United States, quality inspection costs, and product liability premiums.

For ESP comparisons, we made further deductions for credit expense and commissions. We deducted third country indirect selling expenses, capped by the amount of U.S. indirect selling expenses, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.56(b).

We made no adjustments for packing because the respondent reported that the OCTG was not packed before shipment.

For certain sales, TAMSA had not yet shipped or received payment for the sale. In order to calculate credit expenses, we applied the same methodology described above for USP.

Currency Conversion

Because certified exchange rates for Mexico were unavailable from the Federal Reserve, we made currency conversions for expenses denominated in Mexican pesos based on the official monthly exchange rates in effect on the dates of the U.S. sales as published by the International Monetary Fund.

Verification

As provided in section 776(b) of the Act, we will verify the information used in making our final determination.

Preliminary Margin Calculation

Based on the calculation methodology outlined above, we preliminarily calculated the following margins:

Manufacturer/producer/exporter	Margin Percentage
Tubos de Acero de Mexico,	00.00
S.AAll others	00.00

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our preliminary determination.

If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, a U.S. industry before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after our final determination.

Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 353.38, case briefs or other written comments in at least ten copies may be submitted by any interested party to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than March 6, 1995, and rebuttal briefs no later than March 13, 1995. We request that parties in this case provide an executive summary of no more than two pages in conjunction with case

briefs on the major issues to be addressed. Further, briefs should contain a table of authorities. Citations to Commerce determinations and court decisions should include the page number where cited information appears. In preparing the briefs, please begin each issue on a separate page. In accordance with 19 CFR 353.38(b), we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, the hearing will be held on March 20, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1851, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Parties should confirm the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room B-099, within ten days of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. In accordance with 19 CFR 353.38(b), oral presentations will be limited to the issues raised in the briefs. This determination is published pursuant to section 733(f) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(f)) and 19 CFR 353.15(a)(4).

Dated: January 26, 1995.

Susan G. Esserman,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Crow or Lisa Girardi, Office of Antidumping Investigations, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482–0116 or (202) 482–4105, respectively.

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from

Austria are being 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 1

Since the initiation of this investigation on July 27, 1994 (59 FR 37962, July 20, 1994), the following events have occurred.

On August 15, 1994, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issued an affirmative preliminary injury determination in this proceeding (see ITC Investigation No. 701–TA–363).

On August 26, 1994, the Department of Commerce (the Department) selected Voest-Alpine Stahlrohr Kindberg GmbH (Kindberg) as the sole mandatory respondent in the investigation, within the meaning of 19 CFR 353.42(b)(1), since this respondent accounts for at least 60 percent of exports of OCTG from Austria during the period of investigation (see the August 26, 1994, memorandum from David L. Binder to Richard W. Moreland, for more detailed information). Also that day, the Department issued an antidumping questionnaire to Kindberg.

On October 5, 1994, the Department determined that Kindberg's home market was not viable and determined that Russia was the appropriate third country market for this investigation (see the October 5, 1994, memorandum from David L. Binder to Richard W. Moreland). In their June 30, 1994, petition, the petitioners alleged that Kindberg's sales to Russia are at prices below the cost of production (COP). In our notice of initiation the Department stated that, based on the allegation in the petition, if there were not a viable home market for Kindberg, the Department would commence an investigation of sales below the cost of production with respect to third country sales. In the above-referenced October 5, 1994, decision memorandum, the Department determined that since Russian sales were the proper basis for FMV, the Department would investigate whether such sales were made below

The Department received initial questionnaire responses in September and October 1994 and deficiency responses in November and December 1994. The Department issued additional deficiency letters on January 9 and January 23, 1995. The responses to these letters are due on January 27, 1995, after the preliminary determination.

On November 10, 1994, Koppel Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group (a unit of