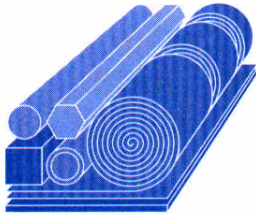


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### **Duties To Continue on Stainless Steel Sheet/Strip Imports from Six Countries**

(Washington, DC)(June 22, 2005) – Yesterday’s announcement that duties will remain in place on stainless steel sheet and strip imports from six countries found to be engaging in unfair trade activity was great news for domestic producers and workers, according to the industry trade group, the Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA).

SSINA Chairman Jack Shilling stated, “The countervailing and antidumping duty orders that remain in place will allow us to continue to compete with imports that are fairly priced under World Trade Organization and U.S. trade rules.” SSINA noted that in 2004 imports from the six countries accounted for 86% of the total volume of imports from the eight countries that were under review.

The action by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) comes under the five-year (sunset) review process. The initial and successful unfair trade action filed by the domestic industry in 1999 requested that antidumping duties be levied on imports from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. The industry charged that these imports were priced at less than fair value, causing injury to U.S. producers. France, Italy and Korea additionally were charged with and found to be providing excessive government subsidies to their stainless steel sheet and strip producers, prompting the imposition of countervailing duties.

International trade rules require that the Department of Commerce revoke an antidumping or countervailing duty order after five years unless Commerce and the ITC determine that such an action would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or subsidies and of material injury to the industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. The ITC determined to revoke duties on imports from France and the United Kingdom. However, orders will remain in place against Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Taiwan.

Another “sunset review” victory for SSINA occurred earlier this month when the ITC announced the continuation of existing countervailing and antidumping duty orders on stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium, Italy, Korea, South Africa and Taiwan.

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SSINA is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing virtually all continental specialty metals producers. Specialty metals are high technology, high value stainless and other specialty alloy products.

Member companies producing the stainless steel sheet and strip covered by the sunset review are AK Steel Corporation, Middletown, OH; Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA (an Allegheny Technologies company); and North American Stainless, Ghent, KY.

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