

absorption is taking place, the Department should make this assumption and adjustment. We disagree with 3M. With respect to this finding, we note that 3M did not request a duty absorption determination during the administrative review initiated in 1996 (3M's first opportunity to request a duty absorption determination⁷).⁸ In fact, the administrative review initiated in 1996, covering NAR, was initiated in response to a request from Horizon Plastics, an importer of tape from Italy. Commerce did not conduct a duty absorption inquiry; thus the record does not support a finding of duty absorption. Therefore, we have not adopted 3M's request.

Final Results of Review

As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping finding would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the margins listed below.

| Manufacturer/exporter | Margin (percent) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Autoadesivitali, S.p.A | 1 |
| Boston, S.p.A | 1 |
| Comet SARA, S.p.A | 10.00 |
| Cosmonastri, S.p.A | 10.00 |
| Manuli Autoadesivi (Manuli) | 10.00 |
| Plasturopa | 1 |
| Nazionale Imballaggi | 10.00 |
| SMAC, S.p.A | 10.00 |
| All Others | 10.00 |

¹ Revoked.

This notice 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 of the Department's regulations. 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.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

⁷ Section 751(a)(4) of the Act provides that, during the second and fourth administrative review of an order (or, for transition orders, during an administrative review initiated in 1996 or 1998 (see 19 CFR 351.213 (j))), upon request, the Department will determine whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by a foreign producer or exporter subject to a finding if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer who is affiliated with such foreign producer or exporter.

⁸ The deadline for requesting a duty absorption determination in the administrative review of this finding initiated on November 30, 1998, is December 30, 1998.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-808]

Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod from India; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative and New Shipper Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review and new shipper reviews.

SUMMARY: On September 9, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the preliminary results of its administrative review and new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rod ("SSWR") from India. These reviews covered one manufacturer/exporter, Mukand, Ltd. ("Mukand"), of the subject merchandise for the period December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1997, and two new shippers, Viraj Group ("Viraj") and Panchmahal Steel Ltd. ("Panchmahal"). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received no comments and have not changed the results from those presented in the preliminary results of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Dybczak (Mukand), Carrie Blozy (Viraj), Stephen Bailey (Panchmahal) or Rick Johnson, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1398 (Dybczak), (202) 482-0165 (Blozy), (202) 482-0413 (Bailey), or (202) 482-3818 (Johnson).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise

indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On October 20, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rod from India (58 FR 54110). On December 5, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order (62 FR 64353). On December 22, 1997, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), respondent Mukand requested that we conduct an administrative review. We published the notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review on January 26, 1998 (62 FR 3702). On December 24, 1997, and December 31, 1997, Panchmahal and Viraj, respectively, submitted requests for new shipper reviews. On February 5, 1998, the notice of initiation of these new shipper reviews was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 5930).

On September 9, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 48184) the preliminary results of its administrative review and new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rod from India (62 FR 3702). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received no comments. The Department has now completed these reviews in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of SSWR from India. SSWR are products which are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils. SSWR are made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are only manufactured by hot-rolling and are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross-section. The majority of SSWR sold in the United States are round in cross-section shape, annealed and pickled. The most common size is 5.5 millimeters in diameter.

The SSWR subject to this review are currently classifiable under subheadings 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0020, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0040, 7221.00.0045, 7221.00.0060, 7221.00.0075, and 7221.00.0080 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

The administrative review covers one company, Mukand, while both Viraj and Panchmahal are reviewed as new shippers. The period of review for all three companies is December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1997.

Final Results of Reviews

As a result of our reviews, we determine the dumping margins (in percent) for the period December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1997, for the companies under review to be as follows:

| Producer/manufacturer/exporter | Margin (percent) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Mukand | 0.00 |
| Viraj | 0.00 |
| Panchmahal | 0.00 |

The Department shall issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of these final results 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) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rates for Mukand, Viraj, and Panchmahal will be the rates stated above; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this review, the cash rate will be 48.80 percent, which is the "all others" rate as established in the LTFV investigation. The deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Notification of Interested Parties

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR section 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 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 353.34(d), (1997). 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.

The administrative review and new shipper reviews and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)).

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-068]

Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Steel Wire Strand from Japan

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of expedited sunset review: steel wire strand from Japan.

SUMMARY: On September 1, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the antidumping finding on steel wire strand from Japan (63 FR 46410) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and substantive comments filed on behalf of the domestic industry and inadequate response (in this case, no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct an expedited review. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping finding would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the Final Results of the Review section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import

Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 1999.

Statute and Regulations

This review was conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act. The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("*Sunset Regulations*"). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—*Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin*, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("*Sunset Policy Bulletin*").

Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping finding is steel wire strand, other than alloy steel, not galvanized, which are stress-relieved and suitable for use in prestressed concrete. Such merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item number 7312.10.30.12. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

This review covers imports from all manufacturers and exporters of steel wire strand from Japan, other than imports produced by Sumitomo Electric Ind., Ltd. and exported by the Sumitomo Corp., for which the finding has been revoked (51 FR 30894, August 29, 1986), and imports produced by Kawasaki Steel Techno-Wire (formerly known as Kawatetsu Wire Products Co., Ltd.), for which the investigation was discontinued (43 FR 38495, August 28, 1978).

Background

On September 1, 1998, the Department initiated a sunset review of the antidumping finding on steel wire strand from Japan (63 FR 46410), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. The Department received a Notice of Intent to Participate on behalf of the American Spring Wire Corp., Florida Wire & Cable, Inc., Insteel Wire Products and Sumiden Wire Products Corp. (collectively "the domestic industry") on September 16, 1998,