

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-508-605]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the final results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Israel, covering the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean Carey, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3964.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "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 of 120 days after the date on which the notice of preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**. In the instant case, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. See Memorandum from Barbara E. Tillman to Joseph A. Spetrini (November 1, 2000). Therefore, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results to no later than March 5, 2001, which is 180 days after the publication date in the **Federal Register** of the notice of preliminary results for this review. The preliminary results were published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 2000 (65 FR 53984).

Dated: November 1, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[C-508-810]

Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Pure Magnesium From Israel

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marian Wells, Blanche Ziv, or Ryan Langan, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-6309, (202) 482-4207, or (202) 482-1279, respectively.

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 October 17, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") received a petition filed in proper form by the Magnesium Corporation of America ("Magcorp") and the United Steel Workers of America, Local 8319. On October 26, 2000, the petitioners amended the petition to include the United Steelworkers of America, Local 482, as co-petitioners. (Collectively, these entities are hereinafter referred to as "the petitioners.") The Department received information supplementing the petition throughout the initiation period.

On November 3 and November 6, 2000, we received a submission from producers of granular pure magnesium. On November 6, 2000, petitioners filed a response. The Department has taken these submissions into consideration in making the initiation determination.

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Act, the petitioners allege that manufacturers, producers, or exporters of the subject merchandise from Israel receive countervailable subsidies within the meaning of section 701 of the Act.

The petitioners state that they have standing to file the petition because they are interested parties, as defined under sections 771(9)(C) and (D) of the Act. See *Determination of Industry Support for the Petition* section below.

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation includes imports of pure magnesium products, regardless of chemistry, form, or size, including, without limitation, ingots, raspings, granules, turnings, chips, powder, and briquettes.

Pure magnesium includes: (1) Products that contain at least 99.95 percent primary magnesium, by weight (generally referred to as "ultra-pure" magnesium); (2) products that contain less than 99.95 percent but not less than 99.8 percent primary magnesium, by weight (generally referred to as "pure" magnesium); and (3) products that contain 50 percent or greater, but less than 99.8 percent primary magnesium, by weight, and that do not conform to an "ASTM Specification for Magnesium Alloy"¹ (generally referred to as "off-specification pure" magnesium).

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classifiable under 8104.11.00, 8104.19.00, and 8104.30.00 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 investigation is dispositive.

During our review of the petition, we discussed the scope with the petitioners to ensure that the scope in the petition accurately reflects the product for which the domestic industry is seeking relief. Moreover, as discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations (*Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997)), we are setting aside a period for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all parties to submit such comments within 20 calendar days of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Import Administration's Central Records Unit at Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230. The period of scope consultations is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments and consult with parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination.

¹ The meaning of this term is the same as that used by the American Society for Testing and Materials in its *Annual Book of ASTM Standards: Volume 01.02 Aluminum and Magnesium Alloys*.