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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Taiwan. *See Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 67 FR 44172 (July 1, 2002). On July 30, 2002, YUSCO and Chia Far, producers and exporters of subject merchandise during the POR, in accordance with section 351.213(b) of the Department's regulations, requested an administrative review of the antidumping order covering the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. On July 31, 2002, petitioners also requested a review of YUSCO, Tung Mung, Ta Chen, and Chia Far and its affiliates. On August 27, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of administrative review of this order. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 67 FR 55000 (August 27, 2002).

On September 4, 2002, the Department issued questionnaires to YUSCO, Tung Mung, Chia Far and Ta Chen. On September 26, 2002, Ta Chen certified to the Department that it had no sales, entries or shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, and requested an exemption from answering the questionnaire. Tung Mung did not respond to the Department's questionnaire.

On October 9 and October 23, 2002, YUSCO submitted its Sections A through D questionnaire responses. On December 10, 2002 and January 24, 2003, we issued supplemental Sections A through D questionnaires to YUSCO. On January 9 and February 14, 2003, YUSCO submitted its supplemental Sections A through D questionnaire responses. On February 21 and March 19, 2003, we issued second supplemental Sections A through D questionnaires to YUSCO and on March 19 and April 7, 2003, YUSCO submitted its second supplemental Sections A through D questionnaire responses. On April 7, 2003, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to YUSCO concerning affiliation and on April 16, 2003, YUSCO responded. On May 2, 2003, we issued a third supplemental Sections A through C questionnaire to YUSCO, and

on June 11, 2003, we issued a second supplemental questionnaire to YUSCO concerning affiliation. On May 16 and June 20, 2003, YUSCO submitted its third supplemental Sections A through C questionnaire responses, and answered the second supplemental questionnaire concerning affiliation. On July 3, 2003 we issued a third supplemental questionnaire to YUSCO concerning affiliation, and on July 10, 2003, YUSCO submitted its response. Finally, on July 18, 2003, we issued a fourth supplemental questionnaire to YUSCO concerning affiliation and YUSCO submitted its response on July 28, 2003.

On October 9 and October 18, 2002, Chia Far submitted its Sections A through D questionnaire responses. We issued supplemental Sections A through D questionnaires to Chia Far on February 13 and February 26, 2003. On March 3 and March 12, 2003, Chia Far submitted its supplemental Sections A through D questionnaire responses. On March 20, 2003, we issued a second supplemental Sections A through C questionnaire to Chia Far and Chia Far responded on March 28, 2003. On April 10, 2003, we issued a third supplemental Sections A through D questionnaire to Chia Far and Chia Far submitted its response on April 24, 2003. We issued a fourth supplemental Sections B and D questionnaire to Chia Far on May 2, 2003 and Chia Far responded on May 13, 2003. On June 30, 2003, we issued a fifth supplemental Sections B through D questionnaire to Chia Far and Chia Far responded on July 10, 2003. On July 14, 2003, we issued a sixth supplemental Section B questionnaire to Chia Far and Chia Far submitted its response on July 21, 2003.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. The Department has extended the time limit for the preliminary results in this review on two separate occasions. *See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Taiwan: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 14195 (March 24, 2003); and *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Taiwan: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 27782 (May 21, 2003). The current deadline for the preliminary results in this review is July 31, 2003.

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

For purposes of this review, the products covered are certain stainless steel sheet and strip in coils. Stainless steel is an alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject sheet and strip is a flat-rolled product in coils that is greater than 9.5 mm in width and less than 4.75 mm in thickness, and that is annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject sheet and strip may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, aluminized, coated, etc.) provided that it maintains the specific dimensions of sheet and strip following such processing.

The merchandise subject to this order is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) at subheadings: 7219.13.00.31, 7219.13.00.51, 7219.13.00.71, 7219.13.00.81, 7219.14.00.30, 7219.14.00.65, 7219.14.00.90, 7219.32.00.05, 7219.32.00.20, 7219.32.00.25, 7219.32.00.35, 7219.32.00.36, 7219.32.00.38, 7219.32.00.42, 7219.32.00.44, 7219.33.00.05, 7219.33.00.20, 7219.33.00.25, 7219.33.00.35, 7219.33.00.36, 7219.33.00.38, 7219.33.00.42, 7219.33.00.44, 7219.34.00.05, 7219.34.00.20, 7219.34.00.25, 7219.34.00.30, 7219.34.00.35, 7219.35.00.05, 7219.35.00.15, 7219.35.00.30, 7219.35.00.35, 7219.90.00.10, 7219.90.00.20, 7219.90.00.25, 7219.90.00.60, 7219.90.00.80, 7220.12.10.00, 7220.12.50.00, 7220.20.10.10, 7220.20.10.15, 7220.20.10.60, 7220.20.10.80, 7220.20.60.05, 7220.20.60.10, 7220.20.60.15, 7220.20.60.60, 7220.20.60.80, 7220.20.70.05, 7220.20.70.10, 7220.20.70.15, 7220.20.70.60, 7220.20.70.80, 7220.20.80.00, 7220.20.90.30, 7220.20.90.60, 7220.90.00.10, 7220.90.00.15, 7220.90.00.60, and 7220.90.00.80. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise covered by this order is dispositive.

Excluded from the scope of this order are the following: (1) Sheet and strip that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled, (2) sheet and strip that is cut to length, (3) plate (*i.e.*, flat-rolled stainless steel products of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more), (4) flat wire (*i.e.*, cold-rolled sections, with a prepared edge, rectangular in shape, of a width of