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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIONS

(For the period 1 July 1996-31 December 1996)

Final outcome

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Country or customs territory	Product	Initiation	Provisional measures	Final measures		No final measures				Trade volume	Subsidized Imports as % of domestic consumption	Volume of trade investigated (of exporting country)
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Argentina (cont'd)	Oil country tubular goods (R 1994)	15.12.95	30.12.96; 0.0% intent to terminate							n.a.	n.a.	
	Oil country tubular goods (CR)	02.04.96										
	Wool (CR)	02.04.96										
Brazil	Agriculture tillage tools (R 1994)	16.11.95	31.07.96; 0.0%	03.10.96; 0.0%						n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 5 programmes
	Agriculture tillage tools (R 1995)	15.11.96								n.a.	n.a.	1 firm
	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate (R 95-96)	17.09.96						03.12.96		n.a.	n.a.	1 firm
Canada	Laminated hardwood flooring	04.04.96	20.11.96; <i>de minimis</i>							CL	CL	60+ %
	Live swine (R 91-92)	28.09.92	29.05.96; C\$0.0594/kg.	14.11.96 ⁴ ; C\$0.597/kg.						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 43 programmes
	Live swine (R 92-93)	30.09.93	25.09.96; C\$0.0609/kg.	14.11.96 ⁴ ; C\$0.0611/kg.						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 43 programmes

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Canada (cont'd)	Live swine (R 93-94)	16.09.94	25.09.96; C\$0.0099/kg.	14.11.96 ⁴ ; C\$0.01/kg.						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 43 programmes
	Live swine (R 94-95)	15.09.95	07.10.96; C\$0.0271/kg.							n.a.	n.a.	All firms 33 programmes
	Live swine (R 95-96)	17.09.96								n.a.	n.a.	All firms
	Live swine (CR)	29.05.96	29.05.96	29.08.96; partial revocation						n.a.	n.a.	All firms
	New steel rail, except light rail (CR 95-96)	11.06.96	11.06.96; intent to revoke in part							n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Pure & alloy magnesium (R 1992)	30.09.93	19.03.96 9.87%							n.a.	n.a.	All firms 2 programmes
	Pure & alloy magnesium (R 1994)	15.09.95	07.10.96; 4.01%							n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 2 programmes
	Pure & alloy magnesium (R 1995)	17.09.96								n.a.	n.a.	1 firm

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Colombia	Miniature carnations (SR 94-95)	14.04.95	08.03.96 no violations	30.08.96; no violations					30.08.96; suspended investigation terminated	n.a.	n.a.	11 programmes All firms
	Miniature carnations (SR 95-96)	20.02.96								n.a.	n.a.	All firms 11 programmes
	Roses and other fresh cut flowers (SR 93-94)	17.02.94	16.08.95; no violations	30.08.96; no violations					30.08.96; suspended investigation terminated	n.a.	n.a.	11 programmes All firms
	Roses and other fresh cut flowers (SR 94-95)	14.04.95								n.a.	n.a.	All firms
India	Roses and other fresh cut flowers (SR 95-96)	20.02.96								n.a.	n.a.	All firms
	Certain iron-metal castings (R 1992)	17.11.93	29.08.95 0.0%-12.93%	06.12.96; 0.0%-13.99%						n.a.	n.a.	14 firms 12 programmes
	Certain iron-metal castings (R 1993)	14.11.94	22.05.96 0.0%-5.45%	06.12.96; 0.0%-5.45%						n.a.	n.a.	2 firms 7 programmes

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India (cont'd)	Certain iron-metal castings (R 1994)	16.11.95	06.12.96; 0.39%-16.06%							n.a.	n.a.	21 firms 7 programmes
Israel	Industrial phosphoric acid (R 1992)	30.09.93	04.03.96 3.84%	06.06.96 3.84%						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 10 programmes
	Industrial phosphoric acid (R 1993)	16.09.94	04.03.96 5.50%	06.06.96 5.49%						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 10 programmes
	Industrial phosphoric acid (R 1994)	15.09.95	06.06.96; 6.59%	11.10.96; 8.06%						n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 9 programmes
	Industrial phosphoric acid (R 1995)	17.09.96								n.a.	n.a.	2 firms
Italy	Certain pasta*	08.06.95	17.10.95 0.0%-10.67%	24.07.96 ¹ 0.0%-11.23%						281,037,000 lbs. (1994)	16.6% (1994)	9 firms 60+ %
	Certain pasta (R)	10.10.96										
Malaysia	Extruded rubber thread (R 94-95)	15.09.95	11.06.96 0.19%-2.58%	25.10.96; 0.19%-1.39%						n.a.	n.a.	4 firms 13 programmes
	Extruded rubber thread (R 95-96)	17.09.96								n.a.	n.a.	5 firms

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Mexico	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate (R 95-96)	17.09.96						27.12.96		n.a.	n.a.	1 firm
	Porcelain-on-steel cooking ware (NR)	20.07.95	19.01.96; 0.0%	15.03.96; 0.0%						n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 9 programmes
Netherlands	Standard chrysanthemums (R 1992)	06.05.93	06.05.96 0.43%	11.09.96; 0.43% (<i>de minimis</i>)						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 5 programmes
	Standard chrysanthemums (R 1993)	15.04.94	06.05.96 0.80%	11.09.96; 0.8%						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 5 programmes
	Standard chrysanthemums (R 1994)	14.04.95	06.05.96 0.43%	11.09.96; 0.43% (<i>de minimis</i>)						n.a.	n.a.	All firms 5 programmes
Pakistan	Shop towels (R 92-93)	06.05.93	25.09.96; 7.81%							n.a.	n.a.	17 firms 5 programmes
	Shop towels (R 93-94)	15.04.94	25.09.96; 5.02%-11.54%							n.a.	n.a.	20 firms 5 programmes
Singapore	Ball bearings (R)	15.06.95						01.07.96		n.a.	n.a.	
	Cylindrical roller bearings (R)	15.06.95						01.07.96		n.a.	n.a.	

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Singapore (cont'd)	Needle roller bearings (R)	15.06.95						01.07.96		n.a.	n.a.	
	Refrigeration compressors (SR 93-94)	15.12.94	10.06.96; no violations	28.08.96 no violations	2.22% ad valorem					n.a.	n.a.	All firms 6 programmes
	Refrigeration compressors (SR 94-95)	15.12.95	28.08.96; no violations							n.a.	n.a.	All firms 6 programmes
	Refrigeration compressors (SR 95-96)	13.12.96								n.a.	n.a.	All firms 6 programmes
	Spherical roller bearings (R)	15.06.95								n.a.	n.a.	
South Africa	Spherical plane bearings (R)	15.06.95								n.a.	n.a.	
	Ferrochrome (R 1992)	06.05.93	13.12.96; 0.27% (<i>de minimis</i>)							n.a.	n.a.	All firms
	Ferrochrome (R 1994)	10.05.95	01.05.96 0.2%-0.0% (<i>de minimis</i>)	29.07.96; (<i>de minimis</i>)					01.01.95; order revoked			All firms
Sweden	Carbon steel products (R 1994)	16.11.95	03.12.96; 1.98%							n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 10 programmes
	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate (R 1994)	15.09.95	03.10.96; 1.98%							n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 10 programmes

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Sweden (cont'd)	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate (R 1995)	17.09.96						03.12.96		n.a.	n.a.	1 firm
	Rayon staple fibre (R 95-96)	25.06.96								n.a.	n.a.	1 firm
Thailand	Ball bearings and parts thereof (R)	15.06.95	03.07.96; 5.25%						08.05.96 order revoked	n.a.	n.a.	5 firms 9 programmes
	Carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (R)	08.03.93	22.11.95 0.22% (<i>de minimis</i>)	09.02.96; 0.22% (<i>de minimis</i>)						n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 15 programmes
	Circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (R 1994)	15.09.94	20.05.95 0.0% (<i>de minimis</i>)	20.09.96; 0.0% (<i>de minimis</i>)					01.01.95 order revoked	n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 9 firms
Turkey	Certain pasta*	08.06.95	17.10.95 14.72% - 21.25%	24.07.96 ⁴ ; 3.87% - 15.82%						59,928,000 lbs (1994)	3.5% (1994)	4 firms 60+ %
	Welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (R 95-96)	25.04.96							08.08.96; partial termination	n.a.	n.a.	4 firms

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United Kingdom	Certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products (R 94-95)	14.04.95	06.05.96 1.69%	14.11.96: 1.69%						n.a.	n.a.	1 firm 4 programmes
	Certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products (R 95-96)	25.04.96								n.a.	n.a.	3 firms

Table notes

- ¹ Figures in columns 11 and 12 refer to the 12-month period prior to and including the initiation month, unless otherwise specified.
- ² Denotes date and amount of **Amended** Preliminary Determination due to clerical or ministerial error.
- ³ Denotes date and amount of **Amended** Final Determination due to court remand.
- ⁴ Denotes date and amount of **Amended** Final Determination due to clerical or ministerial error.

Abbreviations/symbols

- (R- y) Denotes review - *review period*
 (CR) Denotes changed circumstances review
 (NR) Denotes new shipper review
 (SR) Denotes review of suspension agreement
 CL Information not provided for reasons of confidentiality
 NS Denotes no shipments during period
 n.a. Statistic not available or not collected
 * Indicates existence of concurrent anti-dumping investigation

COUNTERVAILING ORDERS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

(For the period 1 July-31 December 1996)

Country	Product	Effective date
Argentina	Leather	02.10.90
	Oil country tubular goods	22.11.84
	Wool	04.04.83
Belgium	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
Brazil	Brass sheet and strip	08.01.87
	Castor oil	16.03.76
	Construction castings	15.05.86
	Cotton yarn	15.03.77
	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
	Lead and bismuth carbon steel plate	22.03.93
	Pig iron	04.04.80
	Tillage tools	22.10.85
Canada	Alloy magnesium	31.08.92
	Live swine	15.08.85
	Pure magnesium	31.08.92
	Steel rail	22.09.89
Chile	Standard carnations	19.03.87
Chinese Taipei	Stainless steel cooking ware	20.01.87
EC	Sugar	31.07.78
France	Brass sheet and strip	06.03.87
	Corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products	17.08.93
	Hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products	22.03.93
Germany	Cold-rolled carbon steel flat products	17.08.93
	Corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products	17.08.93
	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
	Hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products	22.03.93
India	Iron metal castings	16.10.80

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India (cont'd)	Sulfanilic acid	02.03.93
Iran	Raw pistachio nuts	11.03.86
	Roasted pistachio nuts	07.10.86
Israel	Industrial phosphoric acid	19.08.87
	Oil country tubular goods	06.03.87
Italy	Certain pasta	24.07.96
	Grain-oriented electrical steel	07.06.94
	Oil country tubular goods	04.08.95
	Standard line and pressure pipe	02.08.95
Korea, Rep. of	Cold-rolled carbon steel flat products	17.08.93
	Corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products	17.08.93
	Stainless steel cooking ware	20.01.87
Malaysia	Extruded rubber thread	25.08.92
Mexico	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
	Porcelain-on-steel cook ware	12.12.86
Netherlands	Standard chrysanthemums	12.03.87
Norway	Fresh and chilled atlantic salmon	12.04.91
Pakistan	Shop towels	09.03.84
Peru	Pompon chrysanthemums	23.04.87
Spain	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
	Stainless steel wire rod	03.01.83
Sweden	Carbon steel products	11.10.85
	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
	Rayon staple fibre	15.05.79
Thailand	Steel wire rope	11.09.91
Turkey	Certain pasta	24.07.96
	Welded carbon steel pipes and tubes	07.03.86
United Kingdom	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate	17.08.93
	Hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products	22.03.93
Venezuela	Ferrosilicon	10.05.93

ACTIVE SUSPENSION AGREEMENTS

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Country	Product	Effective Date
Argentina	Carbon steel wire rod	27.09.82
Brazil	Frozen concentrated orange juice	02.03.83
	Tool steel	21.03.83
Colombia	Fresh cut flowers	13.01.87
	Textiles and textile products	22.10.93
Peru	Cotton shop towels	12.09.84
Singapore	Refrigeration compressors	07.11.83
Thailand	Non-continuous non-cellulosic yarn	12.03.95
	Yarn, other than non-continuous non-cellulosic	18.05.92
Venezuela	Grey Portland cement and cement clinker	17.03.92