

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until August 31, 1998, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)). See memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa from Joseph A. Spetrini regarding the extension of case deadline, dated March 18, 1998.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[C-549-806]

Steel Wire Rope from Thailand; Revocation of Countervailing Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of revocation of countervailing duty order: Steel wire rope from Thailand.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 753(b)(4) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the United States International Trade Commission has issued a negative injury determination with respect to the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand (63 FR 5816; February 4, 1998). Therefore, pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Act, the Department of Commerce is notifying the public of its revocation of the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maria MacKay or Constance Cunningham, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 26, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice in the **Federal Register** which informed domestic interested parties of their right under section 753(a) of the Act to request an injury investigation by

the International Trade Commission (the Commission) with respect to certain outstanding countervailing duty orders issued pursuant to former section 303 of the Act. Countervailing Duty Order: Opportunity to Request a Section 753 Injury Investigation (60 FR 27963; May 26, 1995). On June 30, 1995, the Committee of Domestic Steel Wire Rope and Speciality Cable Manufacturers timely requested that the Commission conduct an investigation under section 753(a) with regard to the outstanding countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand. On January 5, 1998, the Commission initiated its investigation (63 FR 2414; January 15, 1998).

On January 15, 1998, the Domestic Steel Wire Rope Committee filed a letter with the Commission withdrawing its request for such an investigation, and requesting that the Commission rescind the initiation of its investigation. The Commission accepted the party's withdrawal of its request for an investigation, and rescinded the initiation of its investigation pursuant to sections 753(b)(1)(A) and 704(a)(1)(A) of the Act. Pursuant to section 753(b)(4) of the Act, the Commission notified the Department of its negative determination with regard to the outstanding countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand (63 FR 5816; February 4, 1998).

Scope

This countervailing duty order covers steel wire rope from Thailand. Steel wire rope encompasses ropes, cables, and cordage of iron or steel, other than stranded wire, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles, and not made up of brass plated wire. The order excludes stainless steel wire rope, i.e., ropes, cables, and cordage other than stranded wire, of stainless steel, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles, which is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheading 7312.10.6000. Wire rope is currently classified under subheadings 7312.10.9030, 7312.10.9060, and 7312.10.9090 of the HTS. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determination of the Commission that an industry in the United States is not likely to be materially injured by reason of imports of the subject merchandise if the order is revoked, the Department hereby revokes the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand

pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Act. The revocation is effective January 1, 1995, the date Thailand became a Subsidies Agreement country.

Suspension of Liquidation

The Department will instruct the United States Customs Service to discontinue the suspension of liquidation for imports of steel wire rope from Thailand. The Department will also instruct Customs to refund, with interest, any cash deposits of countervailing duties collected since January 1, 1995, when liquidation was suspended pursuant to section 753(a)(4) of the Act.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Business Development Mission to Eastern Caribbean

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to inform the public of a business development and trade mission to Barbados, St. Lucia, and Grenada, to be held May 3-8, 1998 ("the mission"); provides interested U.S. firms with the opportunity to submit an application to participate in the mission; sets forth objectives, procedures, and selection review criteria for the mission; and requests interested parties to apply. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in the mission will be conducted in accordance with the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997 and reflected herein.

DATES: Applications should be received by April 8, 1998. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. The mission is scheduled for May 3-8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Request for and submission of applications: Application packets are available from the Project Officer; Ms. Rebecca Hunt, Regional Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy—Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, phone 1-809-221-2171 ex 404, fax 1-809-688-4838.

Numbers listed in this notice are not toll-free. An original and two copies of the required application materials should be sent to the Project Officer at the above address. Applications sent by facsimile must be immediately followed by submission of the original application to the Project Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rebecca Hunt, Project Officer, phone 1-809-221-2171 ex 404. Information is also available via the International Trade Administration's (ITA) Internet home page at <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Mission Description

As a follow up to President Clinton's commitment at the Bridgetown summit held in May 1997, the Department of Commerce will organize a senior level business development mission to three Eastern Caribbean countries to promote expanded commercial opportunities for U.S. firms. The Clinton Administration has long been committed to fostering and supporting the region's goals of economic diversification, sustained growth, and social stability through the creation of service and niche industries. The President's commitment to the Eastern Caribbean was clearly confirmed with the Economic Goals that were established in the Bridgetown Summit. The United States is committed to increased participation in the economies of the region through: (1) The sales of goods and services in the sectors mentioned below, and (2) joint ventures and investments to foster competitiveness in each country and throughout the region.

With stops in Barbados, Grenada and St. Lucia, the mission will cover all of the Windward Islands (meetings will be held on Barbados with representatives from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica), focusing on export and business development opportunities for U.S. firms in the areas of tourism development (to include resort management, architectural/engineering services, marina development, building supplies and hotel/resort supplies), specialty and gourmet food industry development (to include food processing and packaging machinery and services, agricultural chemicals and industrial veterinary supplies) and opportunities in the business services area (financial, insurance and data processing) for small, medium and large companies through contacts with both the government and private sector.

The mission itinerary will be as follows:

May 3 (Sun.) Arrive Barbados

May 4 (Mon.) Barbados

May 5 (Tues.) Barbados

Leave in pm for Grenada

Arrive Grenada

May 6 (Wed.) Grenada

Leave in pm for St. Lucia

May 7 (Thur.) St. Lucia

May 8 (Fri.) Mission Concludes

Criteria for Participation

Individuals must be a senior level executive, appropriate to the goals of the mission, with authority to execute sales and other marketing agreements.

Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- Consistency of the company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission;
- Relevance of a company's business line to the plan for the mission;
- Past, present and prospective business activity in the Caribbean;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and traditional under-representation in business.
- A company's products or services must either be produced in the United States or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished product/service. A national interest exception may be applied to this 51 percent rule when a senior Department official deems it appropriate.
- An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in the mission will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997 and reflected herein.
- Endorsements/referrals: Third parties may nominate or endorse potential applicants, but companies nominated or endorsed must themselves submit an application to be eligible for consideration. Referrals from political organizations will not be considered.

Cost: Mission participants will agree to pay the mission fee of \$2,100. The participation fee does not cover participants' travel, lodging or other personal expenses.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Dolores F. Harrod,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Operations, US&Foreign Commercial Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Joint Projects with the U.S. Commercial Centers in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Shanghai, People's Republic of China

AGENCY: U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce offers a unique opportunity for nonprofit trade promotion organizations to undertake a joint project with the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS), the export promotion arm of the U.S. Government, in Brazil, Indonesia and the People's Republic of China. This joint project features space sharing with the US&FCS in the U.S. Commercial Centers ("Commercial Centers") in Sao Paulo, Jakarta, and Shanghai to enhance opportunities for joint project participants to work toward shared market development goals and assist U.S. companies in-country.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Commercial Center Concept

U.S. Commercial Centers are enhanced U.S. government export promotion facilities that provide, under one roof, expert business counseling by frontline Commercial Officers, a proven array of trade promotion programs, and in-house business facilities. Commercial Centers are the only U.S. government operations that are designed physically and legally to share space on a long-term basis with nonprofit trade promotion entities who seek to build a