

section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations, we find that, under the circumstances of these reviews, it is appropriate to accept the withdrawals and rescind the reviews.

First, with respect to the administrative review, the Department has confirmed through a U.S. Customs query that there were no entries of silicon metal during the period of review except for those covered by the new shipper review. As such, although the withdrawal request was untimely, it is reasonable to accept it since the Department would have rescinded the administrative review due to no shipments in accordance with section 351.213(d)(3) of the Department's regulations. Thus, the result is the same: if any shipments are made by Lin Fen, such shipments will be subject to the PRC-wide rate until another review is requested.

With respect to the new shipper review, a rescission will not provide any advantage to Lin Fen. The assessment rate for the new shipper sales will be the PRC-wide rate, which is the only rate, as well as the highest rate, from any segment of this proceeding. Moreover, continuing the new shipper review would result in an inefficient use of the Department's resources since the Department would have to issue multiple determinations, and request and analyze comments from the interested parties. Based on the foregoing reasons, we find it appropriate to rescind the new shipper and administrative reviews of Lin Fen.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Bonding will no longer be permitted to fulfill security requirements for shipments from Lin Fen of silicon metal from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in the United States on or after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice for all shipments of silicon metal by Lin Fen entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act. For silicon metal exported by Lin Fen, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate, which is currently 139.49 percent. There are no changes to the rates applicable to any other company under this order. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to the Customs Service within 15 days of publication of this notice.

Notification of Parties

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under section 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this period of review. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with section 351.305(a)(3) of the Department's regulations. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination and notice is issued and published in accordance with section 351.214(f)(3) and section 351.213(d)(4) of the Department's regulations and sections 751(a)(1), and 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Bar From India

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India with respect to Isibars Limited; Mukand, Ltd.; Venus Wire Industries Limited; and the Viraj Group, Ltd. (Viraj Alloys, Ltd.; Viraj Forgings, Ltd.; and Viraj Impoexpo, Ltd.). This review covers sales of stainless steel bar to the United States

during the period February 1, 2001, through January 31, 2002.

We preliminarily find that, during the period of review, sales of stainless steel bar from India were made below normal value. If the preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cole Kyle or Ryan Langan, Office 1, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1503 or (202) 482-2613 respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 1, 2002, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 4945) of the opportunity for interested parties to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. In February 2001, the Department received timely requests for an administrative review from Carpenter Technology Corp., Crucible Specialty Metals Division of Crucible Materials Corp., Electralloy Corp., Slater Steels Corp., Empire Specialty Steel and the United Steelworkers of America (AFL-CIO/CLC) (collectively, "petitioners") and Viraj Group Ltd., an Indian producer of the subject merchandise. On March 11, 2002, the Department received a review request from Ferro Alloys Corp. Ltd. ("Facor"), an Indian exporter/producer of the subject merchandise. However, since Facor's review request was not timely filed in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2) (April 2001), we did not consider it when initiating this administrative review.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(1), we published a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review on March 27, 2002 (67 FR 14696) with respect to the following exporter/producers of the subject merchandise: Isibars Limited ("Isibars"); Mukand, Ltd. ("Mukand"); Venus Wire Industries Limited ("Venus"); and the Viraj Group, Ltd. ("Viraj"). The period of review ("POR") is February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002.

On March 27, 2002, the petitioners requested the Department to conduct verification in this review. On May 22,