killed sawtimber and 1500 tons of fire killed biomass on approximately 250 acres using tractor and mechanical thinning logging systems. A total of 2.4 milses of road construction would be required.

(3) This alternative proposes to salvage 2.6 MMBF of fire killed timber and 1500 tons of biomass on approximately 250 acres using helicopter logging systems. The purchaser would be required to remove all the 4 inch dbh and larger fire killed trees in excess of wildlife requirements. No new roads would be constructed.

(4) This alternative proposes to salvage 2.6 MMBF of fire killed timber on approximately 250 acres using helicopter logging systems. The purchaser would remove all 10 inch dbh and larger fire killed trees in excess of wildlife requirements. A service contract would thin the submerchantable trees and treat excess slash. No new roads would be constructed.

The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is expected to be available by March of 1995.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewer's notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewer's of the draft environmental impact statement must structure their participation in the environmental veview of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the veviewer's position and contentions. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. City of Angoon v. Hodel, (9th Circuit, 1986 and Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris, 495 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningful consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issue and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the drart environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of The National Environmental Policy Act at CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

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Dated: December 22, 1994.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Oil Country Tubular Goods From Argentina

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2, 1995.

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Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Argentina are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value, as provided in section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margins are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

Case History

Since the initiation of this investigation on July 20, 1994 (59 FR 37962, July 26, 1994), the following events have occurred.

On August 15, 1994, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issued an affirmative preliminary determination.

On August 26, 1994, the Department determined that Siderca S.A.I.C. (Siderca), an Argentine exporter of the subject merchandise, should be the sole recipient of the antidumping questionnaire. This company accounted for at least 60 percent of exports of OCTG from Argentina during the period of investigation (POI).

On August 26, 1994, the Department sent an antidumping duty questionnaire to Siderca. The Department received initial questionnaire responses in September, October and November 1994. The Department received deficiency questionnaire responses in December 1994, and January 1995.

On November 1, 1994, the Department determined that Siderca's home market was not viable within the meaning of section 773(a)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 353.48, and that the People's Republic of China (PRC) was the appropriate third-country market for this investigation (see the November 1, 1994, memorandum from David L. Binder to Richard W. Moreland). This decision was consistent with our decision not to expand the period of investigation to include home market sales made pursuant to long-term contracts (see the November 3, 1994, memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Barbara R. Stafford).

On November 10, 1994, Koppel Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group (a unit of USX Corporation) and USS/Kobe Steel Company, (the petitioners), timely requested that the Department postpone the preliminary determination in accordance with section 733(c)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(c)(1)), and 19 CFR 353.15(c). We did so on November 15, 1994 (59 FR 60130, November 22, 1994).

On December 12, 1994, the petitioners submitted an allegation of sales at prices below the cost of production (COP) based on Siderca's sales to the PRC. The Department initiated a COP investigation on January 13, 1995 (see the January 13, 1995, memorandum from Gary Taverman to Barbara R. Stafford).

On December 16, 1994, Siderca timely requested that the final determination be postponed in accordance with 19 CFR 353.20(b) in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination.

Scope of Investigation

For purposes of this investigation, OCTG are hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing, tubing, and drill pipe, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both