

*Antidumping Duty Order; Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Mexico*, 64 FR 40560, 40562 (July 27, 1999)).

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act.

Dated: July 31, 2003.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Grant Aldonas, Under Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-427-814]

#### Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from France

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results in the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from France

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests from Ugine S.A. ("Ugine"), respondent, and Allegheny Ludlum, AK Steel Corporation (formerly Armco, Inc.), North American Stainless, Butler-Armco Independent Union, Zanesville Armco Independent Organization Inc., and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, collectively, ("the Petitioners"), the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils ("SSSS") from France for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The Department preliminarily determines that a dumping margin exists for Ugine's sales of SSSS in the United States. 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 on entries of Ugine's merchandise during the period of review. The preliminary results are listed in the section titled "Preliminary Results of Review," *infra*.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 7, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### Background

On July 27, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the amended final determination and antidumping duty order on SSSS from France. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from France*, 64 FR 40562 (July 27, 1999) ("Antidumping Duty Order"). On March 19, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the amended final results of the first antidumping duty administrative review of SSSS from France. *See Notice of Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from France*, 67 FR 12522 (March 19, 2002). On January 28, 2003, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the amended final results of the second antidumping duty administrative review of SSSS from France. *See Notice of Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from France*, 68 FR 4171 (January 28, 2003).

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 France for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002. *See Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping Duty or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 67 FR 44172 (July 1, 2002).

On July 31, 2002, Ugine, a French producer and exporter of subject merchandise, and the Petitioners requested that the Department conduct a review of Ugine's sales or entries of merchandise subject to the Department's antidumping duty order on SSSS from France. On August 27, 2002, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of

this antidumping duty administrative review for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 67 FR 55000 (August 27, 2002).

On October 7, 2002, Ugine reported in its response to Section A of the Department's questionnaire, that it made sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. On October 22, 2002, Ugine submitted translations of financial statements that it had submitted in its October 7, 2002, response. On October 28, 2002, Ugine submitted its responses to Section B, C, D, and E of the Department's questionnaire. On December 10, 2002, Ugine submitted its cost reconciliation. On December 20, 2002, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire for Sections A, B, and C of Ugine's questionnaire responses. On January 30, 2003, Ugine submitted its responses to the supplemental Sections A, B, and C questionnaire. On March 3, 2003, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire for Sections D and E of Ugine's questionnaire responses, and Ugine submitted its response on April 3, 2003. On March 25, 2003, the Department issued a successorship questionnaire to Ugine. On April 15, 2003, Ugine submitted its response to the successorship questionnaire. On April 23, 2003, the Department requested Ugine submit Imphy Ugine Precision's ("IUP's"), an affiliate of Ugine, cost reconciliation as well as downstream sales of its affiliates. On April 30, 2003, the Department issued a second supplemental questionnaire for Sections A, B, and C, and on May 14, 2003, the Department issued a second supplemental questionnaire for Sections D and E. On May 21, and May 27, 2003, Ugine submitted its response to the second supplemental questionnaire for Sections A, B, and C. On May 29, 2003, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire concerning Ugine's successorship response. On June 2, 2003, Ugine submitted its sales reconciliation. On May 28, and June 4, 2003, Ugine submitted its response to the second supplemental questionnaire for Sections D and E. On June 11, 2003, Ugine submitted its response to the supplemental questionnaire on successorship.

On March 27, 2003, the Department extended the time limit for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review. *See Notice of Extension of Time Limit of the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless*