

extraordinarily complicated. *See also* 19 CFR 351.214(i).

The Department has determined that the new shipper reviews are extraordinarily complicated and that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results by the current deadline of December 27, 2003. There are a number of complex factual and legal questions related to the calculation of the antidumping margins in the new shipper reviews, in particular the analysis of the *bona fides* of the sales at issue and the valuation of the factors of production. We require additional time to issue supplemental questionnaires addressing these matters, review the responses, and verify certain information. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2), the Department is extending the time limit for the preliminary results by 120 days to April 25, 2004.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i).

Dated: December 15, 2003.

Jeffrey May,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement I.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rods ("SSWR") from India in response to a request by Panchmahal Steel Limited ("Panchmahal"), Mukand Limited ("Mukand"), the Viraj Group ("Viraj"), and by petitioner,¹ who requested a review of Isibars Limited ("Isibars"), Mukand, and Viraj. The period of review ("POR") is December 1, 2001, through November 30, 2002.

We have preliminarily determined that Mukand and Viraj have sold subject

merchandise at less than normal value ("NV") during the POR. In addition, we have determined to rescind the review with respect to Panchmahal based on the timely withdrawal of the only request for review of the company. Lastly, we have preliminarily determined to apply an adverse facts available rate to all sales and entries of Isibars' subject merchandise during the POR. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this administrative review, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to assess antidumping duties on entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which the importer-specific assessment rates are above *de minimis*.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments in this segment of the proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Isibars contact Eugene Degnan at (202) 482-0414, for Mukand contact Jonathan Herzog at (202) 482-4271, for Panchmahal contact Jonathan Freed at (202) 482-3818, and for Viraj contact Kit Rudd at (202) 482-1385, or Robert Bolling at (202) 482-3434. AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 20, 1993, the Department published the final determination in the **Federal Register** that resulted in the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rods from India. *See Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rods From India*, 58 FR 54110 (October 20, 1993) ("Antidumping Duty Order"). On December 2, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 67 FR 71533 (December 2, 2002) ("Opportunity to Request Administrative Review").

On December 31, 2002, Mukand, Panchmahal, and Viraj requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rods from India. *See*

Letter to Assistant Secretary for Import Administration from Mukand, Panchmahal, and Viraj, dated December 31, 2002. Also, on December 31, 2002, petitioner requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel wire rods from India for Isibars, Mukand, and Viraj. *See* Letter to the Honorable Donald L. Evan from petitioner, dated December 31, 2002. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b), we published a notice of initiation of the review of Isibars, Mukand, Panchmahal, and Viraj on January 22, 2003. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 3009 (January 22, 2003). On January 23, 2003, petitioner filed a request that the Department verify Isibars, Mukand, Panchmahal, and Viraj.

On February 11, 2003, the Department issued Sections A-E questionnaires to Isibars, Mukand, Panchmahal, and Viraj. Additionally, the Department initiated a sales below cost of production inquiry and requested that Mukand and Viraj respond to Section D of the questionnaire in addition to Sections A, B, and C.²

Panchmahal

On March 4, 2003, the Department received a letter from Panchmahal withdrawing its request for an administrative review. *See* Letter from Panchmahal, dated March 4, 2003.

Isibars

On March 11, 2003, Isibars submitted its Section A response to the Department and supplemented it with additional exhibits on April 11, 2003. On April 14, 2003, Isibars submitted its Sections B and C response. Additionally, on April 14, 2003, the Department issued its first supplemental Section A questionnaire to Isibars, to which Isibars responded on May 28, 2003. However, due to improper filing by Isibars, the Department initially rejected this submission.

On April 23, 2003, petitioner submitted an allegation that Isibars was selling subject merchandise below their

² Because the Department disregarded certain Mukand and Viraj sales made in the home market that failed the cost test in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding and excluded such sales from NV, the Department determined that there are reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that Mukand and Viraj made sales in the home market at prices below the cost of producing the merchandise in this review. *See Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 26288 (May 15, 2003) ("Final Results"); section 773(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, ("the Act").

¹ Carpenter Technology Corporation.