

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 12, 2001.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-588-824]

#### **Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Japan: Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Revocation in Part of Antidumping Duty Order**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of changed circumstances review, and revocation in part of antidumping duty order.

**SUMMARY:** On January 23, 2001, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of initiation and preliminary results of a changed circumstances review with the intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan. *See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Japan: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Order and Intent to Revoke Order in Part ("Initiation and Preliminary Results")*, 66 FR 7463 (January 23, 2001). In our *Initiation and Preliminary Results*, we gave interested parties an opportunity to comment; however, we did not receive any comments. Therefore, we are now revoking this order in part, with respect

to the particular carbon steel flat products described below, based on the fact that domestic parties have expressed no interest in the continuation of the order with respect to these particular carbon steel flat products.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 15, 2001.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Catherine Bertrand or Rick Johnson, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3207, (202) 482-3818, respectively.

#### *The Applicable Statute and Regulations*

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On December 1, 2000, Taiho Corporation of America ("Taiho America") requested that the Department revoke in part the antidumping duty order on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan. Specifically, Taiho America requested that the Department revoke the order with respect to imports meeting the following specifications: (1) Carbon steel flat products measuring 0.975 millimeters in thickness and 8.8 millimeters in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1012) clad with a two-layer lining, the first layer consisting of a copper-lead alloy powder that is balance copper, 9%-11% tin, 9%-11% lead, maximum 1% other materials and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 792 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys, the second layer consisting of 13%-17% carbon, 13%-17% aromatic polyester, with a balance (approx. 66%-74%) of polytetrafluorethylene ("PTFE"); and (2) carbon steel flat products measuring 1.02 millimeters in thickness and 10.7 millimeters in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1008) with a two-layer lining, the first layer consisting of a copper-lead alloy powder that is balance copper, 9%-11% tin, 9%-11% lead, less than 0.35% iron, and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 792 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys, the second layer consisting of 45%-55%

lead, 3%-5% molybdenum disulfide, with a balance (approx. 40%-52%) of polytetrafluorethylene ("PTFE").

On December 21, 2000, domestic producers of the like product, Bethlehem Steel Corporation; Ispat Inland Steel; LTV Steel Company, Inc.; National Steel Corporation; and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, stated that they have no interest in the importation or sale of steel from Japan with these specialized characteristics. As noted above, we gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*. We received no comments from interested parties.

#### **Scope of Changed Circumstances Review**

The merchandise covered by this changed circumstances review is certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan. This changed circumstances administrative review covers all manufacturers/exporters of carbon steel flat products meeting the following specifications: (1) Carbon steel flat products measuring 0.975 millimeters in thickness and 8.8 millimeters in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1012) clad with a two-layer lining, the first layer consisting of a copper-lead alloy powder that is balance copper, 9%-11% tin, 9%-11% lead, maximum 1% other materials and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 792 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys, the second layer consisting of 13%-17% carbon, 13%-17% aromatic polyester, with a balance (approx. 66%-74%) of polytetrafluorethylene ("PTFE"); and (2) carbon steel flat products measuring 1.02 millimeters in thickness and 10.7 millimeters in width consisting of carbon steel coil (SAE 1008) with a two-layer lining, the first layer consisting of a copper-lead alloy powder that is balance copper, 9%-11% tin, 9%-11% lead, less than 0.35% iron, and meeting the requirements of SAE standard 792 for Bearing and Bushing Alloys, the second layer consisting of 45%-55% lead, 3%-5% molybdenum disulfide, with a balance (approx. 40%-52%) of polytetrafluorethylene ("PTFE").

#### **Final Results of Review; Partial Revocation of Antidumping Duty Order**

The affirmative statement of no interest by petitioners concerning carbon steel flat products, as described herein, constitutes changed circumstances sufficient to warrant partial revocation of this order. Also, no party commented on the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*. Therefore, the Department is partially revoking the

order on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan with regard to products which meet the specifications detailed above, in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d)(1). Also, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, as applicable, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the specifications indicated above, and not subject to final results of an administrative review as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the final results of this changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222. We will also instruct Customs to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APOs") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.306. 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 changed circumstances administrative review, partial revocation of the antidumping duty order and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and sections 351.216 and 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: March 9, 2001.

**Timothy J. Hauser,**

*Acting Under Secretary for International Trade.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-840]

#### Manganese Metal from the People's Republic of China; 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 of manganese metal from the People's Republic of China.

**SUMMARY:** We have determined that sales have been made below normal value during the period of review of February 1, 1999, through January 31, 2000. Based on our review of comments received and a re-examination of surrogate value data, we have made certain changes in the margin calculation for all of the reviewed companies. Consequently, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margins for these firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of the Review." Based on these final results of review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and normal value on all appropriate entries.

We have also determined that the review of China National Electronics Import & Export Hunan Company should be rescinded.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 15, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Campbell or Suresh Maniam, Group 1, Office I, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-2239 or (202) 482-0176, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### The 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 of Commerce's ("Department") regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

##### Background

The period of review ("POR") is February 1, 1999, through January 31, 2000. This review covers the following exporters (referred to collectively as "the respondents"): China Metallurgical Import & Export Hunan Corporation/Hunan Nonferrous Metals Import & Export Associated Corporation ("CMECHN/CNIECHN"), Minmetals Precious and Rare Minerals Import & Export Company ("Minmetals"), London & Scandinavian Metallurgical Co. Ltd./Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation ("LSM/SMC"),<sup>1</sup> Sumitomo Canada, Ltd. ("SCL"), and China

<sup>1</sup> SMC is the affiliated U.S. import of manganese from the U.K. reseller LSM.

National Electronics Import & Export Hunan Company ("CEIEC").

On November 7, 2000, the Department published the *Preliminary Results*,<sup>2</sup> and invited parties to comment on our *Preliminary Results*. The petitioner and the PRC respondents submitted case briefs on December 15, 2000, and December 18, 2000, respectively. LSM/SMC also submitted a case brief on December 15, 2000. All parties submitted rebuttal briefs on January 5, 2001. At the request of certain interested parties, we held a public hearing on January 16, 2001.

The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

##### Scope of Review

The merchandise covered by this review is manganese metal, which is composed principally of manganese, by weight, but also contains some impurities such as carbon, sulfur, phosphorous, iron and silicon. Manganese metal contains by weight not less than 95 percent manganese. All compositions, forms and sizes of manganese metal are included within the scope of this administrative review, including metal flake, powder, compressed powder, and fines. The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under subheadings 8111.00.45.00 and 8111.00.60.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

##### Rescission of Review in Part

As stated in the *Preliminary Results*, CEIEC notified the Department that it had not made any U.S. sales of subject merchandise during the POR. Entry data provided by the U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") confirms that there were no POR entries from CEIEC of manganese metal.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, consistent with the Department's regulations and practice,<sup>4</sup> we are rescinding this review with respect to CEIEC.

##### Use of Facts Otherwise Available

As stated in the *Preliminary Results*, on June 19, 2000, SCL informed the Department that, given the small

<sup>2</sup> *Manganese Metal from the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results and Rescission in Part of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 65 FR 66697 (November 7, 2000) ("Preliminary Results").

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum to the Case File; Confirmation of No Shipment by CEIEC (October 31, 2000).

<sup>4</sup> See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3); *Silicon Metal from Brazil; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 61 FR 46753 (September 5, 1996).