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Dated: March 30, 2000.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-588-845]

#### **Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan: Final Results of Changed Circumstance Antidumping Duty Review, and Determination To Revoke Order in Part**

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

**ACTION:** Final results of changed circumstance antidumping duty review, and determination to revoke order in part.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 5, 2000.

**SUMMARY:** On February 8, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances antidumping duty review and preliminary results of review with intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan. We are now revoking this order in part, with regard to the following product: Stainless steel welding electrode strips, as described in the "Scope" section of this notice, based on the fact that domestic parties have expressed no further interest in the relief provided by the order with respect to the importation or sale of this steel coil, as so described.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Bolling, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3434.

**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 at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

#### **Background**

On August 13, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a request on behalf of Watanabe Trading Co., Ltd. (Watanabe) and Byram Steel Trading Co. (Byram) for a changed circumstance review and an intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty (AD) order with respect to specific stainless steel sheet and strip from Japan. The Department received a letter on August 30, 1999, from petitioners (Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Armco, Inc., J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., Washington Steel Division of Bethlehem Steel Corporation (formerly Lukens, Inc.), the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, the Butler Armco Independent Union and the Zanesville Armco Independent Organization, Inc. of CA) expressing no opposition to the request of Watanabe and Byram for revocation in part of the order pursuant to a changed circumstance review with respect to the subject merchandise defined in the Scope of the Review section below.

We preliminarily determined that petitioners' affirmative statement of no interest constituted changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review and partial revocation of the order. Consequently, on February 8, 2000, the Department published an initiation of a changed circumstances review and preliminary results of review with an intent to revoke the order in part (65 FR 6155).

The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under subheading 7220.20.70 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

#### **Scope of Changed Circumstance Review**

The products covered by this exclusion request and changed circumstances review are stainless steel welding electrode strips that are manufactured in accordance with American Welding Society (AWS) specification ANSI/AWS A5.9-93. The products are 0.5 mm in thickness, 60 mm in width, and in coils of approximately 60 pounds each. The products are limited to the following AWS grade classifications: ER 308L, ER 309L, ER 316L and ER 347, and a modified ER 309L or 309LCb which

meets the following chemical composition limits (by weight):

Carbon—0.03% maximum  
Chromium—20.0–22.0%  
Nickel—10.0–12.0%  
Molybdenum—0.75% maximum  
Manganese—1.0–2.5%  
Silicon—0.65% maximum  
Phosphorus—0.03% maximum  
Sulphur—0.03% maximum  
Copper—0.75% maximum  
Columbium—8 times the carbon level  
minimum—1.0% maximum

#### **Comments**

In the preliminary results, we provided parties the opportunity to comment. We did not receive any comments from the interested parties.

#### **Final Results of Review and Partial Revocation of the Antidumping Duty Order**

The affirmative statement of no interest by petitioners concerning the steel coil (*i.e.*, stainless steel welding electrode strips) and the fact that no interested parties objected to or otherwise commented on our preliminary results of review, constitute changed circumstances sufficient to warrant partial revocation of the order. Therefore, the Department is partially revoking the order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils with respect to the product described above, in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(i). This partial revocation applies to all unliquidated entries of the above-described merchandise not subject to final results of administrative review as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of these final results of changed circumstances review.

The Department will instruct the Customs Service (Customs) to proceed with liquidation, without regard to antidumping duties, of any unliquidated entries of steel coil (*i.e.*, stainless steel welding electrode strips), as specifically described in the "Scope of Changed Circumstance Review" section above, and entered, or withdrawn from the warehouse, for consumption on or after March 24, 2000. The Department will further instruct Customs to refund with interest any estimated duties collected with respect to unliquidated entries of steel coils (*i.e.*, stainless steel welding electrode strips) entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this changed circumstances review, in accordance with section 778 of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(f)(4).

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to

administrative protection orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.34(d)(1997). Failure to timely notify the Department in writing of the return/destruction of APO material is a sanctionable violation.

This changed circumstances 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, 351.2221(c)(3), and 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

**Richard Moreland,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews: Notice of Termination of Panel Review

**AGENCY:** NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of termination of the panel review of the final injury determination made by the International Trade Commission, respecting Live Cattle from Canada (Secretariat File No. USA/CDA-99-1904-07).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate the Panel Review by the Complainant, the panel review is terminated as of March 15, 2000. Complaints were filed pursuant to Rule 39, Notices of Appearance were filed pursuant to Rule 40, however, no panel has been appointed. All "participants" in this review as defined in Rule 3 of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review* have consented to the motion for termination. Pursuant to Rule 71(2) of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review*, this panel review is terminated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in

antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter was requested and terminated pursuant to these Rules.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033100B]

#### Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption Requests and Notifications; Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Peter Christopher, NMFS, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, 978-281-9288.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has been conducting an experimental fishery, referred to as the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Experimental Fishery (Raised Footrope Experiment), to allow trawlers to target whiting, red hake, dogfish and other small mesh species using a raised footrope trawl. The experiment was designed to assess the effectiveness of a raised footrope small mesh otter trawl in reducing bycatch of regulated multispecies. The proposed Framework Adjustment 35 to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan will recommend that the Raised Footrope Experiment become a multispecies exempted fishery. The collection-of-information requirements are: (1) A request for a certificate to fish in the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption; and (2) a notification of intention to withdraw from the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption. Requests for a certificate identify the person, the vessel name, the permit number, and how long he/she intends to fish in the exemption area (no less than seven days but not more than four months).

##### II. Method of Collection

Requests and notifications are made by telephone.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.  
*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit (commercial fishermen).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 288.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 231 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$81.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the