is not a firm covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in the final results of these reviews, or the LTFV investigation; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous reviews or the original fair value investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 4.46%.

We will calculate importer-specific duty assessment rates on a unit value per pound basis. To calculate the per pound unit value for assessment, we summed the margins on U.S. sales with positive margins, and then divided this sum by the entered pounds of all U.S. sales.

This notice also serves as a reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26(b) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during these review periods. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–427–811]

Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rods From France: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (''the Department'') is extending the time limit for the preliminary results for the third review of certain stainless steel wire rods from France. This review covers the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Bolling or Stephen Jacques at 202–482–3434 or 482–1391; Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930 (''the Act'') are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Rounds Agreements Act.

Postponement of Preliminary Results

The Department previously extended the preliminary results of this review by 90 days from October 3, 1997 to January 2, 1998. The Department has determined that it is not practicable to issue its preliminary results within the revised time limit. (See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III to Robert LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, January 2, 1998). Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until January 16, 1998 in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

The deadline for the final results of these reviews will continue to be 90 days after publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: January 2, 1998.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–427–810]

Certain Steel Products From France; Notice of Court Decision and Suspension of Liquidation

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 5, 1997, in *Inland Steel Industries, Inc.* v. *United States,* Consol. Court No. 93–09–00567–CVD, a lawsuit challenging the Department of Commerce's final affirmative countervailing duty determination of certain steel products from France, the Court of International Trade affirmed the Department's redetermination on remand. As a result, the final net subsidy rate for all programs for Usinor Sacilor has increased from 15.12% to 15.13% *ad valorem,* and the ''country-wide'' rate has increased from 15.12% to 15.13% *ad valorem.*

Consistent with the decision of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Timken Co.* v. *United States,* 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir. 1990), Commerce will direct the Customs Service to change the cash deposit rates being used in connection with the suspension of liquidation of the subject merchandise once there is a ''conclusive'' decision in this case.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Wells, Office 1, Group 1, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482–6309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

On July 9, 1993, the Department of Commerce (the ''Department'' or ''Commerce'') published notice of its final affirmative countervailing duty determinations of certain steel products from France. *Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determinations; Certain Steel Products from France,* 58

FR 37304 (July 9, 1993). In those determinations, the Department set forth its finding of a final net subsidy rate of 15.49% *ad valorem* for Usinor Sacilor and 15.49% *ad valorem* for the ''country-wide'' rate. On August 17, 1993, the Department published a countervailing duty order correcting ministerial errors and instructing the Customs Service to collect cash deposits, at the rate of 15.12% *ad valorem* for Usinor Sacilor and 15.12% *ad valorem* for the ''country-wide'' rate, on entries of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after that date. 58 FR 43759.

Following publication of the Department's countervailing duty order, petitioners and respondents filed lawsuits with the Court of International Trade (''CIT'') challenging the Department's final determination.

Thereafter, in *British Steel plc* v. *United States,* Consol. Ct. No. 93–09–00550–CVD, which addressed general issues common to various certain steel products countervailing duty investigations which concurrently had been before the Department, including the French investigation, the CIT rejected the Department's reliance on IRS tables showing industry-specific average useful life of assets in determining an allocation period of 15 years. 879 F. Supp. 1254 (1995). In a subsequent remand determination, dated June 30, 1995, the Department calculated a company-specific allocation period for Usinor Sacilor based on the average useful life of non-renewable physical assets, and the CIT affirmed it. 929 F. Supp. 426 (1996).

More recently, in *Inland Steel Industries, Inc.* v. *United States,* Consol. Ct. No. 93–09–00567–CVD, the CIT issued Slip Opinion 97–71 and an Order, dated June 2, 1997, accepting the Department's request for a voluntary remand on one issue. Specifically, during the verification of Usinor Sacilor's questionnaire responses, the Department had discovered that six Credit National loans included in the 1991 consolidation of outstanding Credit National loans were export promotion loans. Although in its final concurrence memorandum the Department stated that it would determine these loans to be specific, it inadvertently overlooked these loans in its final determination and calculations. On July 7, 1997, the Department filed its required remand results with the CIT. On December 5, 1997, the CIT affirmed the Department's remand results. *Inland Steel Industries, Inc.* v. *United States,* Consol. Court No. 93–09–00567–CVD, Slip Op. 97–168.

As a result of the two remands, the net subsidy rate for all programs for Usinor Sacilor has increased from 15.12% to 15.13% *ad valorem,* and the ''country-wide'' rate has increased from 15.12% to 15.13% *ad valorem.*

Suspension of Liquidation

In its decision in *Timken Co.* v. *United States,* 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (*Timken*), the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (''CAFC'') held that the Department must publish notice of a decision of the CIT or the CAFC which is not ''in harmony'' with the Department's determination. Publication of this notice fulfills that obligation. The CAFC also held that the Department must suspend liquidation of the subject merchandise until there is a ''conclusive'' decision in the case. Therefore, pursuant to *Timken,* Commerce must suspend liquidation pending the expiration of the period to appeal the CIT's December 5, 1997 ruling or, if that ruling is appealed, pending a final decision by the CAFC. However, because entries of the subject merchandise already are being suspended pursuant to the countervailing duty order in effect, the Department need not order the Customs Service to suspend liquidation. Further, consistent with *Timken,* the Department will order the Customs Service to change the relevant cash deposit rates in the event that the CIT's ruling is not appealed or the CAFC issues a final decision affirming the CIT's ruling.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Public Meeting To Discuss the Development of Methods for Micromachining Electrical Test Structures Replicated in Silicon-On-Insulator Films To Enable the Use of High-Resolution Transmission-Electron Microscopy for CD–Metrology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on January 30, 1998, to discuss the development of Methods for Micromachining Electrical Test Structures Replicated in Silicon-On-Insulator Films to Enable the Use of High-Resolution Transmission-Electron Microscopy for CD–Metrology. Attendees will be expected to sign a non-disclosure agreement before participating in the meeting.

DATES: The Meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on January 30, 1998. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number, or FAX number shown below.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at Conference Room 4020, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado. Inquiries should be sent to Room B360, Building 225, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Cresswell, 301–975–2072; FAX 301–948–4081; e-mail: michael.cresswell@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any development program subsequent to the meeting will be within the scope and confines of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99–502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories, including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

NIST and Sandia National Laboratories, in collaboration with 16 industry partners and SEMATECH, have recently completed an evaluation of the first of two types of SOI films for linewidth reference-material applications. The results have indicated that if a means of certifying the electrical widths of reference features could be found, then a range of low-cost reference materials for linewidth and related dimensions could be developed for future SIA Roadmap applications.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Michael R. Rubin,

Deputy Chief Counsel.

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