

at least ten copies may be submitted by any interested party to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than March 8, 1995, and rebuttal briefs no later than March 15, 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 22, 1995, at 1 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1414, 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 time.

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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Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Oil Country Tubular Goods From Italy

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 Italy 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) (19 U.S.C. 1673b).

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.

In July 1994, the Department requested information regarding manufacturers or exporters of the subject merchandise from the U.S. Embassy in Rome. The Embassy informed the Department that Dalmine S.p.A. (Dalmine) and Acciaierie Tubificio Arvedi S.p.A. (Arvedi) were the main exporters of the subject merchandise.

On August 26, 1994, based on statements from the petitioners and information from Metal Bulletin Books, Ltd., *Iron and Steel Works of the World* (10th ed. 1991), the Department issued a full antidumping questionnaire to Dalmine, and antidumping surveys to five other potential respondents: Alessio Tubi S.p.A., Tubimar Ancona S.p.A., Seta Tubi Srl, Arvedi, and General Sider Europa S.p.A. (General Sider). On September 8, 1994, we received a response from Tubimar Ancona S.p.A. stating that it did not export the subject merchandise during the POI. On September 13, 1994, we received a similar response from Alessio Tubi S.p.A. and a response from Seta Tubi Srl that it is no longer in existence. On September 22, 1994, we received volume and value information from Arvedi. We did not receive any response from General Sider, although we confirmed with the express delivery service that General Sider had received our survey on August 30, 1994 (see, the September 30, 1994, memorandum from Krysten Jenci to the file). To ensure that it understood our request for information, we sent General Sider another survey, containing additional explanation, on October 7, 1994. We confirmed with the express delivery service that General Sider received the survey on October 11, 1994 (see, the

October 20, 1994, memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Barbara R. Stafford).

On October 7, 1994, Arvedi notified the Department that it would not participate in the investigation. On October 20, 1994, after the Department had still not received a response from General Sider, we selected Dalmine, Arvedi, and General Sider as mandatory respondents in this investigation. Based on information on the record, the Department believes that these three companies account for at least 60 percent of exports of OCTG from Italy during the period of investigation (see, the October 3, 1994, memorandum from David L. Binder to Richard W. Moreland and the October 20, 1994, memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Barbara R. Stafford).

On September 26, 1994, Dalmine submitted its response to section A of our August 26, 1994, questionnaire. In this response, Dalmine claimed that its home market was not viable, and that it should report third country sales data as a basis for foreign market value (FMV). In October 1994, Dalmine and the petitioners submitted comments on the home market viability issue.

On November 4, 1994, the Department determined that the home market was viable, and instructed Dalmine to report home market sales (see November 4, 1994 memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Barbara R. Stafford). As a result of this decision, on November 30, 1994, Dalmine informed the Department that it would no longer participate in this investigation.

On November 10, 1994, North Star Steel Ohio (a division of North Star 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 30, 1994).

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 carbon and alloy), whether seamless or welded, whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products). This scope does not cover casing, tubing, or drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium. The OCTG subject to this investigation are currently classified in the *Harmonized*