongkuk Industries Co., Ltd. (DKI), did not respond to the initial questionnaire. On October 15, 1999, we issued supplemental questionnaires to all of the responding parties and to DSM and DKI. We received responses from Kangwon and Inchon on November 15, 1999. We received a response to the second questionnaire from DSM and its trading company DKI on November 19, 1999. On November 19, 1999, we issued a second supplemental questionnaire to responding parties and received their responses on November 29, 1999.

#### **Scope of the Investigation**

For purposes of this investigation, the products covered are doubly-symmetric shapes, whether hot- or cold-rolled, drawn, extruded, formed or finished, having at least one dimension of at least 80 mm (3.2 inches or more), whether of carbon or alloy (other than stainless) steel, and whether or not drilled, punched, notched, painted, coated, or clad. These products (Structural Steel Beams) include, but are not limited to, wide-flange beams (W shapes), bearing piles (HP shapes), standard beams (S or I shapes), and M-shapes.

All products that meet the physical and metallurgical descriptions provided above are within the scope of this investigation unless otherwise excluded. The following products, are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation: Structural steel beams greater than 400 pounds per linear foot or with a web or section height (also known as depth) over 40 inches.

The merchandise subject to these investigations is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings: 7216.32.0000, 7216.33.0030,

7216.33.0060, 7216.33.0090, 7216.50.000, 7216.61.0000, 7216.69.0000, 7216.91.0000, 7216.99.0000, 7228.70.3040, 7228.70.6000.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

#### **Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) effective January 1, 1995 (the Act). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations as codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1999) and to the substantive countervailing duty regulations published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65345) (CVD Regulations).

#### **Injury Test**

Because the Republic of Korea (Korea) is a "Subsidies Agreement Country" within the meaning of section 701(b) of the Act, the International Trade Commission (ITC) is required to determine whether imports of the subject merchandise from Korea materially injure, or threaten material injury to, a U.S. industry. On September 1, 1999, the ITC published its preliminary determination finding that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is being materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports from Korea of the subject merchandise (See *Certain Structural Steel Beams From Germany, Japan, Korea, and Spain*, 64 FR 47866 (September 1, 1999)).

#### **Alignment With Final Antidumping Duty Determination**

On November 22, 1999, the petitioners submitted a letter requesting alignment of the final determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty investigation. In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act, we are aligning the final determination in this investigation with the final antidumping duty determinations in the antidumping investigations of structural steel beams. See *Initiation of Antidumping Investigations: Structural Steel Beams From Germany, Japan, South Korea, and Spain*, 64 FR 42084 (August 8, 1999).