

if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

### Background

On August 30, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Silicon Metal from Brazil covering the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, (64 FR 47167). On August 4, 2000, (65 FR 47960), we published the preliminary results of review. In our notice of preliminary results, we stated our intention to issue the final results of this review no later than 120 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results, December 2, 2000.

### Extension of Final Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until no later than January 31, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Thomas F. Futtner to Holly A. Kuga, dated concurrently with this notice, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: October 20, 2000.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-533-809]

### Certain Stainless Steel Flanges From India; Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Administrative Review

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 2, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Killiam or Robert James, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5222, or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

### Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute refer 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, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1999).

### Extensions of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Based on requests by interested parties, on March 24, 2000, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel flanges from India, covering the period February 1, 1999 through January 31, 2000 (65 FR 16875, March 30, 2000). The preliminary results are currently due no later than October 31, 2000. The respondents are Echjay Forgings Ltd. (with affiliate Pushpaman), Isibars, Ltd., Panchmahal Steel Ltd., Patheja Forgings & Auto Parts, Ltd., and Viraj Forgings, Ltd. The Department has determined that it is not practicable to issue the preliminary results of review within the original time limit mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations. See Memorandum from Richard A. Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III, October 20, 2000. Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until February 28, 2001, in accordance with section 351.213(h)(2). The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with section 351.213(h)(1).

Dated: October 24, 2000.

**Edward C. Yang,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-357-813]

### Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Honey From Argentina

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 2, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana S. Mermelstein at (202) 482-1391 or Doug Campau at (202) 482-1395, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VII, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

### Initiation of Investigation

#### *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 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

#### *The Petition*

On September 29, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a countervailing duty petition filed in proper form on behalf of the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (the petitioners). Supplements to the petitions were filed on October 5, 11, 17 and 19, 2000. In addition, we received submissions from the parties with regard to industry support on October 16, 18, and 24.

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Act, petitioners allege that manufacturers, producers, or exporters of honey from Argentina received countervailable subsidies within the meaning of section 701 of the Act.

Pursuant to section 702(C)(1)(b), the Department extended the deadline for initiation to no later than October 27, 2000.

The Department finds that petitioners filed the petition on behalf of the domestic industry because they are interested parties as defined under sections 771(9)(C) and (D) of the Act. The petitioners have demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to this countervailing duty investigation, which they are requesting the Department to initiate. See *Determination of Industry Support for the Petition* below.

#### *Scope of the Investigation*

For purposes of these investigations, the products covered are natural honey, artificial honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, preparations of natural honey containing more than 50 percent natural