

be held 37 days after the publication of this notice, or the first business day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 120 days of publication of the preliminary results.

#### Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(I)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 1, 2003.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Thailand: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

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

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-

rolled carbon steel flat products from Thailand ("hot-rolled steel") manufactured/exported by Sahaviriya Steel Industries Public Company Limited ("SSI"). The period of review ("POR") covers the period May 3, 2001, through October 31, 2002. We have preliminarily determined that SSI did not make sales of the subject merchandise at less than normal value ("NV") (*i.e.*, they made sales at zero or *de minimis* dumping margins). If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. We request parties who submit argument in these proceedings to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issues and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 29, 2001, the Department published the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled steel (*see Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Thailand*, 66 FR 59562) ("HRC Order"). On November 1, 2002, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review for this order covering the period May 3, 2001, through October 31, 2002 (*see Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 67 FR 66612). On November 27, 2002, SSI requested a review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2) of the Department's regulations, and the petitioners requested reviews of SSI, Nakornthai Strip Mill Public Co., Ltd. ("Nakornthai"), and Siam Strip Mill Public Co., Ltd. ("Siam Strip") under 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1) of the Department's regulations. The petitioners are Nucor Corporation, National Steel Corporation, and United States Steel Corporation. On November 29, 2002, Siam Strip submitted a letter to the Department stating that they did not sell, ship, or export subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. The Department initiated these reviews on December 26, 2002 (*see Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 78772).

On January 6, 2003, the Department issued the antidumping duty questionnaire to SSI, Nakornthai, and Siam Strip. On January 10, 2003,

petitioners filed a letter requesting that the Department verify the questionnaire responses filed by SSI, Nakornthai, and Siam Strip. On February 19, 2003, SSI filed its section A response. On February 26, 2003, SSI filed its sections B and C responses and on March 5, 2003, SSI filed its section D response. Petitioners filed comments on SSI's section A through D responses on the following dates: March 6, 2003, for section A; March 12, 2003, for sections B and C; and March 20, 2003 for section D. On March 20, 2003, and May 12, 2003, SSI filed comments in response to petitioners' comments. SSI filed its supplemental responses on the following dates: April 15, 2003, for supplemental section A, April 22, 2003, for supplemental section D, and April 15, 2003, for supplemental sections B and C. Petitioners filed additional comments on SSI's supplemental sections A through C responses on April 24, 2003, and May 7, 2003. On May 7, 2003, SSI submitted minor corrections to the data provided in its questionnaire responses. Petitioners filed cost verification comments on May 12, 2003, and May 14, 2003, and sales verification comments on June 10, 2003. SSI filed its third supplemental response with the Department on May 22, 2003. On July 7, 2003, the Department extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this administrative review to no later than December 1, 2003 (*see Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Thailand*, 68 FR 40243). On October 6, 2003, SSI submitted additional minor corrections to the data provided in its questionnaire responses. As requested, on October 14, 2003, SSI submitted a revised version of its COP/CV database and a revised sales data base on November 18, 2003.

##### Partial Rescission

On January 22, 2002, Nakornthai submitted a statement that it had no sales to the United States during the POR. On January 24, 2002, Siam Strip submitted a similar statement. The Department conducted a query of CBP data on entries of hot-rolled steel from Thailand made during the POR, and confirmed that these companies made no entries during this period. Therefore, we preliminarily determine to rescind these reviews with respect to Nakornthai and Siam Strip in accordance with section 351.213 (d)(3) of the Department's regulations.