

percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. These products are only manufactured by hot-rolling and are normally sold in coiled form, and are of solid cross section. The majority of wire rods sold in the United States are round in cross-section shape, annealed, and pickled. The most common size is 5.5 millimeters in diameter.

The wire rods subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, and 7221.00.0075 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to the order is dispositive of whether the merchandise is covered by the order.

#### No Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Because the Department received no comments on the preliminary results of review and it finds no other basis for changes in these results, it has made no changes in the final results from the preliminary results of review. Accordingly, we find that Mukand Ltd. (Mukand) made sales at less than normal value in the U.S. market during the period of review.

#### Final Results of the Review

We determine that the weighted-average dumping margin on Mukand's sales of stainless steel wire rods from India for the period December 1, 2005, through November 30, 2006, is 11.56 percent.

#### Assessment Rates

The Department will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. We intend to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of these final results of review. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we have calculated a customer/importer-specific, per-unit amount for entries of subject merchandise during the period of review.

The Department clarified its "automatic assessment" regulation on May 6, 2003. See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003). This clarification applies to period-of-review entries of subject merchandise produced by Mukand where it did not know that its merchandise was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will

instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

#### Cash-Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) the cash-deposit rate for Mukand will be 11.56 percent; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash-deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash-deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash-deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be the "all others" rate of 48.80 percent, which is the "all others" rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation. See *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India*, 58 FR 54110, (October 20, 1993). These cash-deposit rates shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

#### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under such an order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely notification of the return or destruction of administrative-protective-order materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested.

Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an administrative protective order is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 27, 2007.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-821-802]

#### Initialed Draft Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation; Request for Comment

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") and the Russian Federation's Federal Atomic Energy Agency ("Rosatom") have initialed a draft amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation ("Suspension Agreement"). The proposed amendment will allow the Russian Federation ("Russia") to export Russian uranium products to the U.S. market in accordance with the export limits and other terms detailed in the amendment. The Department is now inviting interested parties to comment on the text of the proposed amendment.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted within thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sally C. Gannon at (202) 482-0162, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### Background

On October 30, 1992, the Department suspended the antidumping duty investigation involving uranium from Russia on the basis of an agreement by its government to restrict the volume of direct or indirect exports to the United States in order to prevent the suppression or undercutting of price levels of U.S. domestic uranium. See *Antidumping: Uranium from*

*Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan; Suspension of Investigations and Amendment of Preliminary Determinations*, 57 FR 49220 (October 30, 1992).

The Suspension Agreement was subsequently amended, by agreement of both governments, on March 11, 1994, October 3, 1996, and May 7, 1997. See, respectively, *Amendment to Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation*, 59 FR 15373 (April 1, 1994); *Amendments to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation*, 61 FR 56665 (November 4, 1996); and *Amendment to Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation*, 62 FR 37879 (July 15, 1997). On July 31, 1998, the Department notified interested parties of an administrative change with respect to the Suspension Agreement. See *Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation*, 63 FR 40879 (July 31, 1998).

#### Initialed Amendment

On November 27, 2007, the Department and Rosatom initialed a new draft amendment to the Suspension Agreement. The proposed amendment allows for exports of Russian uranium products to the U.S. market in accordance with the export limits and other terms detailed in the amendment. The text of the draft amendment follows in Annex 1 to this notice.

The Department invites interested parties to submit comments on the proposed amendment within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. Persons wishing to comment should file a signed original and six copies, by the dates specified above, addressed as follows:

Assistant Secretary David M. Spooner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, c/o Central Records Unit, Room 1874, Washington, DC 20230, *Attn:* Sally C. Gannon, Bilateral Agreements Unit, Room 4083.

All information provided to the Department will be subject to release under Administrative Protective Order ("APO") and should be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.103 and 19 CFR 351.105 of the Department's regulations, including the service of copies of comments on interested parties to this proceeding. The APO and public service lists in this proceeding can be found at the following Web site address: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/apo/apo->

*svc-lists.html*. The Department will consider all comments received by the close of the comment period.

Dated: November 28, 2007.

**David M. Spooner**,  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

#### Annex 1

*November 20, 2007—Draft (Moscow)*

*Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation*

#### Date

The Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation is amended as set forth below.

The Preamble is amended by deleting the last two paragraphs (which were added to the Agreement in 1994) and adding the following paragraph to the end:

The Department and ROSATOM acknowledge that, for purposes of the Agreement, as amended (the "Agreement"), the successor in interest to MINATOM is the Federal Atomic Energy Agency ("ROSATOM"). All references to MINATOM in this Agreement shall be understood to indicate ROSATOM. All exports of Russian Uranium Products are executed through the Russian Government-Owned entity Technabexport ("TENEX"). All references to TENEX include its successors and its affiliated companies. All references to "Customs" shall be understood to indicate United States Customs and Border Protection.

Section II.—Definitions—is amended by deleting definitions (g) "U.S. producer," (h) "for consumption," (i) "End-user," (j) "Spot Contract," and (k) "Newly-produced," and by adding the following definitions:

(l) "Russian Uranium Products" means all products described in Section III, Product Coverage, of the Agreement.

(m) "Low-Enriched Uranium" ("LEU") means uranium of which the content of the fissile isotope uranium-235 has been increased through enrichment to more than 0.7 percent, but less than 20 percent, by weight.

(n) "Initial Core" means the LEU necessary to start a U.S. nuclear reactor that is entering service for the first time.

(o) "Effective Date" means the date on which this amendment is signed by both parties.

(p) "Year" or "Relevant Period" means "Calendar Year".

Section IV.—Export Limits—The following new paragraphs are added at the beginning of this Section. The status

of the other provisions of Section IV is set forth in Appendix 1.

A. Beginning on the Effective Date, TENEX may immediately enter into contracts for the sale of Russian Uranium Products in the United States, directly to U.S. utilities or otherwise.

B. Beginning in 2011, Russian Uranium Products in any form may be exported to the United States up to the limits set forth below. These limits are expressed in KgU as LEU, at a product assay of 4.4 and a tails assay of 0.3 percent. The Department and ROSATOM will consult and agree within two months after the Effective Date on how to convert and apply against these export limits Russian Uranium Products, which are other than LEU. Russian Uranium Products exported to the United States will be counted against these export limits, employing the formula in Section II(a), where necessary.

1. The annual export limits are as follows:

2011—16,559
2012—24,839
2013—41,398
2014—485,279
2015—455,142
2016—480,146
2017—490,710
2018—492,731
2019—509,058
2020—514,754

These limits were derived from the reference data in the World Nuclear Association's 2005 "Global Nuclear Fuel Market Supply and Demand 2005–2030." The Department shall adjust these export limits in 2016 and 2019 to match the projected reactor demand for subsequent years in that publication or its successor, and also to increase the total export limit for the remaining years by the net amount by which the export limits for previous years have fallen short of the export limits that would have been derived from the revised demand figures for those years, with any additional export allowances being divided equally between the revised export limits for the remaining years. Russian Uranium Products may be exported to the United States under a contract entered into after the Effective Date and approved by the Department under this Agreement, even if such exports exceed the export limits in effect at the time of delivery.

2. After the Effective Date, Russian Uranium Products may be sold in, and exported to, the United States to fulfill contracts for the supply of Initial Cores without being subject to the export limits in this Agreement.

3. After the Effective Date, LEU in the United States pursuant to the contracts

described in Appendix C to the Agreement, and stored as of the Effective Date at the facilities of U.S. producers (i.e., the EUP stockpile), may be sold in the United States or exported from the United States without being subject to the export limits in this Agreement, provided such sales occur prior to January 1, 2014. Any amount sold after December 31, 2013, shall be charged against the export limit for the year in which it is sold or the first subsequent year in which the export limit has not been reached.

4. After the Effective Date, Russian Uranium Products may be imported for processing and certified for re-export pursuant to Sections IV. G and H, without being subject to the export limits in Section IV.B.1.

C. If, at any time, the Department determines that the available supply of Russian Uranium Products is or will be insufficient to meet U.S. demand, the Department may increase the export limits in this Agreement.

D. Except for any increase added pursuant to Section IV.C, if, in any year, the Department permits any Russian Uranium Products to enter the United States in excess of the export limit for that year, the amount of the excess shall be charged against the export limit for the first subsequent year in which the export limit has not been contractually obligated. If the amount entered in any year falls below the export limit for that year, the amount of the shortfall may be added to the export limit for the subsequent year, up to 10 percent of the export limit for the year in which the shortfall occurs.

E. In negotiating contracts involving the export of Russian Uranium Products to the United States, ROSATOM/TENEX shall charge market rates for conversion.

F. The Russian LEU in reactor fuel rods or assemblies exported to the United States shall be counted against the export limits in this Agreement. ROSATOM/TENEX shall charge market rates for fuel rods and assemblies themselves.

The following sentence is added at the end of the sixth paragraph of Section IV.H., which begins "For re-export entered under the 36 month limitation\* \* \*":

The Department of Commerce shall instruct Customs to liquidate such entries as promptly as possible, and in all cases within ten (10) days of receiving confirmation of the re-export shipment out of the United States. If the Department does not issue such instruction to Customs within ten (10) days of receiving confirmation of the re-export shipment out of the United States, on the next business day, the

Department shall provide ROSATOM with a written explanation of the exact and specific reason(s) for the delay and a date certain by which the Department shall issue instructions to Customs to liquidate the entries. The Department shall provide notice of re-export of any such uranium to TENEX.

N. Russian Uranium Products sold pursuant to a multi-year contract entered into after the Effective Date and approved by the Department may be delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Amendment regardless of any modification to or reduction in the quantity that may be delivered under the export limits or any modification to or any interruption in the effectiveness of, including termination of, this Agreement.

Section V.—Export License/Certificates—is amended by replacing paragraphs B and C with the paragraphs below and adding new paragraph F as follows:

B. Export licenses shall be issued, and export certificates shall be endorsed by the competent Russian Government authority, for all direct and indirect exports of Russian Uranium Products to the United States. Such export certificates shall remain valid for entry into the United States for 120 days from the Date of Export.

C. Russian Uranium Products may enter the United States if: (1) They were sold pursuant to a contract approved by the Department under this Agreement; (2) are accompanied by (a) a valid export license and certificate and (b) a valid purchase and/or delivery order issued in accordance with the contract approved by the Department under this Agreement showing the specific product and tails assays, as applicable; and (3) do not exceed the export limits in Section IV.

F. Any contract, or amendment thereto, for the sale of Russian Uranium Products for exportation to the United States shall be submitted to the Department for approval, along with the documents listed in Appendix 2 to this Amendment. If the maximum quantities to be exported under a contract, when cumulated with the maximum quantities that may be exported under all other approved contracts, are not in excess of the export limits under this Agreement, and the information listed in Appendix 2 has been submitted to the Department, the Department shall approve the contract within 15 days (or the next business day if the 15th day falls on a weekend or holiday).

Section VII.—Anticircumvention—is amended by replacing Section VII.D with new paragraph D and adding new paragraph J as follows:

D. In addition to the above requirements, the Department shall direct Customs to require all importers of uranium products into the United States, regardless of stated country of origin, to submit at the time of entry written statements certifying the following:

1. The country(ies) in which the ore was mined and, if applicable, converted, enriched, and/or fabricated, for all imports; and

2. That the uranium products being imported were not obtained under any arrangement, swap, exchange, or other transaction designed to circumvent the export limits established by the Agreement, or the limitations set forth in 43 U.S.C. 2297h–10(b) of the USEC Privatization Act, 42 U.S.C. 2297h, *et seq.*, and the *Procedures for Delivery of HEU Natural Uranium Component in the United States*, as revised. *Procedures for Delivery of HEU Natural Uranium Component in the United States*, 64 FR 42930 (August 6, 1999).

J. Neither ROSATOM nor TENEX will circumvent this Agreement or frustrate the attainment of its objectives by entering into any contract involving the exportation to the United States of LEU in quantities exceeding the export limits in this Agreement.

Section VIII.—Monitoring—is amended by adding the reporting requirements listed in Appendix 3 to this Amendment.

Section XII.—Duration—is amended by replacing the first two paragraphs with the following:

As of the Effective Date of this Amendment, each of the petitioners in the suspended investigation, or their legal successors, has filed with the Department an irrevocable letters expressly withdrawing the petition in the antidumping investigation, effective December 31, 2020. These letters are attached to this Amendment as Appendix 4. The Agreement will terminate on December 31, 2020. Upon its termination on December 31, 2020, the Department shall terminate the antidumping investigation effective on that date.

The Department, before the Effective Date, acknowledges the remand of the U.S. Court of International Trade of September 26, 2007, in *Techsnabexport v. United States*, Ct. No. O6–00228, including the Court's direction that "Commerce follow the precedent by which it is bound, articulated in the Eurodif cases." As directed by the Court of International Trade, the Department will abide by the Eurodif decisions in its determination of the likelihood of continued or recurring dumping. Therefore, on the Effective Date,

Techsnabexport will file a motion in *Techsnabexport v. United States* under Rule 41 of the U.S. Court of International Trade Rules. The United States will not appeal the September 26th decision in *Techsnabexport v. United States*.

In addition, the Department shall conduct sunset reviews under 19 U.S.C. 1675(c) in the years 2011 and 2016. All parties agree that the sunset reviews shall be expedited, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(C)(4) and (C)(3)(B), respectively, at both the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission.

Section XIII.—Conditions—is amended by adding, before the first paragraph, an “A,” and by adding the following new paragraph at the end of Section XIII:

B. This Agreement will be applied consistent with any applicable decision of the U.S. Courts, including the *Eurodif* decisions. Such decisions shall be applied to this Agreement (including by amendment, if necessary) no later than six (6) months after the appropriate decision, unless the Department and ROSATOM agree otherwise.

Section XIV.—Other Provisions—is amended by replacing existing paragraph B with the following new paragraph B, and by replacing the second part of paragraph C with the following:

B. For all purposes relating to the Agreement, the Department and ROSATOM shall be represented by, and all communications and notices shall be given and addressed to:

*Department Contact:*

United States Department of  
Commerce, Assistant Secretary for  
Import Administration,  
International Trade Administration,  
Washington, DC 20230

*ROSATOM Contact:*

State Secretary, Deputy Director,  
Federal Atomic Energy Agency  
(ROSATOM), Staromonetnyy per.,  
26, 119180, Moscow, Russian  
Federation

C. If U.S. law, regulation, administrative practice, or policy should change in any manner, including by U.S. court decision or legislative or administrative action, that would result in relatively less favorable treatment for the Russian Federation as compared to any other country, or if the United States should enter into any agreement or understanding or take any action that would cause that result, the parties will promptly, *i.e.*, within six (6) months, enter into consultations with a view to amending this Agreement so as to

eliminate such less favorable treatment to the extent permitted by U.S. law.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

For ROSATOM:

S.V. Kiriienko  
Director, Federal Atomic Energy Agency  
(ROSATOM)

For the United States Department of  
Commerce:

Carlos M. Gutierrez  
U.S. Secretary of Commerce

### Appendix 1

Section IV.—Export Limits—The status of the other paragraphs of Section IV, other than the newly-added paragraphs, is as follows:

- 1994 matched sales provisions (IV, IV.A—IV.E)—hereby deleted
- 1992 Sections IV.A—IV.C.1—deleted in 1994
- 1992 Sections IV.C 2–3 and IV.D—hereby deleted
- 1992 Sections IV.E—IV.G—remain in effect
- 1992 Section IV.H, first two paragraphs—deleted in 1997
- 1997 Section H—remains in effect
- 1992 Sections IV.I—IV.M.1 remain in effect
- 1996 Section IV.M.2—remains in effect
- 1992 Section IV.M.2—ineffective as of 1997

### Appendix 2

Pursuant to Section V.F, the following documents should accompany any contract for the sale of Russian Uranium Products for exportation to the United States, which is submitted to the Department for approval:

1. A copy of the signed contract pursuant to which the Russian Uranium Products shall be imported (showing the contract date and key terms such as price, quantity, delivery requirements and estimated delivery schedule);
2. A description of the physical material being imported;
3. Identification of the Russian supplier of the Russian Uranium Products;
4. For each contract, the maximum volume of each type of Russian Uranium Product that may be exported to the United States pursuant to the contract each year;
5. For sales pursuant to Section IV.B.2, the documentation necessary to demonstrate that deliveries meet the definition of Initial Cores (*e.g.*, a combined construction and operating license (COL), etc.).

### Appendix 3

Pursuant to Section VIII, the following additional reporting requirements are agreed to by ROSATOM and the Department:

1. Beginning the Effective Date, no later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, to the extent permitted by Russian law, ROSATOM shall submit an updated master export schedule to the Department showing the following for each year (from the first year of validity of the Amendment through 2020) for any material to be delivered in the United States pursuant to contracts under this Agreement: (a) Estimated deliveries, and (b) completed deliveries. All such reports submitted by ROSATOM shall be subject to release under Administrative

Protective Order (“APO”) to counsel for interested parties to the proceeding.

2. Beginning the Effective Date, no later than 30 days after the end of each semi-annual period, to the extent permitted by U.S. law, the Department shall provide semi-annual reports to ROSATOM, via its U.S. attorney under APO, of all individual imports (for consumption and for processing and re-export) of Russian Uranium Products to the United States, together with such additional information as is necessary and appropriate to monitor implementation of the Agreement, as agreed to by the Department and ROSATOM. For every transaction for which the Department withholds information on the basis that its disclosure is not permitted under U.S. law, the Department shall submit to ROSATOM the fullest description permitted under U.S. law of the information withheld and the legal basis for not disclosing it.

3. For purposes of the Department’s reporting on imports for consumption, to the extent permitted under U.S. law, the Department shall provide the following:

a. Quantity: Indicate units of measure sold and/or entered, *e.g.*, pounds U308, Kilograms U, SWU, etc.

b. Date of Importation: The date Customs confirmed the Department’s shipment clearance instructions.

c. Date of Export: The date the Export Certificate is endorsed.

d. Export Certificate: The Export Certificate number corresponding to each individual import.

e. Total Sales Value: Indicate currency used.

f. Importer of Record: Name and address.

4. For purposes of the Department’s reporting on imports for processing and re-export, to the extent permitted under U.S. law, the Department shall provide the following:

a. Filing date of request for approval filed with the Department.

b. Certificate for Re-Export number, as listed on the Certificate for Re-Export.

c. Date of issuance by ROSATOM of the Certificate for Re-Export, as listed on the Certificate for Re-Export.

d. Date of Export, as listed on the Certificate for Re-Export.

e. Party requesting approval, as listed on the request for approval.

f. Customer, as listed on the Certificate for Re-Export.

g. Total quantity, expressed in KgU, U308 and, as applicable, SWUs, as listed on the Certificate for Re-Export.

h. Date of importation, as relied upon by the Department for purposes of determining annual usage of the quota.

i. Timeframe for re-export (*i.e.*, 12-month or 36-month), as listed on the Certificate for Re-Export.

j. Scheduled date for re-export, as relied upon by the Department for purposes of determining annual usage of the quota.

k. Notice of re-export filed with the Department, including the date of such notification and the actual date of re-export.

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