## Critical Circumstances

Petitioner has alleged that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the subject merchandise from Malaysia. Section 735(a)(3) of the Act provides that the Department will determine that critical circumstances exist if:

(A)(i) There is a history of dumping in the U.S. or elsewhere of the class or kind of merchandise which is the subject of this investigation, or

(ii) The person by whom, or for whose account, the merchandise was imported knew or should have known that the exporter was selling the merchandise which is the subject of the investigation at less than its fair value, and

(B) There have been massive imports of the class or kind of merchandise which is the subject of this investigation over a relatively short period

over a relatively short period.
Since MMCPNF did not respond to our August 12, 1994, letter requesting export shipment information, we determine, as BIA, pursuant to section 776(c) of the Act, that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of pipe fittings from Malaysia.

# Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(d)(1)of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(d)(1)), we are directing the U.S. Customs Service to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of pipe fittings from Malaysia, as defined in the "Scope of Investigation" section of this notice, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 6, 1994, (i.e., 90 days prior to the date of publication of our preliminary determination in the Federal Register). The U.S. Customs Service shall require a cash deposit or posting of a bond equal to the estimated amount by which the foreign market value of the subject merchandise exceeds the United States price as shown below. The suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

Manufacturer/Producer/Exporter	Weighted average margin percent
All Companies	194.70

# 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 whether imports of the subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry within 45 days. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceedings will be terminated and all securities posted as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or cancelled. However, if the ITC determines that such injury does exist, we will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officers to assess an antidumping duty on pipe fittings from Malaysia entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of suspension of liquidation.

## Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) in this investigation of their responsibility covering the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO.

This determination is published pursuant to section 735(d) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(d)) and 19 CFR 353.20(a)(4).

Dated: February 16, 1995.
Barbara R. Stafford
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

# International Trade Administration [A-580-824]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From South Korea

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 27, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Wilkniss, Office of Countervailing Investigations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482–0588.

#### Final Determination

The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings ("pipe fittings") from South Korea are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value, as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act

of 1930, as amended (the Act) (19 U.S.C. 1673d). The estimated margins are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

# Scope of Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation are certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings ("pipe fittings") having an inside diameter of less than fourteen inches (355 millimeters), imported in either finished or unfinished condition. Pipe fittings are formed or forged steel products used to join pipe sections in piping systems where conditions require permanent welded connections, as distinguished from fittings based on other methods of fastening (e.g., threaded, grooved, or bolted fittings). Butt-Weld fittings come in a variety of shapes which include "elbows," "tees," "caps," and "reducers." The edges of finished pipe fittings are beveled, so that when a fitting is placed against the end of a pipe (the ends of which have also been beveled), a shallow channel is created to accomodate the "bead" of the weld which joins the fitting to the pipe. These pipe fittings are currently classifiable under subheading 7307.93.3000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS")

Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

## Period of Investigation

The period of investigation (POI) is September 1, 1994, through February 28, 1994.

## Case History

Since the announcement of the preliminary determination on September 27, 1994, the following events have occurred.

On October 4, 1994, we published the notice of preliminary determination in the Federal Register (59 FR 50560).

On October 13, 1994, pursuant to section 353.20(b)(1) of the Department's regulations, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, on behalf of the South Korean producers and exporters of pipe fittings, requested that the final determination in this case be postponed. On November 14, 1994, we published the postponement of final determination in the Federal Register (59 FR 56461).

Petitioner was the only interested party to file a case brief in this investigation. Petitioner did so on January 23, 1995.

## Best Information Available

In accordance with section 776(c) of the Act, we have determined that the