

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

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**Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders: Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand****AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of continuation of antidumping duty orders: Certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand.

**SUMMARY:** On December 3, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand are likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (64 FR 67847). On December 22, 1999, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (64 FR 71830). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 6, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark D. Young or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On May 3, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (64 FR 23596 and 64 FR 23672, respectively) of the antidumping duty orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from

Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the orders to be revoked (see Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand, 64 FR 67847 (December 3, 1999)).

On December 22, 1999, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (see Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand, 64 FR 71830 (December 22, 1999) and USITC Pub. 3263, Investigations Nos. 731-TA-308-310 and 520-521 (Review) (December 1999)).

**Scope**

The products covered by these reviews are pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand. Pipe fittings from Brazil, Taiwan, and Japan are defined as carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, other than couplings, under 14 inches in diameter, whether finished or unfinished form, that have been formed in the shape of elbows, tees, reducer, caps, etc., and, if forged, have been advanced after forging. These advancements may include any one or more of the following: coining, heat treatment, shot blasting, grinding, die stamping or painting. Such merchandise was classifiable under Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated ("TSUSA") item number 610.8800. These imports are currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") item number 7307.93.30.

Pipe fittings from Thailand and China are defined as carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, having an inside diameter of less than 14 inches, imported in either finished or unfinished form. These formed or forged pipe fittings are used to join section in piping systems where conditions require permanent, welded connections, as distinguished from fittings based on other fastening methods (e.g., threaded grooved, or bolted fittings). These imports are currently classifiable under the HTSUS

item number 7307.93.30. The TSUSA and HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and United States Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive as to the scope of the product coverage for each of the orders.

These reviews cover imports from all manufacturers and exporters of pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand.

**Determination**

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of these antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of these orders will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than December 2004.

Dated: December 29, 1999.

**Holly Kuga,***Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**Preliminary Results of Full Sunset Review: Mechanical Transfer Presses From Japan****AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of full sunset review: Mechanical transfer presses from Japan.

**SUMMARY:** On June 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on mechanical transfer presses ("MTPs") from Japan pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the