

Preliminary Determinations, we found preliminarily that critical circumstances existed with respect to both countries.

Since the preliminary determinations, we have received comments on the issue of critical circumstances from Usha, Fasten, Nantong, Dragon Trading Inc., and the petitioner. After consideration of these comments, which are discussed in detail in the respective *Decision Memorandum* for each case, we find that critical circumstances exist in the India case for both Usha and all other Indian producer/exporters of subject merchandise. We also find that critical circumstances exist in the PRC case for Nantong, the six companies which received an "all others"³ rate, and all non-responsive companies, which are included in the "PRC-wide" category. Finally, we find that critical circumstances do not exist for Fasten because Fasten's final dumping margin is de minimis. These determinations are discussed in detail in the *Decision Memorandum* for each case.

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are directing the Customs Service to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of steel wire rope exported from India and the PRC, with the exception of merchandise produced by Fasten Co., Ltd. and exported by Fasten Group Import and Export Co., Ltd., that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 4, 2000, (90 days prior to the date of publication of the preliminary determinations in the **Federal Register**). The Customs Service shall continue to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond based on the estimated weighted-average dumping margins shown below. Because we have determined that steel wire rope produced by Fasten Co., Ltd. and exported by Fasten Group Import and Export Co., Ltd., in the PRC is not being sold at LTFV, we are not directing the

³ The "all others" category in a non-market economy proceeding, unlike the "all others" category in a market-economy investigation, only includes companies that demonstrated entitlement to separate rates and expressed a willingness to participate in the proceeding, but whose responses were not examined due to limited Department resources.

We note that the "all others" rate for this final determination is the rate assigned to Nantong, the only investigated respondent with a rate above de minimis. This is consistent with our methodology of setting the "all others" rate in NME cases on the weighted average of calculated margins, excluding rates that are de minimis, based entirely on facts available, or calculated for voluntary respondents. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Non-Frozen Apple Juice Concentrate from the People's Republic of China*, 65 FR 19873 (April 13, 2000).

Customs Service to suspend liquidation of this merchandise. The suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Because we have determined that steel wire rope from Malaysia is not being sold at LTFV, we are not directing the Customs Service to suspend liquidation of steel wire rope exported from Malaysia.

We determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins for India, the PRC, and Malaysia exist:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
India:	
Usha Martin Industries, Ltd ...	38.63
All Others	38.63
People's Republic of China:	
Fasten Group Import and Export Co., Ltd	20.02
Haicheng Greatx Industry Co. Ltd. ¹	42.23
Henan Baoi Wire Rope Factory ¹	42.23
Jiangsu COFCO ¹	42.23
Jiangsu Guo Tai ¹	42.23
Liaoning Metals & Minerals Import & Export Corp. ¹	42.23
Nantong Wire Rope Company ¹	42.23
Nantong Zhongde	42.23
PRC-Wide Rate	58.00
Malaysia:	
Kiswire SDN.BHD	20.26
All Others	20.26

¹ All others.

² De minimis.

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

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determinations. As our final determinations are affirmative for India and the PRC, the ITC will determine, within 45 days, whether imports of subject merchandise from India and the PRC are causing material injury, or threaten material injury, to an industry in the United States. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of injury does not exist, the proceedings will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue antidumping orders directing Customs Service officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or

after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

These determinations are issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

Timothy J. Hauser,

Acting Under Secretary for International Trade.

Appendix

Issues Covered in Decision Memorandum for India

1. Facts Available
2. Major Input Rule
3. Financial Expense Ratio
4. Duty Drawback
5. Home Market Credit Expense
6. Home Market Warehousing Expense
7. Critical Circumstances
8. Treatment of Negative Margins
9. Ministerial Errors

Issues Covered in Decision Memorandum for the PRC

1. Surrogate Value for Wire Rod
2. Surrogate Value for Fiber Cores
3. Surrogate Value for Wood Pallets
4. Surrogate Value for Sulphuric Acid
5. Surrogate Value for Nuts and Bolts
6. Surrogate Value for Hydrochloric Acid
7. Surrogate Value for Lead
8. Surrogate Value for Electricity
9. Surrogate Value for Zinc Nitrate
10. Use of a Market Economy Rate for Ocean Freight
11. Critical Circumstances
12. Correction of Ministerial Error for Valuing International Freight
13. Correction of Ministerial Error for the Conversion Factor of Wood Reels

Issues Covered in Decision Memorandum for Malaysia

1. Mandatory Respondents and "All Others" Rate
2. Cost Reporting for Grade and Lay of Rope
3. Model Match Hierarchy
4. Adjustments to Home Market and U.S. Market Short-Term Borrowing Rates
5. Treatment of Negative Margins
6. General and Administrative Expense
7. Financial Expense Ratio

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-604]

Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From Japan; Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to an October 30, 2000 request made by NTN Corporation (NTN), a manufacturer/exporter of tapered roller bearings (TRBs) and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from Japan, on November 30, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on TRBs and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from Japan, covering the period October 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 (65 FR 71299). This review has now been rescinded as a result of the timely withdrawal by NTN of its request for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Scott or Robert James, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2657 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

APPLICABLE STATUTE AND REGULATIONS: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 1, 2000).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 6, 1987, the Department published the antidumping duty order on TRBs and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from Japan (A-588-604) (52 FR 37352). On October 30, 2000, NTN, a manufacturer/exporter of TRBs from Japan, requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on TRBs for the period October 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we published the initiation of the review on November 30, 2000 (65 FR 71299). On December 8, 2000, NTN withdrew its request for review.

Rescission of Review

The Department's regulations, at 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), provide that the Department will rescind an administrative review if a party that requested a review withdraws the

request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. NTN withdrew its request for an administrative review on December 8, 2000, which is within the 90-day deadline. No other party requested a review of NTN's sales. Therefore, the Department is rescinding this administrative review with respect to NTN.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or 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.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act. Effective January 20, 2001, Bernard T. Carreau is fulfilling the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: January 31, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Private Sector Participation in Overseas Trade Missions

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the below listed overseas trade missions. For a more complete description of each trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the Project Officer indicated for each mission below. Recruitment and selection of private sector participants for these missions will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions dated March 3, 1997.

Computer, Telecommunications and Office Equipment (CTO) Forum and Seminar Mission, Lagos, Nigeria. March 15-16, 2001. Recruitment Closes on March 8, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Raymond Cho, U.S. Department of Commerce. Telephone 202-482-0396; or e-Mail: Raymond_Cho@ita.doc.gov
IT-Telecommunications Trade Mission to Russia, Moscow and St. Petersburg. May 12-19, 2001. Recruitment closes on April 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Beatrix Roberts, U.S. Department of Commerce. Telephone 202-482-2952; or e-Mail: Beatrix_Roberts@ita.doc.gov
U.S. Franchising Matchmaker Trade Delegation, Santiago, Chile and Sao Paulo, Brazil. June 4-9, 2001. Recruitment closes on April 20, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Sam Dhir, U.S. Department of Commerce. Telephone 202-482-4756; or e-Mail: Sam.Dhir@mail.doc.gov
Trade mission applications received after the above closing dates will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. For further information contact Mr. Reginald Beckham, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202-482-5478, or e-mail Reginald_Beckham@ita.doc.gov

Dated: February 22, 2001.

Thomas H. Nisbet,

Director, Promotion Planning and Support Division, Office of Export Promotion Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Announcing Draft Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) for the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Recently, NIST announced its selection for the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) in a report available at <http://www.nist.gov/aes/>, and this selection for the AES has now been described in detail in a Draft Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) for the AES. The Draft FIPS for the AES specifies technology that can be used to protect the confidentiality of sensitive (unclassified) electronic information. The AES specification will provide a FIPS-approved encryption algorithm in addition to the Triple Data Encryption