

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., September 17 and 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the field both days, beginning at the Bureau of Land Management Office Conference Room, 2550 North State St., Ukiah, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-1137; EMAIL [pybrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:pybrown@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The two projects to be monitored are: (1) Cow Mountain prescribed burn (September 17), Bureau of Land Management Project; and (2) Howard Mill understory burn (September 18), Upper Lake Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

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Staff Coordinator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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### Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine: Initiation of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, and Intent To Revoke Orders in Part

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders, and Intent To Revoke Orders in Part.

**SUMMARY:** On July 24, 2003, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(b), petitioners<sup>1</sup> in the antidumping duty and countervailing duty proceedings on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) filed a request for a changed circumstances antidumping

administrative review on the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine and countervailing duty orders on steel wire rod from Brazil and Canada. This changed circumstances review concerns certain grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod and certain grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod. These products were excluded from the original scope of these antidumping and countervailing duty orders; however, petitioners are requesting a further clarification of the technical description of these products. See the "Scope of the Changed Circumstances Review," below.

In response to petitioners' request, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is initiating a changed circumstances review with respect to the specific grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod and tire bead quality wire rod products specified in this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on this notice of initiation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 21, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian J. Sheba, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0145.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Department published the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rod from Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine on October 29, 2002. See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Orders: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine*, 67 Fed. Reg. 65,945, and *Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Canada*, 67 Fed. Reg. 65,944. The Department published the countervailing duty orders on steel wire rod from Brazil, and Canada on October 22, 2002. See *Notice of Countervailing Duty Orders: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil and Canada*, 67 Fed. Reg. 64,871. On July 24, 2003, petitioners requested that the Department change the technical description of certain grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod and grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod (hereafter, tire cord wire rod). This request arises, petitioners aver, because the original definition of the excluded tire cord wire rod was drawn too

narrowly and, thus, captures within the scope certain products petitioners no longer wish to have subject to the orders. Acceding to petitioners' request would, petitioners maintain, "exclude a larger quantity of grade 1080 tire cord and grade 1080 tire bead wire rod from the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders." Letter from Collier, Shannon, Scott, dated July 24, 2003, at 2. According to petitioners, good cause to initiate this review, as required by 19 CFR 351.216(c), "exists in this case because the petitioners no longer wish products subject to the proposed scope language" to be covered by the orders.<sup>2</sup>

Petitioners believe that they continue to represent more than 50 percent of total production of the domestic like product in the United States, but do not allege they represent more than 85 percent of the production of the domestic like product and therefore do not represent "substantially all" of the production of the domestic like product. See 19 C.F.R. 351.222(g)(1)(i). Letter from Collier, Shannon, Scott, dated August 6, 2003, at 2. Petitioners, however, also believe they represent substantially all domestic production of grade 1080 tire cord and tire bead quality wire rod that is the subject of this request for review. Petitioners claim Georgetown Steel and North Star Steel Texas are the only known domestic producers of such steel and have no reason to believe that any domestic producer of wire rod will have reason to object to its request. *Id.* at 2.

At present, the Department has no information on the record that the other known domestic producers of wire rod have no interest in maintaining the antidumping duty order with respect to the domestic like product or the certain specific grade of 1080 tire cord and tire bead quality described below. In particular, the Department does not have information on the record of this changed circumstances review that the petitioners do indeed account for substantially all, or at least 85 percent, of the production of the domestic like product. Accordingly, we are not combining this initiation with a preliminary determination, pursuant to 351.221(c)(3)(ii). This notice of initiation will accord all interested parties an opportunity to address this proposed exclusion.

<sup>2</sup> Petitioners suggest any final affirmative changed circumstances determination, excluding the additional tire cord wire rod products, be effective retroactively to the date of their request, or July 24, 2003.

<sup>1</sup> Petitioners are Georgetown Steel Company (formerly GS Industries), North Star Steel Texas, Gerdau Ameristeel (formerly Co-Steel Raritan), and Keystone Consolidated Industries.