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Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, and the United Kingdom; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Partial Termination of Administrative Reviews, and Notice of Intent to Revoke Order

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews, partial termination of administrative reviews, and notice of intent to revoke order.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. The classes or kinds of merchandise covered by these orders are ball bearings, cylindrical roller bearings, and spherical plain bearings. The reviews cover 64 manufacturers/exporters. The period of review (the POR) is May 1, 1993, through April 30, 1994. Although we initiated reviews for four other manufacturers/exporters, we are terminating the reviews because the requests for these reviews were withdrawn in a timely manner. We intend to terminate the reviews for five other exporters because the Department has preliminarily determined that these exporters are not an appropriate subject of review, as discussed below. We also intend to revoke the order with respect to ball bearings from Thailand based on our preliminary determination that the only known producer of ball bearings, NMB/Pelmec, has had a three-year period of no sales at less than foreign market value (FMV).

Finally, we have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below FMV by various companies subject to these reviews. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of the administrative review, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties equal to the difference between the United States price (USP) and the FMV. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The appropriate case analyst, for the various respondent firms listed below, at the Office of Antidumping Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

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Singapore

Michael Rausher (NMB/Pelmec) or Richard Rimlinger.

Sweden

Matthew Rosenbaum (SKF) or Michael Rill.

Thailand

Michael Rausher (NMB/Pelmec) or Richard Rimlinger.

United Kingdom

Hermes Pinilla (Barden/FAG, Normalair-Garrett, NSK/RHP), or Michael Rill.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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.

Background

On May 15, 1989, the Department published in the Federal Register (54 FR 20909) the antidumping duty orders on ball bearings (BBs), cylindrical roller bearings (CRBs), and spherical plain bearings (SPBs) and parts thereof from France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. Specifically, these orders cover BBs, CRBs, and SPBs from France, Germany, and Japan; BBs and CRBs from Sweden and the U.K.; and BBs from Singapore and Thailand. On June 22, 1994, and July 15, 1994, in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 353.22(c), we initiated administrative reviews of those orders for the period May 1, 1993, through April 30, 1994 (59 FR 32180 and 59 FR 36160). The Department is now conducting these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act).

Scope of Reviews

The products covered by these reviews are antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof (AFBs), and constitute the following classes or kinds of merchandise:

1. *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof:* These products include all antifriction bearings that employ balls as the rolling element. Imports of these products are classified under the following categories: antifriction balls, ball bearings with integral shafts, ball bearings (including radial ball bearings) and parts thereof, and housed or mounted ball bearing units and parts thereof.

Imports of these products are classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) subheadings: 3926.90.45, 4016.93.00, 4016.93.10, 4016.93.50, 6909.19.5010, 8431.20.00, 8431.39.0010, 8482.10.10, 8482.10.50, 8482.80.00, 8482.91.00, 8482.99.05, 8482.99.10, 8482.99.35, 8482.99.6590, 8482.99.70, 8483.20.40, 8483.20.80, 8483.50.8040, 8483.50.90, 8483.90.20, 8483.90.30, 8483.90.70, 8708.50.50, 8708.60.50, 8708.60.80, 8708.70.6060, 8708.70.8050, 8708.93.30, 8708.93.5000, 8708.93.6000, 8708.93.75, 8708.99.06, 8708.99.31, 8708.99.4960, 8708.99.50, 8708.99.5800, 8708.99.8080, 8803.10.00, 8803.20.00, 8803.30.00, 8803.90.30, 8803.90.90.

2. *Cylindrical Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof:* These products include all AFBs that employ cylindrical rollers as the rolling element. Imports of these