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Administrator.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a service previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: December 20, 1999.

ADDRESS: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the

commodities and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Canned Air Duster

6850-01-398-4797

7045-01-411-9794

7930-01-179-7236

NPA: Lighthouse for the Blind, St. Louis, Missouri

Services

Grounds Maintenance, Naval Air Station, New Orleans, Louisiana, NPA: Goodworks, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana

Laundry Service

Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina

NPA: Chesapeake Service Systems, Inc., Chesapeake, Virginia

Deletion

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following service has been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

Administrative Services
General Services Administration, PBS
Laguna Niguel Field Offices
Laguna Niguel, California

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-357-007]

Carbon Steel Wire Rod From Argentina: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from petitioners, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Acindar Industria Argentina de Aceros S.A. ("Acindar") and the period November 1, 1997 through October 31, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined that respondent has made sales below normal value during the period of review. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on entries subject to this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen M. Kramer or Linda Ludwig, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0405 or 482-3833, respectively.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 23, 1984, the Department published an antidumping duty order on Carbon Steel Wire Rod from Argentina (49 FR 46180). The Department published a notice of "Opportunity To Request

Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order for the 1997/1998 review period on November 12, 1998 (63 FR 63287). On November 30, 1998, the petitioners, Birmingham Steel Corporation, Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Co-Steel Raritan, Connecticut Steel Corporation, GS Industries, Inc., Keystone Steel & Wire Company, North Star Steel Company, and Northwestern Steel & Wire Company, filed a request for review. We published a notice of initiation of this review on December 23, 1998 (63 FR 71091).

Due to the complexity of model match issues involved in this case, the Department extended the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until November 30, 1999, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. See 64 FR 55234 (October 12, 1999). The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this review is carbon steel wire rod. This merchandise is currently classifiable under HTS item numbers 7213.20.00, 7212.31.30, 72113.39.00, 721113.41.30, 7213.49.00, and 7213.50.00. These HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the proceeding is dispositive.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, we verified sales information provided by Acindar at its headquarters in Buenos Aires and at its plant in Villa Constitución, Argentina, August 23 through 27, 1999, using standard verification procedures, including inspection of the manufacturing facilities, examination of relevant sales and financial records, and selection of original documentation containing relevant information. As a result of our findings at verification, we adjusted imputed credit expenses in both the U.S. and home markets and U.S. movement expenses. See "Verification of Sales at Acindar Industria Argentina de Aceros S.A., Buenos Aires and Villa Constitución, Argentina, August 23-27, 1999," dated October 21, 1999, and "Analysis of Sales by Acindar Industria Argentina de Aceros S.A. for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of Silicon Metal from Argentina for the Period November 1, 1997 through October 31, 1998," dated November 30, 1999.

Fair Value Comparisons

To determine whether sales of the subject merchandise sold by Acindar and exported to the United States were made at less than normal value ("NV"), we compared export price ("EP") to the NV, as described in the "Export Price" and "Normal Value" sections of this notice. Pursuant to section 777A(d)(2) of the Act, we compared the EPs of individual U.S. transactions to monthly weighted-average NVs of the foreign like product. All merchandise sold in the United States was matched to similar merchandise sold in the home market.

Export Price

We based United States price on EP, as defined in section 772(a) of the Act, because Acindar sold the merchandise to an unaffiliated company prior to importation and constructed export price was not otherwise indicated by the facts of record.

We calculated EP based on the packed, delivered, duty-unpaid price to an unaffiliated trading company in the United States. We made deductions pursuant to section 772(c)(2) of the Act for foreign inland freight expenses not reimbursed by the importer, brokerage and handling, and increased the United States price by the amount of foreign inland freight paid by the importer, and duty drawback in accordance with section 772(c)(1)(A) of the Act.

Normal Value (NV)

In order to determine whether sales of the foreign like product in the home market are a viable basis for calculating NV, we compared the volume of home market sales of the foreign like product to the volume of subject merchandise sold in the United States, in accordance with section 773(a)(1)(C) of the Act. Acindar's aggregate volume of home market sales of the foreign like product was greater than five percent of its respective aggregate volume of U.S. sales of the subject merchandise. Therefore, we have based NV on home market sales.

Acindar made sales to affiliated customers in the home market during the period of review and accordingly, we performed the arm's length test. Sales to affiliated companies that failed the test were disregarded, pursuant to section 351.403(c) of the Department's regulations. Home market prices were based on the packed, delivered prices to customers. We made adjustments to NV according to section 773(a)(6)(B) and (C) of the Act, where appropriate, for discounts and rebates, billing adjustments, inland freight net of expenses billed to the customer, credit

expenses net of interest revenues, warranty expenses, and packing. Pursuant to section 773(a)(6)(C)(iii) of the Act and section 351.410 of the Department's regulations, we made a circumstances of sale adjustment to NV for U.S. direct selling expenses (credit, warranty and bank charge expenses).

Level of Trade

In accordance with section 773(a)(1)(B) of the Act, to the extent practicable, we determine NV based on sales in the comparison market at the same level of trade ("LOT") as the EP or CEP transaction. In this case, the record shows that sales in both markets were made at the same LOT. Acindar made sales directly to its customers in the United States and Argentina. There were no differences in the selling functions performed for distributors, end-users or trading companies in either market. Acindar provided only packing, warranties and shipping services to customers in both markets.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following margin exists for the period November 1, 1997 through October 31, 1998:

Company	Margin (percent)
Acindar Industria Argentina de Aceros S.A.	2.63

Pursuant to section 351.224 of the Department's regulations, we will disclose the calculations performed to the parties to this proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice. An interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first business day thereafter. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs and rebuttal briefs. Interested parties may submit case briefs and rebuttal briefs not later than 30 days and 37 days, respectively, after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review. See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and (d)(1).

Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Parties are also encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited.

The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of

issues raised in any such written briefs or at the hearing, if held, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice.

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, Room B-099, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

Assessment Rates

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appropriate appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service upon completion of this review. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review and for future deposits of estimated duties. We will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review if any assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above *de minimis* (i.e., at or above 0.5 percent) pursuant to section 351.106(c)(2) of the Department's regulations. For assessment purposes, if applicable, we intend to calculate an importer-specific assessment rate by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales and dividing this amount by the total quantity sold.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of carbon steel wire rod from Argentina entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Acindar will be the rate established in the final results of administrative review, except if the rate is less than 0.5 percent, and therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106, in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review, but covered in the original less than fair value (LTFV) investigation, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the rate published in the final determination; or

(3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or the 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) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 119.11 percent, the "All Others" rate made effective by the LTFV determination. These requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during these review periods. 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 administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-853]

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Circular Seamless Stainless Steel Hollow Products From Japan

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Riggle or Constance Handley at (202) 482-0650 and (202) 482-0631, respectively; Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, 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 references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

The Petition

On October 26, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") received a petition on circular seamless stainless steel hollow products from Japan filed in proper form by Altix, Inc., American Extruded Products, PMAC Ltd, DMV Stainless USA, Inc., Salem Tube Inc., Sandvik Steel Co. International Extruded Products LLC and the United Steel Workers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC. On November 9, 1999, Pennsylvania Extruded Company (Pexco) joined as a co-petitioner in the case. The Department received supplements to the petition on November 9, 10, and 12, 1999.

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Act, the petitioners allege that imports of circular seamless stainless steel hollow products from Japan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring an industry in the United States.

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

Scope of Investigation

The scope of this investigation covers seamless stainless hollow products, including pipes, tubes, redraw hollows, and hollow bars, of circular cross section, containing 10.5 percent or more by weight chromium, regardless of production process, outside diameter, wall thickness, length, industry specification (domestic, foreign or proprietary), grade or intended use. Common specifications for the subject seamless stainless steel hollow products include, but are not limited to, ASTM-A-213, ASTM-A-268, ASTM-A-269, ASTM-A-270, ASTM-A-271, ASTM-A-312, ASTM-A-376, ASTM-A-498, ASTM-A-511, ASTM-A-632, ASTM-A-731, ASTM-A-771, ASTM-A-789, ASTM-A-790, ASTM-A-826 and their proprietary or foreign equivalents.

The merchandise covered by this petition is found in the Harmonized