

of iron-zinc alloy by electro-galvanizing process, having an effective amount of zinc up to 40 percent by weight, and (2) corrosion resistant continuously annealed flat-rolled products, continuous cast, the foregoing with chemical composition (percent by weight): carbon not over 0.06 percent by weight, manganese 0.20 or more but not over 0.40, phosphorus not over 0.02, sulfur not over 0.023, silicon not over 0.03, aluminum 0.03 or more but not over 0.08, arsenic not over 0.02, copper not over 0.08 and nitrogen 0.003 or more but not over 0.008; and meeting the characteristics described below: (A) Products with one side coated with a nickel-iron-diffused layer which is less than 1 micrometer in thickness and the other side coated with a two-layer coating composed of a base nickel-iron-diffused coating layer and a surface coating layer of annealed and softened pure nickel, with total coating thickness for both layers of more than 2 micrometers; surface roughness (RA-microns) 0.18 or less; with scanning electron microscope (SEM) not revealing oxides greater than 1 micron; and inclusion groups or clusters shall not exceed 5 microns in length; (B) products having one side coated with a nickel-iron-diffused layer which is less than 1 micrometer in thickness and the other side coated with a four-layer coating composed of a base nickel-iron-diffused coating layer; with an inner middle coating layer of annealed and softened pure nickel, an outer middle surface coating layer of hard nickel and a topmost nickel-phosphorus-plated layer; with combined coating thickness for the four layers of more than 2 micrometers; surface roughness (RA-microns) 0.18 or less; with SEM not revealing oxides greater than 1 micron; and inclusion groups or clusters shall not exceed 5 microns in length; (C) products having one side coated with a nickel-iron-diffused layer which is less than 1 micrometer in thickness and the other side coated with a three-layer coating composed of a base nickel-iron-diffused coating layer, with a middle coating layer of annealed and softened pure nickel and a surface coating layer of hard, luster-agent-added nickel which is not heat-treated; with combined coating thickness for all three layers of more than 2 micrometers; surface roughness (RA-microns) 0.18 or less; with SEM not revealing oxides greater than 1 micron; and inclusion groups or clusters shall not exceed 5 microns in length; or (D) products having one side coated with a nickel-iron-diffused layer which is less than 1 micrometer in thickness and the other side coated with a three-layer

coating composed of a base nickel-iron-diffused coating layer, with a middle coating layer of annealed and softened pure nickel and a surface coating layer of hard, pure nickel which is not heat-treated; with combined coating thickness for all three layers of more than 2 micrometers; surface roughness (RA-microns) 0.18 or less; SEM not revealing oxides greater than 1 micron; and inclusion groups or clusters shall not exceed 5 microns in length. *See* Domestic Producers' February 13, 2003, letter to the Department. Therefore, we are initiating this changed circumstances administrative review.

Furthermore, because domestic producers have expressed a lack of interest, we determine that expedited action is warranted, and we preliminarily determine that continued application of the order with respect to certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products falling within the description above is no longer of interest to domestic interested parties. Because we have concluded that expedited action is warranted, we are combining these notices of initiation and preliminary results. Therefore, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty order with respect to imports of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the above-mentioned specifications from Japan.

If the final revocation in part occurs, we intend to 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, not subject to final results of 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. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the above specifications will continue unless and until we publish a final determination to revoke in part.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the

argument. Parties to the proceedings may request a hearing within 14 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than two days after the deadline for the submission of rebuttal briefs, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs may be submitted by interested parties not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1), rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to the issues raised in those comments, may be filed not later than five days after the deadline for submission of case briefs. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting 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: 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: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has conducted an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate (steel plate) from Mexico (A-201-809) manufactured by Altos Hornos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (AHMSA). The period of review (POR) is August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001. We determine that AHMSA made no sales of steel plate below the normal value (NV). We will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess no antidumping duties on AHMSA's entries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Killiam, Mike Heaney, 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) 482-5222, (202) 482-4475, or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On September 13, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order, and invited parties to comment. See *Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Mexico*, 67 FR 58015 (September 13, 2002) (Preliminary Results). Subsequently, we published a *Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Final Results in Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 68833 (November 13, 2002). We verified the sales information submitted by AHMSA. Our verification findings are outlined in the verification report in the case file: see Memorandum For: The File, "Verification of the sales and cost data submitted by Alto Hornos de Mexico S.A. de C.V. (AHMSA) from Mexico," January 7, 2003. AHMSA submitted a case brief on January 22, 2003. The petitioners submitted a rebuttal brief on January 29, 2003.

Scope of the Review

The products covered in this review include hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coil and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) under item numbers 7208.31.0000, 7208.32.0000, 7208.33.1000,

7208.33.5000, 7208.41.0000, 7208.42.0000, 7208.43.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.11.0000, 7211.12.0000, 7211.21.0000, 7211.22.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, and 7212.50.0000. Included in this review are flat-rolled products of non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process products which have been "worked after rolling"; for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this review is grade X-70 plate.

These HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes. The written descriptions remain dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

The issues raised by the parties in the case brief and the rebuttal brief are listed in the Appendix to this notice and are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memorandum) from Barbara E. Tillman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, to Joseph A. Spetrini, Acting Assistant Secretary, dated March 12, 2003, which is hereby adopted by this notice, and on file in Import Administration's Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Department of Commerce Building. The Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly from the Internet at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov>. The paper and electronic versions of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have revised the interest expense ratios for AHMSA. See the Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of Review

We determine that the following percentage weighted-average margins exist for the period August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001:

**CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH CARBON
STEEL PLATE FROM MEXICO**

| Producer/manufacturer/exporter | Weighted-average margin (percent) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AHMSA | 0 |

Assessment Rates

The Department will determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, zero antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR

351.212(b)(1), we have calculated a customer-specific assessment rate for merchandise subject to this review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to the Customs Service within 15 days of publication of these final results of review. We will direct the Customs Service to assess the resulting zero assessment rates against the entered, customs values for the subject merchandise on customer's entries during the review period.

Cash Deposit Rates

In addition, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice for all shipments of steel plate from Mexico entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act: (1) For the company reviewed, the cash deposit rate will be the rate listed above, (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a previous segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the most recent final results in which that manufacturer or exporter participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or in any previous segment of this proceeding, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate 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 49.25 percent, the "all others" rate established in the LTFV investigation (58 FR 44165, August 19, 1993). 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 under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) 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 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 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). 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.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act, and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Memorandum

1. Gain on Monetary Position in Financial Expense Ratio.
2. Debt Default.
3. Product Specifications Error in the Model Match.
4. Net Price Calculation Errors.
5. Billing Adjustments and Packing Costs in Selling Expenses Calculation.
6. Plate-cutting Fees Excluded from Selling Expenses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-357-810]

Notice of Final Results and Recision in Part of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Oil Country Tubular Goods, Other Than Drill Pipe, From Argentina

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

ACTION: Notice of final results and recision in part of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On September 9, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods from Argentina. *See Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina*, 67 FR 57215 (September 9, 2002) (Preliminary Results). This review covers imports of subject merchandise from Siderca S.A.I.C. (Siderca) and Acindar Industria Argentina de Aceros S.A. (Acindar). The

period of review is August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations for Acindar. Therefore, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margin for Acindar is listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Review." In addition, we are rescinding the review with respect to Siderca.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Baker, Mike Heaney, 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) 482-2924, (202) 482-4475, or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 9, 2002, the Department published the Preliminary Results. We invited parties to comment on those preliminary results. On October 9, 2002, we received case briefs from United States Steel Corporation (petitioner) and Acindar. On October 17, 2002, we received rebuttal briefs from petitioner, Acindar, and IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Lone Star Steel Company, and Maverick Tube Corporation (domestic interested parties). On January 31, 2003, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to Acindar. We received Acindar's response on February 12, 2003. On February 19, 2003, petitioner submitted a case brief commenting on that submission. On February 21, 2003, Acindar submitted rebuttal comments.

On October 9, 2002, we received a request from Acindar for a public hearing on the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. We held this hearing on December 5, 2002. A transcript of the hearing is on file in the central records unit (CRU) at room B-099 of the Department.

As indicated in our preliminary results, following publication of the preliminary results we continued to seek confirmation that Siderca had no shipments to the United States during the POR. *See Preliminary Results* at 57215. In response to requests for information, we received submissions from Siderca on September 16 and October 9, 2002. We received comments from petitioner on September 24 and November 12, 2002. In response to petitioner's November 12, 2002, comments we received a voluntary submission from Siderca on November

26, 2002. We subsequently received further comments from petitioner on December 23, 2002. From February 20 to 22, 2003, we verified Siderca's no-shipment claim, using standard verification procedures, including on-site inspection of the manufacturer's facilities and the examination of relevant sales and financial records. Our verification results are outlined in the public and proprietary versions of the verification report, dated March 4, 2003, which are on file in the Central Records Unit of the Department.

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act, 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. On December 12, 2002, the Department extended the time limit for the final results to March 10, 2003. *See Oil Country Tubular Goods From Argentina: Notice of Extension of Time Limit of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 76381 (December 12, 2002). We have now completed the administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act.

Period of Review

The POR is August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001.

Scope of the Review

Oil country tubular goods (OCTG) are hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing and tubing of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether seamless or welded, whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products).

This scope does not cover casing or tubing pipe containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium. Drill pipe was excluded from this order beginning August 11, 2000. *See Continuation of Countervailing and Antidumping Duty Orders on Oil Country Tubular Goods From Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea and Mexico, and Partial Revocation of Those Orders From Argentina and Mexico With Respect to Drill Pipe*, 66 FR 38630 (July 25, 2001).

The OCTG subject to this order are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20, 7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40, 7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60, 7304.29.10.80, 7304.29.20.10, 7304.29.20.20, 7304.29.20.30,