

Feng”), and Tru-Flow Industrial Co., Ltd. (“Tru-Flow”). This review covers Ta Chen, a manufacturer and exporter of the subject merchandise and Liang Feng and Tru-Flow, manufacturers of the subject merchandise. The period of review (“POR”) is June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002. With regard to Ta Chen, we preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value (“NV”). With regard to Liang Feng and Tru-Flow, we are giving notice that we intend to rescind this review based on record evidence that there were no entries into the United States of subject merchandise during the POR. For a full discussion of the intent to rescind with respect to Liang Feng and Tru-Flow, see the “Notice of Intent To Rescind in Part” section of this notice.

If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (“Customs”) to assess antidumping duties. The preliminary results are listed below in the section titled “Preliminary Results of Review.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2003.

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Background

On June 16, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan. See *Amended Final Determination and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe and Tube Fittings from Taiwan*, 58 FR 33250 (June 16, 1993). On June 5, 2002, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan for the period June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002. See *Notice of Opportunity To Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 67 FR 38640 (June 5, 2002). On June 25, 2002, petitioners requested an antidumping duty administrative review for the following companies: Ta Chen, Liang Feng, and Tru-Flow for the period June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002. On June 28, 2002, Ta Chen requested an administrative review of its sales to the

United States during the POR. On July 24, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review for the period June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002. See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation In Part*, 67 FR 48435 (July 24, 2002).

On August 15, 2002, the Department issued its antidumping questionnaire to Ta Chen, Liang Feng and Tru-Flow. On August 30, 2002, Liang Feng and Tru-Flow reported that they had no sales, entries or shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. On September 12, 2002, Ta Chen reported that it made sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR in its response to Section A of the Department’s questionnaire. On October 4, 2002, Ta Chen submitted its response to Sections B, C, and D of the Department’s questionnaire. On January 7, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a supplemental questionnaire to Section A of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on January 28, 2003. On January 22, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a supplemental questionnaire to Section B of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on February 12, 2003. On February 3, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a supplemental questionnaire to Section C of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on February 25, 2003. On February 21, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a second supplemental questionnaire to Sections B, C, and D of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on March 26, 2003. On March 3, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a second supplemental questionnaire to Section D of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on March 26, 2003. On March 11, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen additional questions to its March 3, 2003 supplemental questionnaire to Sections A, B, and C of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on March 26, 2003. On April 7, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a third supplemental questionnaire to Sections A, B, C, and D of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on April 24, 2003. On April 11, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen additional questions to its April 7, 2003 supplemental questionnaire to Section A of the Department’s questionnaire, for

which Ta Chen submitted its response on April 24, 2003. On May 12, 2003, Ta Chen provided unrequested Section C and D databases. On May 21, 2003, the Department issued a letter to Ta Chen asking Ta Chen to explain the revisions to the Section C and D databases that it submitted on May 12, 2003. Ta Chen submitted its response to the May 21, 2003 letter on June 4, 2003. On May 23, 2003, the Department issued to Ta Chen a fourth supplemental questionnaire to Sections A, B, C, and D of the Department’s questionnaire, for which Ta Chen submitted its response on June 4, 2003.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for conducting an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 245 days. On March 3, 2003, the Department extended the time limit for these preliminary results 92 days to June 2, 2003 in accordance with the Act. See *Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Taiwan: Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 9977 (March 3, 2003). On May 22, 2003, the Department extended the time limit an additional 28 days to June 30, 2003 for the preliminary results of this administrative review. See *Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Taiwan: Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 27988 (May 22, 2003).

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”).

Notice of Intent To Rescind Review in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise. The Department explained this practice in the preamble to the Department’s regulations. See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties* 62 FR 27296, 27317 (May 19, 1997) (“Preamble”); see also *Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Taiwan: Notice of Preliminary Results and Rescission in Part of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 5789, 5790 (February 7, 2002) and *Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Taiwan: Final Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 18610 (April 10, 2001).