

Department is continuing to use an average of the adjustment ratios for JMC and Pannext as calculated in petitioners' May 15th letter at Exhibit 4, and increasing JMC, Pannext, and SLK's reported values for metallic inputs by this average, 56.83%. For a complete discussion of this issue, see accompanying Decision Memorandum at Comment 1.

For this final determination, given an increase in total inputs as described above and in the Decision Memorandum at Comment 1, the Department must increase respondents' energy inputs to a level that corresponds to the increase in these inputs. Therefore the Department has applied neutral facts available to value respondents' energy inputs to determine normal value in accordance with section 773(c)(1) of the Tariff Act. As facts available for these underreported energy inputs, the Department has used respondents' reported energy data to find an appropriate neutral facts available adjustment for these underreported inputs. For a complete discussion of this issue, see accompanying Decision Memorandum at Comment 2 and JMC, Pannext, and SLK's Proprietary Analysis Memoranda.

#### *Analysis of Comments Received*

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this investigation, and to which we have responded, are listed in the Appendix to this notice and addressed in the Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this investigation and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file in B-099. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the World Wide Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### *Changes Since the Preliminary Determination*

Based on our findings at verification, and analysis of comments received, we have made adjustments to the calculation methodology in calculating the final dumping margin in this proceeding. See Final Analysis Memorandum for JMC; Final Analysis Memorandum for Pannext; and Final Analysis Memorandum for SLK.

#### *Verification*

Pursuant to section 782(i) of the Act, we verified the information submitted by each respondent for use in our final

determination. We used standard verification procedures including examination of relevant accounting and production records, and original source documents provided by the respondents. For changes from the Preliminary Determination as a result of verification, see Final Analysis Memorandum for Pannext and Final Analysis Memorandum for SLK.

#### *Scope of Investigation*

For purposes of this investigation, the products covered are certain malleable iron pipe fittings, cast, other than grooved fittings, from the People's Republic of China. The merchandise is classified under item numbers 7307.19.90.30, 7307.19.90.60 and 7307.19.90.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUS). Excluded from the scope of this investigation are metal compression couplings, which are imported under HTSUS number 7307.19.90.80. A metal compression coupling consists of a coupling body, two gaskets, and two compression nuts. These products range in diameter from 1/2 inch to 2 inches and are carried only in galvanized finish. HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) purposes, however, the written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

#### *Final Determination of Critical Circumstances*

On April 22, 2003, before the Preliminary Determination, we made a preliminary finding of critical circumstances with respect to JMC, SCE, and the PRC-wide entity on the basis of massive imports of the subject merchandise over a relatively short period and a history of injurious dumping from the PRC based on a current antidumping duty order on the subject merchandise imposed by the European Community. See Notice of Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances: Certain Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China, 68 FR 19779, 19780. We received no comments on this issue from any of the parties. Based on our final determination of sales at less than fair value, pursuant to section 735(a)(3)(A)(i) and (B), we therefore determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to JMC, SCE, and the PRC-wide entity.

#### *Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation*

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are directing the BCBP to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of subject

merchandise from the PRC, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption as follows: for Pannext, SLK, or Chengde, on or after the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination in the **Federal Register**, June 6, 2003; for JMC, SCE and companies subject to the PRC-wide rate, on or after the date which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination, *i.e.*, March 8, 2003, due to the Final Determination of Critical Circumstances. BCBP shall continue to require a cash deposit or posting of a bond equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as shown below. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

The weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/exporter	Per-cent <sup>1</sup>
Jinan Meide Casting Co., Ltd .....	11.35
Beijing Sai Lin Ke Hardware Co., Ltd .....	14.32
Langfang Pannext Pipe Fitting Co., Ltd .....	7.35
Chengde Malleable Iron General Factory .....	10.96
SCE Co., Ltd .....	10.96
PRC-Wide .....	111.36

<sup>1</sup> Weighted-average margin percent.

#### *ITC Notification*

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determination. As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will, within 45 days, determine whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.