

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-823-808]

Postponement of Final Determination; Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Ukraine

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

ACTION: Notice of postponement of final determination of sales at less than fair value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nithya Nagarajan, Eugenia Chu, or Yury Beyzarov, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3793.

The Applicable Statute And Regulations

Unless other 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 Rounds Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are in reference to the regulations, codified at 19 CFR part 353, as they existed on April 1, 1996.

Postponement of Final Determination

Pursuant to section 735(a)(2) of the Act, on July 18, 1997, Azovstal Iron and Steel Works (Azovstal), Ilyich Iron and Steel Works (Ilyich) and Alchevsk Iron and Steel Works (Alchevsk), producers of subject merchandise; requested a thirty-day extension of the final determination.

Azovstal and Ilyich account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise. In addition, we are not aware of any compelling reasons for denying this request. However, due to the complexity of the issues involved in the case, including surrogate values, Ukraine's status as a market economy country, and scope of the subject merchandise, we are postponing the final determination in this investigation until 135 days after the publication of the preliminary determination. Therefore, the final determination will be due no later than October 24, 1997. Suspension of liquidation will be extended in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than*

Fair Value: Certain Pasta from Italy, 61 Fed. Reg. 30326, 30326 (June 14, 1996).

In accordance with 19 CFR 353.38, case briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than Friday, August 29, 1997, and rebuttal briefs, no later than Friday, September 5, 1997. A list of authorities used and a summary of the arguments made in the briefs should accompany these briefs. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. We will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments made in case or rebuttal briefs.

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 ten days of the publication of this notice. Request 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. In accordance with 19 CFR 353.38(b) oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to 19 CFR 353.20(b)(2).

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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subsidies are being provided to Caribbean Ispat Limited ("CIL"), a producer and exporter of steel wire rod from Trinidad and Tobago. For information on the estimated countervailing duty rates, please see the *Suspension of Liquidation* section of this notice.

Case History

Since the publication of the notice of initiation in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1997 (62 FR 13866), the following events have occurred.

On April 1, 1997, we issued countervailing duty questionnaires to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago ("GOTT") and to CIL concerning petitioners' allegations. We received responses to our questionnaires from CIL and the GOTT on May 27 and May 29, 1997, respectively. We issued supplemental questionnaires to parties on June 13, 1997, and received responses on June 30, 1997. On May 2, 1997, we postponed the preliminary determination in this investigation until July 28, 1997 (62 FR 25172, May 8, 1997).

Scope of Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are certain hot-rolled carbon steel and alloy steel products, in coils, of approximately round cross section, between 5.00 mm (0.20 inch) and 19.0 mm (0.75 inch), inclusive, in solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) Stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; (e) free machining steel that contains by weight 0.03 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.4 percent of phosphorus, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, and/or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium; or (f) concrete reinforcing bars and rods.

The following products are also excluded from the scope of this investigation:

Coiled products 5.50 mm or less in true diameter with an average partial decarburization per coil of no more than 70 microns in depth, no inclusions greater than 20 microns, containing by weight the following: carbon greater than or equal to 0.68 percent; aluminum less than or equal to 0.005 percent; phosphorous plus sulfur less than or equal to 0.040 percent; maximum combined copper, nickel and chromium content of 0.13 percent; and nitrogen less than or equal to 0.006 percent. This

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[C-274-803]

Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Steel Wire Rod From Trinidad and Tobago

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Hansen, Vincent Kane, or Sally Hastings, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group I, Office 1, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1874, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1276, 482-2815, or 482-3464, respectively.

Preliminary Determination:

The Department preliminarily determines that countervailable