RECORD OF COMMENTS:
NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE MARKET IMPACT COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE POTENTIAL MARKET
IMPACT OF INCREASING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008 DISPOSAL
LEVEL FOR BERYLLIUM METAL

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*Comments as of August 27, 2007*
Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20220. No later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. Please follow the procedures set forth in Section 315.9 of EDA’s final rule (71 FR 56704) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Donald M. Smith,
Project Officer for TAA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 070718363–7368–01]


AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee, co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State, is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of increasing the National Defense Stockpile’s proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Materials Plan disposal level for beryllium metal.

DATES: To be considered, written comments must be received by August 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Michael Vaccaro, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 3676, Washington, DC 20230, fax: (202) 482–5630 (Attn: Michael Vaccaro), e-mail: MIC@bis.doc.gov; or Peter Haymond, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy, Washington, DC 20520, fax: (202) 647–8758 (Attn: Peter Haymond), or e-mail: haymondp@state.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 98, et seq.), the Department of Defense (DOD), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h–1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to “advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile * * * *.” The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, the Treasury, and Homeland Security, and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to consult with industry representatives that produce, process, or consume the materials contained in the stockpile.

The Committee is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of increasing the National Defense Stockpile’s proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Materials Plan disposal level for beryllium metal from 40 short tons to 80 short tons. The quantity listed for beryllium metal is not a disposal or sales target quantity, but rather a statement of the proposed maximum disposal quantity of the material that may be sold in a particular fiscal year by the DNSC. The quantity of the material that will actually be offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time of the offering as well as on the quantity of the material approved for disposal by Congress.

Submission of Comments

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the sale of this material. All comments must be submitted to the address indicated in this notice. All comments submitted through e-mail must include the phrase “Market Impact Committee Notice of Inquiry” in the subject line. The Committee encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on August 27, 2007. The Committee will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period.

Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured.

Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public record. The Committee will seek to protect such information to the extent permitted by
law. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying.

The Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, displays public comments on the BIS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Web site at http://www.bis.doc.gov/foia. This office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you have technical difficulties accessing this Web site, please call BIS’s Office of Administration at (202) 482–1900 for assistance.

Christopher A. Padilla, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–533–809]
Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Forged Stainless Steel Flanges from India

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


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Baker or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2924 or (202) 482–0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 2, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register a notice of “Opportunity to Request Administrative Review” of the antidumping duty order on certain forged stainless steel flanges (stainless steel flanges) from India for the period February 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007. See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 72 FR 5007 (February 2, 2007). On February 20, 2007, Echjay Forgings Pvt., Ltd. (Echjay) requested an administrative review of its U.S. sales that were subject to the antidumping duty order for this period. On February 23, 2007, Hilton Metal Forging Ltd. (Hilton) requested an administrative review of its U.S. sales that were subject to the antidumping duty order for this period. The Department also received requests for an administrative review from Nakshatra Enterprises Pvt., Ltd., and Shree Ganesh Forgings, Ltd. On March 28, 2007, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel flanges from India with respect to these companies. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 72 FR 14516, 14517 (March 28, 2007).

Partial Rescission of Review

On April 11, 2007 Hilton withdrew its request for an administrative review of its sales during the above-referenced period. On April 19, 2007, Echjay withdrew its request for an administrative review of its sales during the above-referenced period. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party who requested the review withdraws the request within ninety days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. Because Hilton and Echjay withdrew their requests for review within the 90-day period and no other party requested a review of their sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding this review with respect to Hilton and Echjay.

The Department will issue appropriate appraisement instructions directly to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) 15 days after the publication of this notice. The Department will direct CBP to assess antidumping duties at the cash deposit rate in effect on the date of entry for entries of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by Hilton or Echjay during the period February 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007.

This notice is published in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Stephen J. Claeyss, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–570–836]

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


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Renkey, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 12, 2007, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of glycine from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”), covering the period March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2006. See Glycine from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Rescission, in Part, 72 FR 18457 (April 12, 2007). On April 27, 2007, the Department extended the deadline for submitting factual information for the Department to consider in selecting the surrogate values (“SVs”) for the final results of this review, from May 2, 2007, to June 1, 2007. The Department also extended the briefing schedule to accommodate the SV comment extension. On June 14, 2007, the Department issued a letter in response to interested parties’ comments regarding certain SV information that had been placed on the record. Also on June 14, 2007, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire to the respondent, Nantong Dongchang Chemical Industry Corp. (“NDCI”), seeking clarification regarding the ammonia input it uses in the glycine production process. In addition, the Department noted that the domestic interested party participating in this review, Geo Specialty Chemicals, Inc. (“Geo”), would have an opportunity to comment on and rebut any information submitted by NDCI in its response to the June 14, 2007, supplemental questionnaire. The Department again extended the briefing schedule, making case briefs due by July 16, 2007, and rebuttal briefs due by July
August 23, 2007

Mr. Michael Vaccaro  
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Bureau of Industry & Security  
Office of Strategic Industries & Economic Security  
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Vaccaro:

Re: Notice of Inquiry – Proposed Increase in Beryllium Metal Disposal Level  
[Docket No. 070718363-7368-01]

Background

Brush Wellman operates the only domestic facility capable of converting the beryllium metal (Be) in the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) to high-purity Be components for DoD, DoE, foreign military, and critical civilian applications. Further, there is only one other Domestic manufacturer capable of producing high-Be aluminum alloys (AlBeMet® or Berylcast®) for DoD applications. Brush closed its primary Be metal facility in October 2000 for economic and occupational health reasons but continues to produce high-purity beryllium metal by purchasing inventories from the NDS.

In November 2005, DoD initiated a Defense Production Act Title III project to provide funding for design and construction of a new primary beryllium metal facility in partnership with Brush Wellman as the private sector partner. Currently, the new plant is scheduled for completion in CY 2010 with full production on line in 2011.

Forecasted consumption curves by DoD and Brush indicate that approximately 50,000 lb (25 ST) of primary Be will be required in FY 2008 growing to 70,000 lb (35 ST) in FY 2012. Thus, the vacuum cast ingot (VC) Be remaining in the NDS will be depleted prior to the completion of the new facility. Therefore to meet the critical needs of the DoD, DoE, and foreign military sales, the entire remaining inventory of VC ingot and 50,000 to 100,000 lb of HPP billet will be required to meet critical government needs for high-purity Be and high-Be aluminum alloys.

1 AlBeMet® is a series of alloys, or metal-matrix composites, produced by Brush Wellman, containing 40 to 62% Be.
2 Berylcast® is a similar alloy containing 65% Be produced by Advanced Specialty Metals, another Domestic producer.
Comments on Proposed Increase in Be Disposal Level

It appears that the current disposal level of 40 ST should meet the critical Be needs for the foreseeable future assuming that the stockpile is reserved for producing high-purity Be and AlBeMet® (or Berylcast®) for DoD, DoE, foreign military, and critical civilian applications. However, recognizing the substantially developing growth in these markets, it might be prudent to increase the disposal level slightly.

Stewardship of the NDS Be Stockpile

The Be VC ingot and HPP billet in the NDS must be reserved for high-purity requirements for the DoD, DoE, and for sales to foreign allies. It should only be sold to domestic entities that have the capability to produce high-purity Be metal or AlBeMet to meet these specified requirements. Further, co-melting of Be metal in any form (including recycled scrap) from the NDS Be Stockpile to make BeCu or BeNi (low-Be) alloys should not be allowed as the Be is lost to Be metal production forever.

Sale of HPP billet

Sale of a limited amount of HPP billet to be consumed in the Brush integrated manufacturing system would be the most efficient way to prolong the life of the stockpile since the recycle of chip and melting stock is closely controlled during processing. The recycled chip and solids from these billets are essential to the effective production of high-purity Be products and must be controlled to assure that they are not siphoned off for production of low-Be containing alloys.

In order to maintain the chemical and technical integrity of the high-Be product line, it will be necessary to start processing small amounts of the HPP Billet in FY 2008. Changes to prior Reports to Congress will be necessary to accommodate this release.

Brush Wellman appreciates the opportunity to comment to the Market Impact Committee. Should you have further questions, contact either Hugh Hanes at (419) 433-2568 or me at (216) 383-4087. If desired, we would be willing to make a presentation of the complex issues surrounding the manufacture of Be to the entire Market Impact Committee.

Sincerely,

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