

the preliminary results of this new shipper review cannot be completed within the statutory time limit of 180 days. Specifically, each respondent used multiple inputs to produce the subject merchandise and there are multiple stages of production associated with producing the subject merchandise. For purposes of reporting its consumption of each material input, each respondent used a material allocation methodology. Therefore, in order to ensure that each respondent has accurately reported its factors of production, we need more time to obtain additional information on their factors of production and to accommodate verification in this case. In addition, given the complexity (*i.e.*, multiple production stages) involved with producing the subject merchandise and the material allocation issues inherent in this case, the Department finds that this case is extraordinarily complicated, and cannot be completed within the statutory time limit.

Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results by 120 days, to July 27, 2003,¹ in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2). The final results will in turn be due 90 days after the date of issuance of the preliminary results, unless extended.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

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Certain Small Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Romania: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: On September 10, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of seamless pipe from Romania. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise. The period of review is February 4, 2000 through July 31, 2001.

Based on our analysis of comments received, these final results differ from the preliminary results. The final results are listed below in the "Final Results of Review" section.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 10, 2002, the Department received a letter from the Government of Romania (GOR) requesting a review of the status of Romania as a non-market economy (NME) country, either in a free-standing investigation or in the context of this administrative review. On September 10, 2002, in response to the GOR's request, the Department initiated an inquiry into Romania's NME status in the context of the instant administrative review.

At the same time, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of seamless pipe from Romania. See *Certain Small Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe From Romania: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Postponement of Final Results*, 67 FR 57388 (September 10, 2002) (*Preliminary Results*). The review covers one manufacturer/exporter, S.C. Silcotub S.A. (Silcotub).

We invited parties to comment on our preliminary results of review. On October 10, 2002, Silcotub and United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel), a domestic producer of subject merchandise and interested party in this review, filed case briefs. Both parties filed rebuttal briefs on October 22, 2002.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are seamless carbon and alloy (other than stainless) steel standard, line, and pressure pipes and redraw hollows produced, or equivalent, to the ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, and the API 5L specifications and meeting the physical parameters described below, regardless of application. The scope of the order also includes all products used in standard, line, or pressure pipe

applications and meeting the physical parameters described below, regardless of specification. Specifically included within the scope of the order are seamless pipes and redraw hollows, less than or equal to 4.5 inches (114.3 mm) in outside diameter, regardless of wall-thickness, manufacturing process (hot finished or cold-drawn), end finish (plain end, beveled end, upset end, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or surface finish. The seamless pipes subject to the order is currently classifiable under the subheadings 7304.10.10.20, 7304.10.50.20, 7304.31.30.00, 7304.31.60.50, 7304.39.00.16, 7304.39.00.20, 7304.39.00.24, 7304.39.00.28, 7304.39.00.32, 7304.51.50.05, 7304.51.50.60, 7304.59.60.00, 7304.59.80.10, 7304.59.80.15, 7304.59.80.20, and 7304.59.80.25 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Specifications, Characteristics, and Uses: Seamless pressure pipes are intended for the conveyance of water, steam, petrochemicals, chemicals, oil products, natural gas and other liquids and gasses in industrial piping systems. They may carry these substances at elevated pressures and temperatures and may be subject to the application of external heat. Seamless carbon steel pressure pipes meeting the ASTM A-106 standard may be used in temperatures of up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit, at various ASME code stress levels. Alloy pipes made to ASTM A-335 standard must be used if temperatures and stress levels exceed those allowed for ASTM A-106. Seamless pressure pipes sold in the United States are commonly produced to the ASTM A-106 standard. Seamless standard pipes are most commonly produced to the ASTM A-53 specification and generally are not intended for high temperature service. They are intended for the low temperature and pressure conveyance of water, steam, natural gas, air and other liquids and gasses in plumbing and heating systems, air conditioning units, automatic sprinkler systems, and other related uses. Standard pipes (depending on type and code) may carry liquids at elevated temperatures but must not exceed relevant ASME code requirements. If exceptionally low temperature uses or conditions are anticipated, standard pipes may be manufactured to ASTM A-333 or ASTM A-334 specifications.

Seamless line pipes are intended for the conveyance of oil and natural gas or other fluids in pipe lines. Seamless line pipes are produced to the API 5L specification.

¹ Since July 27, 2003, is a Sunday, the preliminary results will actually be due on July 28, 2003.