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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-475-820]

#### **Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Italy; Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of expedited sunset review of antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Italy.

**SUMMARY:** On August 1, 2003, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the notice of initiation of a sunset review on stainless steel wire rod ("SSWR") from Italy. On the basis of notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive comments filed on behalf of domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in this case, no response) from respondent interested parties, we determined to conduct an expedited (120-day) review. As a result of this review, we find that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Review."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 10, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ozlem Koray or Martha Douthit, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3675 or (202) 482-5050.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On August 1, 2003, the Department published the notice of initiation of a sunset review of the antidumping order on SSWR from Italy pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> The Department received Notice of Intent to Participate on behalf of domestic interested party, Carpenter Technology Corporation ("Carpenter Technology"), within the

deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(I) of the *Sunset Regulations*. Carpenter Technology claimed interested party status under Section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as U.S. producers of a domestic like product. We received a complete substantive response, in the sunset review, from the domestic interested parties, within the 30-day deadline specified in the *Sunset Regulations* under section 351.218(d)(3)(I). Carpenter Technology has been involved in this proceeding since its inception and are committed to full participation in this five-year review.

We did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested parties to this proceeding. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C) of the Department's Regulations, the Department conducted expedited, 120-day, review of this antidumping duty order.

This review covers all imports from all manufacturers, producers, and exporters of SSWR from Italy except for Acciaierie Valbruna/Accierie de Bolazano SpA, who received a *de minimis* rate in the investigation and as a result were excluded from the order.

##### **Scope of Review**

SSWR comprises products that are hot-rolled or hot-rolled annealed and/or pickled and/or descaled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils, that may also be coated with a lubricant containing copper, lime or oxalate. SSWR is made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are manufactured only by hot-rolling or hot-rolling, annealing, and/or pickling and/or descaling, are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross-section. The majority of SSWR sold in the United States is round in cross-sectional shape, annealed and pickled, and later cold-finished into stainless steel wire or small-diameter bar. The most common size for such products is 5.5 millimeters or 0.217 inches in diameter, which represents the smallest size that normally is produced on a rolling mill and is the size that most wire-drawing machines are set up to draw. The range of SSWR sizes normally sold in the United States is between 0.20 inches and 1.312 inches diameter. Two stainless steel grades, SF20T and K-M35FL, are excluded from the scope of this review. The chemical makeup for the excluded grades is as follows: SF20T

Carbon—0.05 max  
Manganese—2.00 max  
Phosphorous—0.05 max  
Sulfur—0.15 max  
Silicon—1.00 max  
Chromium—19.00/21.00  
Molybdenum—1.50/2.50  
Lead—added (0.10/0.30)  
Tellurium—added (0.03 min)

K-M35FL

Carbon—0.015 max  
Silicon—0.70/1.00  
Manganese—0.40 max  
Phosphorous—0.04 max  
Sulfur—0.03 max  
Nickel—0.30 max  
Chromium—12.50/14.00  
Lead—0.10/0.30  
Aluminum—0.20/0.35

The products subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, and 7221.00.0075 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 merchandise is dispositive.

##### **Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in this case by Carpenter Technology to this sunset review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" ("Decision Memo") from Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to James J. Jochum, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated December 1, 2003, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file in room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/sunset>, under the heading "December 2003." The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

##### **Final Results of Review**

We determine that revocation of the antidumping duty on SSWR from Italy would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

<sup>1</sup> Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset Reviews, 68 FR 45219 (August 1, 2003).