

examined other changes at Degussa-AJ. Although there were significant changes to Degussa-AJ's board of directors as a result of Degussa AG's investment in AJ Works, the factory management team has remained largely intact, and those employees now serve in the same or similar capacities as before Degussa AG's investment in AJ Works. Finally, there have been no changes to Degussa-AJ's suppliers or supplier relationships since Degussa AG's investment in AJ Works. For further discussion, see the October 3, 2003, memorandum to James J. Jochum, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, from Jeffrey May, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group I, entitled "Factors of Production Analysis With Respect to Merchandise Considered for Revocation."

Based on the information submitted by Ai Jian/Degussa, we preliminarily determine that Degussa-AJ's factors of production have not changed substantially since Degussa AG's investment in AJ Works. As a result, the Department will consider in any future revocation inquiry any administrative reviews in which Ai Jian procured its products exported to the United States from AJ Works. The current requirements for the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on the subject merchandise are not impacted by this determination.

Public Comment

Interested parties may request a hearing within 14 days after the publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 30 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 19 days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit comments or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument (no longer than five pages, including footnotes). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(e), the Department will issue its final results of review within 270 days after the date on which the changed circumstances review was initiated (*i.e.*, no later than November 18, 2003).

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and (d) and 777(i) of the Act, and with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: October 3, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Amended Antidumping Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Bar From France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom

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

ACTION: Notice of amended antidumping duty orders.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 10, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Summary

The Department of Commerce is amending its antidumping duty orders in these investigations to bring them into compliance with section 733(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. Specifically, these antidumping duty orders are amended to state that the suspension of liquidation ordered in the preliminary determinations in these investigations shall be discontinued for subject merchandise entered on or after January 29, 2002, through March 7, 2002.

Scope of Order

For purposes of this order, the term "stainless steel bar" includes articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons, or other convex polygons. Stainless steel bar includes cold-finished stainless steel bars that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other

deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (*i.e.*, cut length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), products that have been cut from stainless steel sheet, strip or plate, wire (*i.e.*, cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

The stainless steel bar subject to this investigation is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.11.00.05, 7222.11.00.50, 7222.19.00.05, 7222.19.00.50, 7222.20.00.05, 7222.20.00.45, 7222.20.00.75, and 7222.30.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Background

On August 2, 2001, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") preliminarily determined that stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom was being sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). See 66 FR 40201 (August 2, 2001) for France; 66 FR 40208 (August 2, 2001) for Germany; 66 FR 40214 (August 2, 2001) for Italy; 66 FR 40222 (August 2, 2001) for Korea; 66 FR 40192 (August 2, 2001) for the United Kingdom (collectively "*the SSBar Preliminary Determinations*").

Due to scheduling problems evolving from the events of September 11, 2001, the Department tolled the final determination deadlines in these investigations until January 15, 2002. On January 15, 2002, the Department determined that stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom was being sold in the United States at LTFV, as provided in section 735(a) of the Act. See 67 FR 3143 (January 23, 2002) for France; 67 FR 3159 (January 23, 2002) for Germany; 67 FR 3155 (January 23, 2002) for Italy; 67 FR 3149 (January 23, 2002) for Korea; 67 FR 3146 (January 23, 2002) for the United Kingdom (collectively "*the SSBar Final Determinations*"). The Department subsequently amended the