

The types of CDIW fittings covered by this order are compact ductile iron mechanical joint waterworks fittings and compact ductile iron push-on joint waterwork fittings, both of which are used for the same application. CDIW fittings are used to join water main pressure pipes, valves, or hydrants in straight lines, and change, divert, divide, or direct the flow of raw and/or treated water in piping systems. CDIW fittings attach to the pipe, valve, or hydrant at a joint and are used principally for municipal water distribution systems. CDIW glands are used to join mechanical joint CDIW fittings to pipes.

CDIW fittings with nominal diameters greater than 16 inches, are specifically excluded from the scope of the order. Nonmalleable cast iron fittings (also called gray iron fittings) and full-bodied ductile fittings are also specifically excluded from the scope of this order. Nonmalleable cast iron fittings have little ductility and are generally rated only 150 to 250 PSI. Full-bodied ductile fittings have a longer body design than a compact fitting because in the compact design the straight section of the body is omitted to provide a more compact and less heavy fitting without reducing strength or flow characteristics. In addition, the full-bodied ductile fittings are thicker walled than the compact fittings.

Full-bodied fittings are made of either gray iron or ductile iron, in sizes of 3 to 48 inches, conform to AWWA/ANSI specification C110/C21.10, and are rated to a maximum of only 250 PSI. In addition, compact ductile iron flanged fittings are excluded from the scope of this order, as they have significantly different characteristics and uses than CDIW fittings.

CDIW fittings are classifiable under subheading 7307.19.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Standard ductile iron glands are classifiable under HTSUS subheading 7325.99.10.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

#### Final Results of Review

The final results remain unchanged from the preliminary results as the Department used the same methodology described in the preliminary results. As a result of our comparison of export price to normal value, we determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Margin
Beijing Metals and Minerals Import and Export Corporation.	.09 percent ( <i>de minimis</i> ).

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we have calculated an importer-specific duty assessment rate by dividing the total amount of dumping margins calculated for sales to each importer by the total number of units of those same sales sold to that importer. The unit dollar amount will be assessed uniformly against each unit of merchandise of that specific importer's entries during the POR. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we also will instruct Customs to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties any entries for which the importer-specific antidumping duty assessment rate is *de minimis*, i.e., less than 0.5 percent. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to Customs.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this antidumping duty administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) For BMMIEC, which has a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for any previously reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporter with a separate rate (including those companies for which we terminated the review), the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate established for the most recent period; (3) the cash deposit rate for all other PRC exporters will continue to be 127.38 percent, the PRC-wide rate established in the LTFV investigation; and (4) the cash deposit rate for non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter. 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 administrative review is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-809]

#### Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Mexico: Extension of Time Limit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Mexico. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, and the period of review August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 11, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Killiam or Robert James, Enforcement Group III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 or 482-0649, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department of Commerce (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 120 days after the date on which the notice of preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**. In the instant case, the preliminary results were published in the **Federal Register** on September 7, 1999 (64 FR 48584). The Department has determined that more time is needed to consider comments made by the parties in their October 22, 1999 case briefs and their October 27, 1999

rebuttal briefs. *See* Memorandum from Edward Yang to Robert S. La Russa, January 3, 1999. Therefore, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, because it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results to no later than March 6, 2000.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

**Edward Yang,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-802]

#### Gray Portland Cement and Clinker From Mexico: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed-Circumstances Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of antidumping duty changed-circumstances review.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(b), Cementos de Chihuahua, S.A. de C.V., an interested party in this proceeding, requested a changed-circumstances review. In response to this request, the Department of Commerce is initiating a changed-circumstances review on gray portland cement and clinker from Mexico.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 11, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne Copper or Davina Hashmi, Office 3, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0090 or (202) 482-5760, respectively.

#### The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

In its November 24, 1999 letter, Cementos de Chihuahua, S.A. de C.V. (CDC), requested that the Department conduct an expedited changed-circumstances review pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act. CDC states that, effective December 1, 1999, GCC Cementos, S.A. de C.V. (GCCC), will be the successor in interest to CDC due to a corporate reorganization. On December 13, 1999, the petitioners submitted a letter requesting that the Department reject CDC's request for an expedited review.

#### Scope of Review

The products covered by this review include gray portland cement and clinker. Gray portland cement is a hydraulic cement and the primary component of concrete. Clinker, an intermediate material product produced when manufacturing cement, has no use other than of being ground into finished cement. Gray portland cement is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item number 2523.29 and cement clinker is currently classifiable under number 2523.10. Gray portland cement has also been entered under number 2523.90 as "other hydraulic cements."

The HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. Our written description remains dispositive as to the scope of the product coverage.

#### Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed-Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act, the Department will conduct a changed-circumstances review upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party of, an antidumping duty order which shows changed-circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order.

In its request for a changed-circumstances review, CDC indicated that, effective December 1, 1999, GCCC will be the successor in interest to CDC due to a corporate reorganization. In accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(b) and 351.221(b)(1), we are initiating a changed-circumstances review based upon the information contained in CDC's November 24, 1999, request for this review.

CDC also requested that the Department expedite the review process by issuing preliminary results in conjunction with the notice of initiation. However, CDC's request for review was not accompanied by any documentation supporting CDC's

description of its corporate reorganization. In making a successor-in-interest determination, the Department examines several factors including, but not limited to, the following changes: (1) Management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; (4) customer base. *See, e.g., Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 57 FR 20460 (May 13, 1992) (*Canadian Brass*). Although CDC states that the corporate reorganization meets the standards established in cases such as *Canadian Brass*, CDC has not provided any supporting documentation relevant to the factors described above.

Furthermore, on December 13, 1999, the petitioners submitted a letter objecting to the initiation of an expedited changed-circumstances review on the grounds that the sole basis for CDC's request consists of unsupported statements. Based upon these considerations, we will seek additional information concerning CDC's corporate reorganization. Accordingly, we conclude that it would be inappropriate to expedite this action pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) by issuing preliminary results prior to receiving such information. Therefore, we are not expediting this changed-circumstances review and are not issuing preliminary results at this time.<sup>1</sup>

We will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty changed-circumstances review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4) and 351.221(c)(3)(i), which will set forth the factual and legal conclusions upon which our preliminary results are based and a description of any action proposed based on those results. The Department will issue its final results of review not later than 270 days after publication of this notice of initiation. All written comments must be submitted to the Department and served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303.

During the course of this changed-circumstances review, the current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on all subject merchandise, including the merchandise subject to this changed-

<sup>1</sup> As the petitioners noted in their December 13 letter, the Department has rejected requests for expedited reviews previously under similar circumstances. *See Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea; Initiation of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 62 FR 31789 (June 11, 1997); *Certain Welded Stainless Steel Pipe from Taiwan; Initiation of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 62 FR 30567 (June 4, 1997).