

quality steel covered by this review, including: vacuum degassed fully stabilized; high strength low alloy; and the substrate for motor lamination steel may also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.00.00. Subject merchandise may also enter under 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, and 7212.50.00.00.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department's written description of the merchandise subject to this proceeding is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memorandum) dated concurrently with this notice which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of issues which parties have raised, and to which we have responded, all of which are in the Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice as Appendix I. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit in room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ita.doc.gov>, under the heading "Federal Register Notices." The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Rescission of Review

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 as noted in the *Scope of the Review* section above. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4), the Department has now rescinded the review of hot-rolled products from Argentina covering the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

We will instruct the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Borders Protection (BCBP) to assess countervailing duties at the cash deposit or bonding rate required at the time of entry. We will also instruct BCBP to continue to collect cash

deposits of estimated countervailing duties for the merchandise at the current rates.

This notice is in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: September 15, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix I - Issues Discussed in Decision Memorandum

Analysis of Comments

Comment 1—The Statute and Regulations Provide the Department with the Discretion to Conduct Countervailing Duty (CVD) Reviews in the Absence of Shipments
Comment 2—Department Practice and the Unique Circumstances of This Case
Warrant Conducting a Review and Adjusting the Deposit Rate

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 030910229-3229-01]

Minority Business Financing

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting comments on the direction of minority business financing. MBDA would like to ensure that it has obtained broad-based feedback on this issue. Once this information has been obtained and there has been a preliminary discussion of this issue at MBDA's 2003 MED Week conference, MBDA will finalize and print a report with any appropriate revisions, and will disseminate it widely to the policy-making and financial communities. In order to be considered, comments must be received by the deadline contained in the Dates section of this Notice.

DATES: All comments must be received or postmarked by October 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Completed comments may be mailed to the following address: Ms. Anita Cooke Wells, Chief, Office of Business Development, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; or e-mailed to: awells@mbda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Ms. Anita Cooke Wells, Chief, Office of Business Development, at (202) 482-1940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In May, 2002, MBDA began to examine the challenges facing minority firms in obtaining financing and develop proposals to improve financing options. MBDA sought input from persons having expertise in these issues, to assist it in information gathering and review of possible options. Some of the areas identified for discussion were the current disparities in financing minority businesses, the lack of available data, and the importance of management and technical assistance.

The Agency has developed preliminary proposals as a result of this process. These proposals address issues universal to all minority firms, as well as specifically focusing on issues relevant to high growth businesses, emerging companies and microenterprises. These proposals are designed to support the development of minority businesses and result in job creation and other economic outcomes. Much of the Agency's work focuses on suggestions that would affect existing businesses, whether middle-market or larger businesses and those firms with the largest potential for growth. These businesses are most likely to generate employment and revenues, yet often are overlooked by small business financing programs, venture capitalists, and institutional investors.

The lack of information on minority firms reiterates the need for the Federal Government to develop and provide this data to the private sector. In general, the issues focus on the following four categories:

1. Development of Current and Extensive Governmental Data To Support Investment Decision-Making and To Identify Market Opportunities in the MBE Community

- Implement an Annual Survey of Minority Businesses to provide up-to-date and accurate information on the minority business community.
- Organize and fund a national minority financing network and data repository, which would compile information on the loan performance of this sector of the business community.
- Partner with the National Association of Investment Companies to collect data on portfolio performance of minority-focused venture funds and develop institutional investor strategies.