

as amended (the Act) and section 19 CFR 351.213(b) of the Department's regulations, Allegheny Ludlum, North American Stainless, Butler-Armco Independent Union, Zanesville Armco Independent Union, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC (collectively, petitioners) requested a review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium for ALZ N.V. (ALZ) and its affiliate Arcelor International America Inc. for the period May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2003. On July 1, 2003, we published a notice of "Initiation of Antidumping Review." See 68 FR 39055.

On September 11, 2003, Uguine & ALZ Belgium (U&A Belgium) submitted its response to section A of the Department's questionnaire. On October 2, 2003, U&A Belgium submitted its response to sections B and D of the Department's questionnaire. On October 6, 2003, U&A Belgium submitted its response to section C of the Department's questionnaire. On October 9, 2003, U&A Belgium requested that the Department consider U&A Belgium to be the successor to ALZ. On October 14, 2003, U&A Belgium submitted a revised version of its section C questionnaire response. On October 30, 2003, U&A Belgium requested that the Department extend the deadline for issuance of the preliminary results of review to May 31, 2004. On November 21, 2003, petitioners submitted comments concerning U&A Belgium's response to sections B and C of the Department's questionnaire. On December 3, 2003, U&A Belgium submitted corrections to certain clerical errors contained in U&A Belgium's questionnaire response.

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within the statutory time limit of 245 days from the last day of the anniversary month of the order for which the administrative review was requested. In this review, the Department must determine whether the respondent is the legal successor to another company by examining a number of factors. Because of the complexity and timing of this and other issues in this case, it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limit mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Consequently, in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results to 365 days from the last day of the anniversary month of the order. As the 365th day falls on a Sunday, and the following Monday is a federal holiday, the preliminary results will now be due no later than June 1, 2004.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Structural Steel Beams from Japan: Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of changed circumstances review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received information sufficient to warrant initiation of a changed-circumstances review of the antidumping order on structural steel beams from Japan. The review will be conducted to determine whether Yamato Steel is the successor-in-interest to Yamato Kogyo for purposes of determining antidumping and countervailing duty liabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 19, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the Federal Register an antidumping duty order resulting from the Department's investigation of Structural Steel Beams from Japan. See *Structural Steel Beams from Japan: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order*, 65 FR 37960 (June 19, 2000). On November 17, 2003 Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd. ("Yamato

Kogyo") submitted a request that the Department initiate a changed circumstances review to confirm that the newly-formed Yamato Steel Co., Ltd. ("Yamato Steel") is its successor-in-interest and should be entitled to the same cash deposit rate.

Scope of the Review

For purposes of this review, the products covered are doubly-symmetric shapes, whether hot or cold-rolled, drawn, extruded, formed or finished, having at least one dimension of at least 80 mm (3.2 inches or more), whether of carbon or alloy (other than stainless) steel, and whether or not drilled, punched, notched, painted, coated, or clad. These products ("Structural Steel Beams") include, but are not limited to, wide-flange beams ("W" shapes), bearing piles ("HP" shapes), standard beams ("S" or "I" shapes), and M-shapes.

All products that meet the physical and metallurgical descriptions provided above are within the scope of this review unless otherwise excluded. The following products, are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this review:

Structural steel beams greater than 400 pounds per linear foot or with a web or section height (also known as depth) over 40 inches.

The merchandise subject to this review is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") at subheadings: 7216.32.0000, 7216.33.0030, 7216.33.0060, 7216.33.0090, 7216.50.0000, 7216.61.0000, 7216.69.0000, 7216.91.0000, 7216.99.0000, 7228.70.3040, 7228.70.6000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") purposes, the written description of the merchandise under review is dispositive.

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 351.216 of the Department's regulations, the Department will conduct a changed circumstances review upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party for a review of, an antidumping duty finding which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. Information submitted by Yamato Kogyo Co. Ltd. ("Yamato Kogyo") and Yamato Steel Co., Ltd. ("Yamato Steel") claims Yamato Steel as the successor-in-interest to Yamato Kogyo and shows changed circumstances sufficient to