

the Department's choice of facts available. For this final determination, we are continuing to apply total adverse facts available for the "Ukraine-wide" rate.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

The Department updated the 2000 income data for expected wages of selected NME countries initially revised in September 2002. In the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department calculated the "Ukraine-wide" rate using \$0.78 per hour, the 2000 expected wage for Ukraine revised in September 2002, as the surrogate value for Ukrainian labor. See Total Facts Available Corroboration Memorandum, dated September 26, 2002. For the final determination, we applied \$0.76 per hour, the 2000 expected wage for Ukraine corrected in February 2003, as the surrogate value for Ukrainian labor. See Memorandum from Crystal Crittenden, Import Compliance Specialist, Through Tom Futtner, Senior Program Manager, to The File, "Changes Since the Preliminary Determination Calculation Memorandum," dated February 18, 2003.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are instructing the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of UANS from Ukraine that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 3, 2003 (the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the *Federal Register*). Customs shall continue to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as shown below. The suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

We determine that the following percentage margin exists for the period October 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Margin (percent)
Ukraine-wide	193.57

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine, within 45 days, whether these imports are causing material injury, or threat of material injury, to an industry in the United States. If the ITC

determines that material injury, or threat of injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or cancelled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From India

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

ACTION: Initiation of countervailing duty investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Copyak, Alicia Kinsey, or Jim Neel, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office VI, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; (202) 482-2209, (202) 482-4793, or (202) 482-4161, respectively.

Initiation of Investigation

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2002).

The Petition

On January 31, 2003, the Department received a petition filed in proper form by the following parties: American Spring Wire Corp., Insteel Wire Products Company, and Sumiden Wire Products Corp. (collectively, the petitioners). The Department received from the petitioners information supplementing the petition on February 12, 2003.

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Act, the petitioners allege that manufacturers, producers, or exporters of prestressed concrete steel wire strand ("PC strand") in India receive countervailable subsidies within the meaning of section 701 of the Act.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed this petition on behalf of the domestic industry because they are interested parties as defined in sections 771(9)(C) and (d) of the Act. The petitioners have demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the countervailing duty investigation that they are requesting the Department to initiate (see the Determination of Industry Support for the Petition section below).

Scope of Investigation

For purposes of this investigation, prestressed concrete steel wire (PC strand) is steel strand produced from wire of non-stainless, non-galvanized steel, which is suitable for use in prestressed concrete (both pretensioned and post-tensioned) applications. The product definition encompasses covered and uncovered strand and all types, grades, and diameters of PC strand.

The merchandise under this investigation is currently classifiable under subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 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 under investigation is dispositive.