

relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, and Singapore: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Partial Rescission of Administrative Reviews, and Notice of Intent To Revoke Order In Part

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Partial Rescission of Administrative Reviews, and Notice of Intent to Revoke Order in Part.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, and Singapore. The merchandise covered by these orders are ball bearings and parts thereof. The reviews cover nine manufacturers/exporters. The period of review is May 1, 2001, through April 30, 2002.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value by various companies subject to these reviews. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative reviews, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments in these proceedings are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact the appropriate case analysts for the various respondent firms, as listed below, at Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

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Germany

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Italy

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Singapore

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 15, 1989, the Department published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty orders on ball bearings and parts thereof (BBs) from France (54 FR 20902), Germany (54 FR 20900), Italy (54 FR 20903), and Singapore (54 FR 20907). On June 25, 2002, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), we published a notice of initiation of administrative reviews of these orders (67 FR 42753).

On October 23, 2002, the Department rescinded the following administrative reviews: INA-Schaeffler KG (INA) and Sachs Handel GmbH and ZF Sachs (collectively Sachs) with respect to ball bearings from Germany; SKF France S.A. with respect to spherical plain bearings from France; Barden Corporation (U.K.) Ltd., with respect to ball bearings from the United Kingdom. See *Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof from France, et al: Partial and Full Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 65089 (Oct. 23, 2002).

Subsequent to the publication of our rescission notice, we received withdrawals of the requests we had received for reviews of Ringball Corporation (France, Germany, and Italy) with respect to BBs. Because there were no other requests for review of the above-named firm and no other interested party objected, we are rescinding the reviews with respect to this company in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d).

Scope of Reviews

The products covered by these reviews are ball bearings and parts thereof (BBs). These products include all AFBs that employ balls as the rolling element. Imports of these products are classified under the following categories: antifriction balls, ball bearings with integral shafts, ball bearings (including radial ball bearings) and parts thereof, and housed or mounted ball bearing units and parts thereof.

Imports of these products are classified under the following *Harmonized Tariff Schedules* (HTSUS) subheadings: 3926.90.45, 4016.93.00, 4016.93.10, 4016.93.50, 6909.19.5010, 8431.20.00, 8431.39.0010, 8482.10.10, 8482.10.50, 8482.80.00, 8482.91.00, 8482.99.05, 8482.99.2580, 8482.99.35, 8482.99.6595, 8483.20.40, 8483.20.80, 8483.50.8040, 8483.50.90, 8483.90.20, 8483.90.30, 8483.90.70, 8708.50.50, 8708.60.50, 8708.60.80, 8708.70.6060, 8708.70.8050, 8708.93.30, 8708.93.5000, 8708.93.6000, 8708.93.75, 8708.99.06, 8708.99.31, 8708.99.4960, 8708.99.50, 8708.99.5800, 8708.99.8080, 8803.10.00, 8803.20.00, 8803.30.00, 8803.90.30, and 8803.90.90.

The size or precision grade of a bearing does not influence whether the bearing is covered by the order. For a listing of scope determinations which pertain to the orders, see the Scope Determinations Memorandum (Scope Memorandum) from the Antifriction Bearings Team to Laurie Parkhill, dated April 1, 2002, and hereby adopted by this notice. The Scope Memorandum is on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU), Main Commerce Building, Room B-099, in the General Issues record (A-100-001) for the 01/02 reviews.

Although the HTSUS item numbers above are provided for convenience and customs purposes, written descriptions of the scope of these proceedings remain dispositive.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we verified information provided by certain respondents using standard verification procedures, including on-site inspection of the manufacturers' facilities, the examination of relevant sales and financial records, and the selection of original documentation containing relevant information. Our verification results are outlined in the public versions of the verification reports, which are on file in the CRU, Room B-099. We will also be verifying certain companies (SKF France, SKF Germany, and SNR) shortly after