

review. *See Notice of Correction to the Notice of Intent to Rescind Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Argentina*, 68 FR 31685 (May 28, 2003).

As noted in the *Scope of the Review* section below, we inadvertently described hot-rolled carbon quality steel as the products subject to review. We have now correctly described subject merchandise as certain hot-rolled steel flat products. Based on our analysis of comments received, the Department has not made any changes to the decision articulated in the *Notice of Intent to Rescind*, except for the scope description. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4), the Department has rescinded the review of hot-rolled products from Argentina.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 22, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 11, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the countervailing duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina. *See Notice of Countervailing Duty Order: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Argentina*, 66 FR 47173 (September 11, 2001).

On September 3, 2002, the Department published the *Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 67 FR 56267 (September 3, 2002).

On September 30, 2002, the Department received a request from Siderar to conduct an administrative review of the countervailing order on hot-rolled products from Argentina. On October 24, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of this order for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 (period of review). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(b), this review only covers Siderar, the producer/exporter of the subject merchandise for which a review was specifically requested.

On May 16, 2003, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the *Notice of Intent to Rescind*. On May 28, 2003, the Department published in the

Federal Register a correction to the *Notice of Intent to Rescind* to allow interested parties to comment.

On June 27, 2003, the Department received comments from the Government of Argentina (GOA) and Siderar (collectively, respondents). On July 2, 2003, the Department received rebuttal comments from National Steel Corporation and United States Steel Corporation (petitioners).

Scope of the Review

Note: In the *Notice of Intent to Rescind*, we inadvertently described hot-rolled carbon quality steel as the products subject to review. We have now correctly described subject merchandise below as certain hot-rolled steel flat products.

The merchandise subject to this review is certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products of a rectangular shape, of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal and whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers), regardless of thickness, and in straight lengths, of a thickness of less than 4.75 mm and of a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness. Universal mill plate (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm, but not exceeding 1250 mm, and of a thickness of not less than 4 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm is not included within the scope of this review.

Specifically included within the scope of this review are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (IF)) steels, high strength low alloy (HSLA) steels, and the substrate for motor lamination steels. IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium or niobium (also commonly referred to as columbium), or both, added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, vanadium, and molybdenum. The substrate for motor lamination steels contains micro-alloying levels of elements such as silicon and aluminum.

Steel products included in the scope of this review, regardless of definitions in the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS), are products in which: i) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; ii) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and iii) none

of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 1.80 percent of manganese, or
- 2.25 percent of silicon, or
- 1.00 percent of copper, or
- 0.50 percent of aluminum, or
- 1.25 percent of chromium, or
- 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
- 0.40 percent of lead, or
- 1.25 percent of nickel, or
- 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
- 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium, or
- 0.15 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.15 percent of zirconium.

All products that meet the physical and chemical description provided above are within the scope of this review unless otherwise excluded. The following products, by way of example, are outside or specifically excluded from the scope of this review:

- Alloy hot-rolled steel products in which at least one of the chemical elements exceeds those listed above (including, *e.g.*, ASTM specifications A543, A387, A514, A517, A506).
- SAE/AISI grades of series 2300 and higher.
- Ball bearings steels, as defined in the HTSUS
- Tool steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Silico-manganese (as defined in the HTSUS) or silicon electrical steel with a silicon level exceeding 2.25 percent.
- ASTM specifications A710 and A736.
- USS Abrasion-resistant steels (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).
- All products (proprietary or otherwise) based on an alloy ASTM specification (sample specifications: ASTM A506, A507).
- Non-rectangular shapes, not in coils, which are the result of having been processed by cutting or stamping and which have assumed the character of articles or products classified outside chapter 72 of the HTSUS.

The merchandise subject to this review is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings: 7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, and 7211.19.75.90.

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