

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-427-603]

Final Results of Full Sunset Review: Brass Sheet and Strip from France

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

SUMMARY: On April 1, 2005, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the countervailing duty order ("CVD") on brass sheet and strip from France pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and an adequate substantive response filed on behalf of the domestic interested parties and an adequate response from respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct a full sunset review of this CVD order pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(2). As a result of this sunset review, the Department finds that revocation of the CVD order would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. Therefore, the Department is revoking this CVD order.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 2, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darla Brown or David Goldberger, AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2849 or (202) 482-4136, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On April 1, 2005, the Department initiated a sunset review of the CVD order on brass sheet and strip from France pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. *See Notice of Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 70 FR 16800 (April 1, 2005).

On October 25, 2005, the Department published the preliminary results of the full sunset review of the instant order. *See Preliminary Results of Full Sunset Review: Brass Sheet and Strip from France*, 70 FR 61604 (October 25, 2005). Interested parties were invited to comment on our preliminary results. On December 7, 2005, we received case briefs from the Government of France and the European Union. On December 12, 2005, we received rebuttal briefs from domestic interested parties.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the CVD order is coiled, wound-on-reels (traverse wound), and cut-to-length brass sheet and strip (not leaded or tinned) from France. The subject merchandise has, regardless of width, a solid rectangular cross section over 0.0006 inches (0.15 millimeters) through 0.1888 inches (4.8 millimeters) in finished thickness or gauge. The chemical composition of the covered products is defined in the Copper Development Association ("C.D.A.") 200 Series or the Unified Numbering System ("U.N.S.") C2000; this order does not cover products with chemical compositions that are defined by anything other than C.D.A. or U.N.S. series. The merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") item numbers 7409.21.00 and 7409.29.00. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum ("Decision Memorandum") from Stephen J. Claeys, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated February 22, 2006, which is hereby adopted by this notice. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendation in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Review and Revocation

The Department determines that revocation of the CVD order would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. As a result, we are revoking this order, effective May 1, 2005, the fifth anniversary of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of continuation (*see* 65 FR 25304 (May 1, 2000)). We will notify the International Trade Commission of these results. Furthermore, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to terminate suspension of liquidation, effective May 1, 2005.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing these results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 22, 2006.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of the Manufacturing Council**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a full Council meeting to discuss topics related to the state of manufacturing. The Manufacturing Council is a Secretarial Board at the Department of Commerce, established to ensure regular communication between Government and the manufacturing sector. This will be the fifth meeting of The Manufacturing Council. For information about the Council, please visit its Web site at: <http://www.manufacturing.gov/council>.

DATES: March 22, 2006.

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted no later than March 15, 2006, to The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202-482-1369). Interested parties are encouraged to visit

The Manufacturing Council Web site (<http://www.manufacturing.gov/council>) for the most up-to-date information about the meeting agenda and the Council. Please RSVP to the Executive Secretariat or sam.giller@mail.doc.gov if you plan to attend. This meeting is open to the public, however for entry to Convention Center, advance notification is requested.

Dated: February 24, 2006.

Sam Giller,

Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[Docket No. 990813222-0035-03]

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Allocation of Duty-Exemptions for Calendar Year 2006 Among Watch Producers Located in the United States Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action allocates calendar year 2006 duty exemptions for watch producers located in the Virgin Islands pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465, Pub. L. 106-36 and Pub. L. 108-429 ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce (the Departments) share responsibility for the allocation of duty exemptions among watch assembly firms in the United States insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 CFR 303.3(a)), the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for calendar year 2006 is 1,866,000 units for the Virgin Islands (65 FR 8048, February 17, 2000).

The criteria for the calculation of the calendar year 2006 duty-exemption allocations among insular producers are set forth in Section 303.14 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.14).

The Departments have verified and adjusted the data submitted on application form ITA-334P by Virgin

Islands producers and inspected their current operations in accordance with Section 303.5 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.5).

In calendar year 2005 the Virgin Islands watch assembly firms shipped 266,607 watches and watch movements into the customs territory of the United States under the Act. The dollar amount of creditable corporate income taxes paid by Virgin Islands producers during calendar year 2005 plus the creditable wages paid by the industry during calendar year 2005 to residents of the territory was \$2,079,543.

There are no producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The calendar year 2006 Virgin Islands annual allocations, based on the data verified by the Departments, are as follows:

Name of firm	Annual allocation
Belair Quartz, Inc	500,000
Hampden Watch Co., Inc	200,000
Goldex Inc	50,000
Tropex, Inc	300,000

The balance of the units allocated to the Virgin Islands is available for new entrants into the program or producers who request a supplement to their allocation.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce.

Nikolao Pula,

Director for Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121905A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans; Reopening of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reopening the public comment period for the proposed Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan (Plan) for the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) until

March 16, 2006. The proposed Recovery Plan consists of a "Draft Puget Sound Recovery Plan" prepared by the Shared Strategy and a NMFS Supplement. NMFS is reopening the public comment period at the request of commenters to provide additional opportunity for public review and comment.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed Plan may be submitted by any of the following methods. Send written comments and materials to Elizabeth Babcock, National Marine Fisheries Service, Salmon Recovery Division, 7600 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to PugetSalmonPlan.nwr@noaa.gov; include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: Comments on Puget Sound Salmon Plan. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile (fax) to 206 526 6426.

Persons wishing to review the Plan can obtain an electronic copy (i.e., CDROM) from Carol Joyce by calling 503-230-5408, or by e-mailing a request to carol.joyce@noaa.gov, with the subject line "CD-ROM Request for Puget Sound Salmon Plan". Electronic copies of the Shared Strategy Plan are also available on-line on the Shared Strategy Web site <http://www.sharedsalmonstrategy.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Babcock, NMFS Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Coordinator (206-526-4505), or Elizabeth Gaar, NMFS Salmon Recovery Division (503-230-5434).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation and recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The ESA requires that recovery plans incorporate (1) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species is no longer threatened or endangered; (2) site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals; and (3) estimates of the time required and costs to implement recovery actions. The ESA requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the recovery of a particular species.

NMFS' goal is to restore endangered and threatened Pacific salmon ESUs to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their