

home market credit expenses from the home market prices and adding the U.S. imputed credit and U.S. commission expenses to these prices.

The petitioners also provided information demonstrating reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of PC strand in the home market were made at prices below the fully absorbed COP, within the meaning of section 773(b) of the Act, and requested that the Department conduct a country-wide sales-below-cost investigation.

Pursuant to section 773(b)(3) of the Act, COP consists of COM, SG&A expenses, financial expenses, and packing expenses. The petitioners calculated COM based on their own production experience, adjusted for known differences between costs incurred to produce PC strand products in the United States and Korea using publicly available data. For initiation purposes, we have recalculated the labor and electricity costs by first indexing the costs in the foreign denominated currency and then converting the costs to U.S. Dollars based on the prevailing exchange rate for the comparison period. To calculate SG&A and interest expenses, the petitioners relied upon amounts reported in the 2001 financial statements of Kiswire—Koryo Steel Company (Kiswire) and Dong il—Dong-il Steel Manufacturing Co. Inc., two Korean producers of PC strand. Based upon a comparison of the price of the foreign like product in the home market to the calculated COP of the product, we find reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of the foreign like product were made below the COP, within the meaning of section 773(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act. Accordingly, the Department is initiating a country-wide cost investigation.

Pursuant to sections 773(a)(4), 773(b) and 773(e) of the Act, the petitioners also based NV for sales in Korea on CV. The petitioners calculated CV using the same COM, SG&A and interest expense figures used to compute the Korean home market costs. Consistent with 773(e)(2) of the Act, the petitioners included in CV an amount for profit. For profit, the petitioners relied upon amounts reported in Kiswire's 2001 financial statements.

The estimated dumping margin for Korea, based on a comparison of EP and home market prices, ranges from 18.67 to 27.06 percent. The estimated dumping margin, based on a comparison between EP and CV, ranges from 42.62 to 54.19 percent.

Mexico

Export Price

The petitioners based EP on prices within the POI for sales of low-relaxation PC strand manufactured by a Mexican producer and offered for sale directly to an unaffiliated U.S. customer. The petitioners averaged the gross prices for the individual prices and deducted U.S. import duties, freight and insurance to the U.S. port of entry, and U.S. inland freight from the average price. The petitioners did not deduct U.S. harbor maintenance and merchandise processing fees, based on the conservative assumption that the Mexican products were shipped over land.

Normal Value

With respect to NV, the petitioners provided a home market price that was obtained from an invoice for an actual sale in Mexico to an unaffiliated customer. The petitioners state that the invoice price reported was a delivered price. To calculate the NV, the petitioners deducted inland freight from the home market price, and, consistent with our statutory EP circumstances-of-sale calculation methodology, adjusted the home market price for imputed credit and commissions by deducting home market credit expenses from the home market prices and adding the U.S. imputed credit and U.S. commission expenses to this price.

The petitioners have provided information demonstrating reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of PC strand in the home market were made at prices below the fully absorbed COP, within the meaning of section 773(b) of the Act, and requested that the Department conduct a country-wide sales-below-cost investigation.

Pursuant to section 773(b)(3) of the Act, COP consists of the COM, SG&A, financial expenses, and packing expenses. The petitioners calculated COM based on their own production experience, adjusted for known differences between costs incurred to produce PC Strand in the United States and in Mexico using publicly available data. For initiation purposes, we have recalculated the labor, electricity and natural gas costs by first indexing the costs in the foreign-denominated currency and then converting the costs to U.S. Dollars based on the prevailing exchange rate for the comparison period. To calculate SG&A and financial expenses, the petitioners relied upon amounts reported in the 2001 financial statements of Aceros Camesa, S.A. de C.V. (Camesa), a Mexican producer of PC strand. Based upon a comparison of

the prices of the foreign like product in the home market to the calculated COP of the product, we find reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of the foreign like product were made below the COP, within the meaning of section 773(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act. Accordingly, the Department is initiating a country-wide cost investigation.

Pursuant to sections 773(a)(4), 773(b) and 773(e) of the Act, the petitioners also based NV for sales in Mexico on CV. The petitioners calculated CV using the same COM, SG&A, and financial expense figures used to compute home market costs. Consistent with 773(e)(2) of the Act, the petitioners included in CV an amount for profit. For profit, the petitioners relied upon amounts reported in Camesa's 2001 financial statements.

The estimated dumping margin in the petition for Mexico based on a comparison of EP and home market price is 50.16 percent. The estimated dumping margin based on a comparison between EP and CV is 77.20 percent.

Thailand

Export Price

The petitioners based EP on a price for sales of low-relaxation PC strand produced by a Thai company and offered for sale to an unaffiliated U.S. purchaser. The petitioners calculated a net U.S. price by deducting estimated costs for international freight, insurance charges, and harbor maintenance and merchandise processing fees.

Normal Value

With respect to NV, the petitioners provided a home market price for low-relaxation PC strand produced by a Thai company and offered for sale to an unaffiliated Thai purchaser. The price quotes are based on information gathered by a market researcher familiar with the Thai sales. *See Memorandum to the File from Victoria Schepker, Case Analyst, concerning Telephone Conversation with Market Researcher Regarding the Petitions for Imposition of Antidumping: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Thailand (February 10, 2003).* To calculate the NV, the petitioners deducted inland freight from the home market price, and, consistent with our statutory EP circumstances-of-sale calculation methodology, added the U.S. imputed credit and U.S. commission expenses to this price.

The petitioners have provided information demonstrating reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of PC strand in the home market were