automatically revoke the orders without further review. *See* 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii).

If we receive an order–specific notice of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, the Department's regulations provide that *all parties* wishing to participate in the Sunset Review must file complete substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response, on an order–specific basis, are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for respondent and domestic parties. Also, note that the Department's information requirements are distinct from the Commission's information requirements. Please consult the Department's regulations for information regarding the Department's conduct of Sunset Reviews.[1] Please consult the Department's regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: March 23, 2006.

Thomas F. Futtner,

Acting Office Director AD/CVD Operations, Office 4 for Import Administration.

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[1] In comments made on the interim final sunset regulations, a number of parties stated that the proposed five-day period for rebuttals to substantive responses to a notice of initiation was insufficient. This requirement was retained in the final sunset regulations at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(4). As provided in 19 CFR 351.302(b), however, the Department will consider individual requests for extension of that five-day deadline based upon a showing of good cause.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Brass Sheet and Strip from France, Italy, Germany, and Japan: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (''the Department'') and the International Trade Commission (''ITC'') that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on brass sheet and strip from France, Italy, Germany, and Japan would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing notice of continuation of these antidumping duty orders.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 3, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 1, 2005, the Department initiated and on March 31, 2005, the ITC instituted sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on brass sheet and strip from France, Italy, Germany, and Japan pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (''the Act'').[1]

As a result of its review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the orders to be revoked.[2] On March 6, 2006, the ITC determined pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on brass sheet and strip from France, Italy, Germany, and Japan would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.[3]

Scope of the Orders

The product covered by these orders is brass sheet and strip (''BSS''), other than leaded and tinned BSS. The chemical composition of the covered product is currently defined in the Copper Development Association (''C.D.A.'') 200 Series or the Unified Numbering System (''U.N.S.'') C2000. These orders do not cover products the chemical compositions of which are defined by other C.D.A. or U.N.S. series. In physical dimensions, the product covered by these orders has a solid rectangular cross section over 0.006 inches (0.15 millimeters) through 0.188 inches (4.8 millimeters) in finished thickness or gauge, regardless of width. Coiled, wound–on-reels (traverse wound), and cut–to-length products are included.

The merchandise is currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (''HTSUS'') item numbers 7409.21.00 and 7409.29.00. Although the HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these orders remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the ITC that revocation of these antidumping duty orders would likely 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 brass sheet and strip from France, Italy, Germany, and Japan.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect antidumping duty cash deposits at the rates 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 section 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of these orders not later than February 2011.

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act.

Dated: March 27, 2006.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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[1] *See Initiation of Five-Year (''Sunset'') Reviews*, 70 FR 16800 (April 1, 2005); and *Brass Sheet and Strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan*, Investigations Nos. 701-TA-269 and 270, and 731-TA-311-314, 317, and 379 (Second Review), 70 FR 16519 (March 31, 2005).

[2] *See Brass Sheet and Strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Italy and Japan; Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 70 FR 45650 (August 8, 2005); and *Brass Sheet and Strip from Germany: Final Results of the Full Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 71 FR 4348 (January 26, 2006).

[3] *See Brass Sheet and Strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan*, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-269 and 731, and TA-311-314, 317, and 379 (Second Review), 71 FR 14719 (March 23, 2006).