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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Sales at Less Than Fair Value.

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from the Republic of Korea with respect to Husteel Corporation, Ltd.; Hyundai HYSCO; and SeAH Steel Corporation Ltd. This review covers entries of circular welded non-alloy steel pipe into the United States during the period November 1, 2001, through October 31, 2002.

We preliminarily find that, during the period of review, sales of certain circular non-alloy steel pipe from Korea were made below normal value. If the preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to assess antidumping duties. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. We will issue the final results not later than 120 days from the date of publication of this notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 8, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Santoboni, Scott Holland or Andrew McAllister, Group I, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4194, (202) 482-1279 or (202) 482-1174, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

On November 2, 1992, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published an antidumping duty order on circular welded non-alloy steel pipe ("pipe") from Korea. (See 57 FR 49453). On November 1, 2002, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice in the **Federal Register** of the opportunity for interested parties to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pipe from Korea. See *Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding or Suspend Investigation*, 67 FR 66612 (November 1, 2002). In November 2002, the Department received timely requests for review from Allied Tube and Conduit Corporation and Wheatland Tube Company (collectively, "petitioners") and from Husteel Co. Ltd. ("Husteel"), a Korean exporter/producer of the subject merchandise.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(1), we published a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review on December 26, 2002, with respect to Husteel, Hyundai HYSCO ("HYSCO"), and SeAH Steel Corporation, Ltd. ("SeAH") (collectively, the "respondents"). See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 78772 (December 26, 2002). The period of review ("POR") is November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002.

On January 6, 2003, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to the respondents. We notified the respondents that they must respond to sections A, B, C and D of the antidumping duty questionnaire.

On January 21, 2003, Husteel and SeAH requested that they be allowed to report their respective cost data on a fiscal-year basis rather than reporting costs for the POR. On January 30, 2003, we requested that the respondents demonstrate that the use of fiscal-year cost reporting would not be distortive. We received information from the respondents on the difference between fiscal-year and POR-based cost reporting on February 11, 2003. On February 24, 2003, we granted the requests and allowed Husteel and SeAH to report their costs for the 2002 fiscal year rather than the POR.

On January 27, 2003, the petitioners requested that the Department conduct verifications of the respondents' questionnaire responses. We received questionnaire responses from all of the respondents in February and March

2003. We issued supplemental questionnaires covering sections A through D to the respondents in May and June 2003, and received responses in June and July 2003. The petitioners submitted comments on the responses in March and July 2003. We received rebuttal comments from HYSCO on July 28, 2003.

On June 6, 2003, we published an extension of the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results of this review to no later than November 30, 2003, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). See *Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Korea: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for 2001-2002 Administrative Review*, 68 FR 33911 (June 6, 2003). The Department verified the sales and cost responses for each of the respondents during September through November 2003.

On November 10, 2003 the petitioners argued certain information submitted by HYSCO at the CEP sales verification constituted new information and should be rejected by the Department.

## Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to this review is circular welded non-alloy steel pipe and tube, of circular cross-section, not more than 406.4mm (16 inches) in outside diameter, regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (black, galvanized, or painted), or end finish (plain end, beveled end, threaded, or threaded and coupled). These pipes and tubes are generally known as standard pipes and tubes and are intended for the low-pressure conveyance of water, steam, natural gas, air, and other liquids and gases in plumbing and heating systems, air-conditioning units, automatic sprinkler systems, and other related uses. Standard pipe may also be used for light load-bearing applications, such as for fence tubing, and as structural pipe tubing used for framing and as support members for reconstruction or load-bearing purposes in the construction, shipbuilding, trucking, farm equipment, and other related industries. Unfinished conduit pipe is also included in this order.

All carbon-steel pipes and tubes within the physical description outlined above are included within the scope of this review except line pipe, oil-country tubular goods, boiler tubing, mechanical tubing, pipe and tube hollows for redraws, finished scaffolding, and finished conduit. In accordance with the Department's *Final Negative Determination of Scope Inquiry on Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe and Tube from Brazil*, the