

applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.214(d).

Dated: September 30, 2003.

**Jeffrey May,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-580-829]

#### Stainless Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod (SSWR) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). The review covers two manufacturers/exporters of subject merchandise during the period of review (POR) September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002. Based upon our analysis, the Department has preliminarily determined that dumping margins exist for both manufacturers/exporters. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) to assess antidumping duties as appropriate. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On September 15, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on SSWR from Korea. *See Notice of Amendment of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Korea*, 63 FR 49331 (September 15, 1998) (*Amended Final Determination*). On September 3, 2002, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on SSWR from Korea. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 67 FR 56267 (September 3, 2002). On September 30, 2002, Changwon Specialty Steel Co., Ltd. (Changwon) and Dongbang Special Steel Co., Ltd. (Dongbang) (collectively, together with Pohang Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. (POSCO), respondent<sup>1</sup> (*see the "Affiliation and Collapsing"* section of this notice)) requested an administrative review of the U.S. sales of Changwon and Dongbang that were subject to the antidumping order on SSWR from Korea. On October 24, 2002, the Department initiated an administrative review of Changwon and Dongbang. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 65336 (October 24, 2002).

On October 15, 2002, the Department issued an antidumping questionnaire to Changwon and Dongbang. The Department received Changwon's and Dongbang's responses in November and

December 2002. The Department issued supplemental questionnaires to Changwon and Dongbang in December 2002 and, January, February, March and April 2003, and received responses from Changwon and Dongbang in January, February, March and April 2003.

On May 16, 2003 the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results in this case until no later than September 30, 2003. *See Stainless Steel Wire Rod from South Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 26571 (May 16, 2003).

##### Scope of the Review

For purposes of this review, SSWR comprises products that are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled and/or descaled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils, that may also be coated with a lubricant containing copper, lime or oxalate. SSWR is made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are manufactured only by hot-rolling or hot-rolling annealing, and/or pickling and/or descaling, are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross-section. The majority of SSWR sold in the United States is round in cross-sectional shape, annealed and pickled, and later cold-finished into stainless steel wire or small-diameter bar. The most common size for such products is 5.5 millimeters or 0.217 inches in diameter, which represents the smallest size that normally is produced on a rolling mill and is the size that most wire-drawing machines are set up to draw. The range of SSWR sizes normally sold in the United States is between 0.20 inches and 1.312 inches in diameter.

Two stainless steel grades are excluded from the scope of the review. SF20T and K-M35FL are excluded. The chemical makeup for the excluded grades is as follows:

#### SF20T

Carbon .....	0.05 max	Chromium .....	19.00/21.00
Manganese .....	2.00 max	Molybdenum .....	1.50/2.50
Phosphorous .....	0.05 max	Lead-added .....	(0.10/0.30)
Sulfur .....	0.15 max	Tellurium-added .....	(0.03 min)
Silicon .....	1.00 max		

<sup>1</sup> Although we are treating POSCO, Changwon, and Dongbang, as a single entity, we may, in certain

instances, refer to POSCO, Changwon, and

Dongbang separately to distinguish the information separately reported by these companies.