The PRC-wide rate applies to all entries of subject merchandise except for entries from exporters/factories that are identified individually above.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after our final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments in at least ten copies must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than October 16, 1998, and rebuttal briefs, no later than October 23, 1998. A list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If this investigation proceeds normally, we will make our final determination by 135 days after the publication of this notice in the Federal Register. This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.


Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China; Notice of Intent Not To Revoke the Antidumping Duty Order in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of intent not to revoke the antidumping duty order in part.

SUMMARY: This notice serves as a supplement to the Department of Commerce's July 10, 1998, notice of preliminary results of administrative review and new shipper review of tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from the People's Republic of China (see, 63 FR 37339). In those preliminary results of review, we neglected to include our decision as to whether there is a reasonable basis to believe that the requirements for revocation have been met by Luoyang Bearing Factory. Therefore, we are now publishing our intent not to revoke the order with respect to tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from the People's Republic of China produced and/or exported by Luoyang Bearing Factory. Interested parties are invited to comment on the Department's intent not to revoke the order in part.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zak Smith, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1279.

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, all references to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations are to 19 CFR 353 (April 1997).

Background

On May 27, 1987, the Department published in the Federal Register (52 FR 19748) the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished...
("TRBs"), from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). The Department notified interested parties of the opportunity to request an administrative review of this order on June 11, 1997 (62 FR 31786). One of the respondents, Luoyang Bearing Factory ("Luoyang"), requested a review and that the Department revoke the antidumping duty order in part. The request was received on June 30, 1997.

In accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(c) and 353.25(c), we published a notice of initiation of antidumping duty administrative review and request for revocation of the order in part on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41339). On July 10, 1998, the Department published in the Federal Register the preliminary results of review (see, Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of 1996-1997 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review, 63 FR 37330 (July 10, 1998) ("Preliminary Results").

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review
Merchandise covered by this review includes TRBs from the PRC, flange, take up cartridge, and hanger units incorporating tapered roller bearings; and tapered roller housings (except pillow blocks) incorporating tapered rollers, with or without spindles, whether or not for automotive use. This merchandise is classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") item numbers 8482.20.00, 8482.91.00.30, 8482.99.30, 8483.20.40, 8483.20.80, 8483.30.80, 8483.90.30, 8483.90.80, 8708.99.80.15, and 8708.99.80.80. Although the HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order and this review is dispositive.

Revocation
Pursuant to 19 CFR 353.25(b), Luoyang requested revocation of the antidumping duty order in part. In accordance with 19 CFR 353.25(b)(1) and (2), the request was accompanied by certifications that Luoyang had not sold the subject merchandise at less than normal value during the current period of review and would not do so in the future. Luoyang also agreed to immediate reinstatement of the antidumping duty order, as long as any exporter or producer is subject to the order; if the Department concludes that Luoyang, subsequent to the revocation, sold the subject merchandise at less than normal value.

Section 353.25(a)(2) of the Department's regulations states that the Secretary may revoke an order in part if the Secretary concludes that: (i) the exporter or producer has sold the merchandise at not less than normal value for a period of three consecutive years; (ii) it is not likely that the person will in the future sell the merchandise at less than normal value; and (iii) the person agrees in writing to its immediate reinstatement in the order, as long as any producer or reseller is subject to the order, if the Secretary concludes that dumping has resumed.

In the preliminary results, Luoyang received a dumping margin of 1.82% on its sales for the period June 1, 1996, through May 30, 1997 (see, Preliminary Results, 37344). If the preliminary results are adopted as final results, Luoyang will not have met the first criterion for revocation. Thus, there is not a reasonable basis to believe that Luoyang has met the requirements for revocation of the antidumping duty order in part. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined not to revoke the antidumping duty order with respect to TRBs from the PRC produced and/or exported by Luoyang.

With respect to the issue of revocation, parties to the proceeding may request a hearing and include this issue in their submission of case briefs and/or rebuttal briefs in accordance with the deadlines established in the preliminary results. The Department will issue a notice of the final results of the administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such briefs, within 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

This notice is in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 771(i)(1) of the Act.


Joseph A. Spetrini,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Endangered Fish and Wildlife; Draft Recovery Plan for Fin and Sei Whales

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The draft Recovery Plan (Plan) for the North Pacific and North Atlantic Fin whale (Balaenoptera physalus) and Sei whale (Balaenoptera borealis) stocks is available for review and comment by interested parties prior to preparing the final plan for approval and adoption by NMFS.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received on or before October 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Coordinator of Large Whale Recovery Activities, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources (F/PR), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the Plan for fin and sei whales are available upon request from F/PR, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The draft plan is also available through the internet at: www.nmfs.gov/tmc/intyr/prot_res.html/finsel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory K. Silber, Ph.D., NMFS, F/PR, 301/713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires that NMFS develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction unless it is determined that such plans will not promote the conservation of the species. Accordingly, NMFS provided a contract for preparation of the plan for fin and sei whales. The Plan discusses the natural history, current status, and the known and potential human impacts to fin and sei whales. Actions needed to promote the recovery of these species are identified and discussed. The final Recovery Plan will be used to direct U.S. activities, and to encourage international cooperation to promote the recovery of these endangered species.


Hilda Diaz-Soltero,
Director, Office of Protected Resources.

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