

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

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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: Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 2003.

SUMMARY: On August 21, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances review with the intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty orders and countervailing duty orders on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod, as described below. *See 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, 68 Fed. Reg. 50,513 (August 21, 2003) (*Initiation Notice*).

In our *Initiation Notice* we invited interested parties to comment. We did not receive comment concerning the technical description of the merchandise subject to this changed circumstances review. However, on August 22, 2003, petitioners¹ filed a letter stating the *Initiation Notice* contains an error in language with respect to the effective date of liquidation of entries because the *Initiation Notice* does not match the intent of petitioners' July 24, 2003 request for changed circumstances review. The Department has amended the effective date accordingly. Absent any other comments, we preliminarily conclude that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which these orders pertain lack interest in the relief provided by the order. Unless the Department receives opposition from domestic producers who's production totals more than 15 percent of the domestic like product, the Department will partially revoke the orders on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod in its final results of this review. Therefore, we preliminarily revoke these orders, in part, with respect to products entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 24, 2003 of carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod described below, because domestic parties have expressed no interest in the continuation of the orders on that merchandise.

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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*

¹ Petitioners are Georgetown Steel Co. (Formerly, GS Industries), North Star Steel Texas, Gerdau Ameristeel (formerly, Co-Steel Raritan), and Keystone Consolidated Industries.

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.

On August 21, 2003, the Department published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod products. *See Initiation Notice*. In the *Initiation Notice*, we indicated interested parties could submit comments for consideration in the Department's preliminary results not later than 14 days after publication of the initiation of the review, and submit responses to those comments no later than 5 days following the submission of comments. On August 22, 2003, petitioners filed comments that stated the *Initiation Notice* contains an error in language with respect to the effective date of liquidation of entries because the *Initiation Notice* does not match the intent of petitioners.

The *Initiation Notice* stated:

If, as a result of this review, we revoke the order, in part, we intend to instruct the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (Customs) to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, as applicable, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of the tire cord wire rod products meeting the specifications indicated above, as of July 24, 2003, the date this changed circumstances review request was filed by Petitioners, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4).

Initiation Notice, 68 Fed. Reg. 50,513, at 50,515. Petitioners claim this language could be read to mean that all unliquidated entries existing as of July 24, 2003 will be subject to the terms of the changed scope. The phrase "as of July 24, 2003" could also be read to mean that entries made prior to July 24, 2003 that were subject to the original scope would now be excluded by the new scope exclusion language. Petitioners state such a result is contrary