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 investigation is dispositive.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation ("POI") is September 1, 1993, through February 28, 1994.

Case History

Since our preliminary determination (50 FR 50561, October 4, 1994) the following events have occurred. On October 14, 1994 the respondents requested a postponement of the final determination. This request was granted (59 FR 56461, November 14, 1994), and the final was postponed by the Department until no later than February 16, 1995. On January 23, 1995, both parties submitted case briefs. On January 23, 1995 petitioner submitted its rebuttal brief.

Best Information Available

In accordance with section 776(c) of the Act, we have determined that the use of best information available (BIA) is appropriate for all companies. Given that neither of the two named companies responded to the Department's questionnaire, we find that no respondents have cooperated in this investigation.

The Department's usual practice under these circumstances would be to assign respondents the highest margin alleged in the petition as BIA. See Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From the Federal Republic of Germany (54 FR 19033, May 3, 1989). In this case, however, a fundamental flaw in the petition calculation methodology has led the Department to reject the use of the highest margin alleged in the petition as BIA. Unlike the other Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings investigations, petitioner was unable to obtain U.S. price quotes for purposes of the initiation. Rather, U.S. price was based upon an average of U.S. Customs import statistics which did not take into account the relationship between the size of the fitting and its value per pound. Moreover, there is no record information which would allow us to make this adjustment to USP. Therefore, we have weight averaged the FMVs of all size fittings in the petition, and compared that average FMV to the average customs U.S. import value in the petition. This yields a single margin for use as BIA of 203.63%. This margin will be assigned to each of the

respondents. (*See,* Memorandum on File Dated: February 16, 1995).

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(1) (19 U.S.C. 1673b(d)(1)) of the Act, we are directing the U.S. Customs Service to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of certain carbon butt-weld pipe fittings from Venezuela, as defined in the "Scope of Investigation" section of this notice, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The Customs Service shall require a cash deposit or posting of a bond equal to the estimated margin 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	203.63

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 certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Venezuela 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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Notice of Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Antidumping Duty Investigation of Ferrovanadium and Nitrided Vanadium From the Russian Federation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

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Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994. References to Antidumping and Countervailing **Duties: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking** and Request for Public Comments, 57 FR 1131 (January 10, 1992) (Proposed Regulations), are provided solely for further explanation of the Department's AD practice with respect to amended preliminary determinations. Although, the Department has withdrawn the particular rulemaking proceeding pursuant to which the Proposed Regulations were issued, the subject matter of these regulations is being considered in connection with an ongoing rulemaking proceeding which, among other things, is intended to conform the Department's regulations to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. See 60 FR 80 (January 3, 1995).

Scope of Investigation

This investigation covers ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium. The scope is fully described in the preliminary determination.

Case History

On December 27, 1994, the Department of Commerce (the Department) made its affirmative