

### Eligibility

Participating companies must be incorporated in the United States. A company is eligible to participate only if the products and/or services that it will promote (a) are manufactured or produced in the United States; or (b) if manufactured or produced outside the United States, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service.

### Selection Criteria

Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- Level of seniority of designated company representatives and consistency of company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein;
- Potential for business activity in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland as applicable;
- Timely receipt of a completed application and participation agreement signed by a company officer and the participation fee; and
- Provision of adequate information on the company's products and/or services, and communication of the company's primary objectives to facilitate appropriate matching with potential business partners.

In addition, the Department may consider whether the company's overall business objectives, including those of any U.S. or overseas affiliates, are fully consistent with the mission's objectives. Any partisan political activities of an applicant, including political contributions, will be entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

### Time Frame for Applications

Applications for the Business Development Mission to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will be made available on or around July 11, 2003. The fee to participate in the mission will be between \$ 3,000.00 and \$3,500.00 and will not cover travel, lodging, or incidental expenses. For additional information on the Business Development Mission or to obtain an application, businesspersons should be referred to Sujata S. Millick, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-6804. Applications should be submitted to the Office of International Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4411, Washington, DC 20230, (or via facsimile at 202-219-3310) by September 19, 2003, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for

applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

*For Further Information Contact:* Dr. Sujata S. Millick, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202-482-6804.

Dated: July 2, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-791-809]

#### **Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From South Africa: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from South Africa in response to requests by petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, National Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, and Nucor Corporation. The review covers shipments of this merchandise to the United States for the period May 3, 2001 through August 31, 2002, by Iscor Ltd. (Ischor), Saldanha Steel Ltd. (Saldanha) and Highveld Steel & Vanadium Corp. Ltd. (Highveld). Iscor, Saldanha and Highveld informed the Department that they would not be participating in the review. We preliminarily determine that the application of adverse facts available (AFA) is warranted with respect to Iscor, Saldanha and Highveld. For our analysis on this issue see the "Preliminary Results of Review" section below.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 9, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elfi Blum or Scot Fullerton, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 at (202) 482-0197 or (202) 482-1386, respectively.

### Background

On September 19, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on

certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from South Africa (66 FR 48242). On September 30, 2002, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) and section 19 CFR 351.213(b) of the regulations, petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, National Steel Corporation, and United States Steel Corporation (collectively, petitioners), requested a review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from South Africa. On September 30, 2002, petitioner, Nucor Corporation, also requested a review of this antidumping duty order. On October 24, 2002, we published a notice of "Initiation of Antidumping Review." See 67 FR 65336. On December 30, 2002, Iscor and Saldanha (Ischor/Saldanha) informed the Department that the entity was unable to respond to the Department's questionnaire.<sup>1</sup> On January 21, 2003, Highveld informed the Department that it was withdrawing its participation in the administrative review.

On February 20, 2003, petitioners submitted timely new factual information and a proposed methodology to calculate a new total facts available margin for respondents. On March 26, 2003 and May 20, 2003 respectively, Highveld and Iscor/Saldanha submitted comments in response to petitioners' submission. Petitioners submitted rebuttal comments on May 7, 2003 and on May 27, 2003, respectively. On June 30, 2003 Highveld filed a response to petitioners' rebuttal comments, to which petitioners responded on July 2, 2003.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In the final results of the antidumping investigation, the Department determined that Iscor and Saldanha were affiliated, and should be treated as a single entity for purposes of the investigation. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from South Africa*, 66 FR 48242 (Sept. 19, 2001) (LTFV investigation). This was based on information on the public record of the contemporaneous countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled products from South Africa that 1) Iscor is a 50 percent shareholder in Saldanha, and is in a position to exercise control of Saldanha's assets, and 2) both companies produce the subject merchandise. In this review, the Department requested that, if the circumstances had not changed, the two parties file a combined response. Although Iscor/Saldanha did not file any response, the December 30, 2002 letter declining to respond to the questionnaire was filed jointly.

<sup>2</sup> Both respondents submitted new factual information in several of their submissions. The Department rejected those submissions and asked respondents to re-file these respective submissions without new factual information. The Department then requested that petitioners re-file their comments to remove any references to new factual information that respondents had submitted.