directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of all entries of hardwood and decorative plywood from the PRC that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, and to require a cash deposit for such entries of merchandise in the amounts indicated above. Because the subsidy rates for Dongfang, San Fortune, and Senda are de minimis, liquidation will not be suspended and no cash deposits will be required for merchandise that are produced and exported by Dongfang, San Fortune, and Senda.

In accordance with sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, for companies not investigated, we apply an “all-others” rate, which is normally calculated by weighting the subsidy rates of the individual companies selected as respondents by those companies’ exports of the subject merchandise to the United States. Under section 705(c)(5)(i) of the Act, the all-others rate should exclude zero and de minimis rates calculated for the exporters and producers individually investigated. Where the rates for the investigated companies are all zero or de minimis, section 705(c)(5)(A)(ii) of the Act instructs the Department to establish an all-others rate using “any reasonable method.” We preliminarily determine that a reasonable method for establishing the all-others rate is to calculate a simple average of the subsidy rates for all companies to which an individual subsidy rate was applied.

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department will disclose calculations performed for this preliminary determination to the parties within five days of the date of public announcement of this determination in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Case briefs or other written comments for all non-scope issues may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued in this proceeding, and rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.5 Following the publication of the preliminary determination in the companion AD investigation, the Department will establish a separate briefing schedule for scope issues. Parties must file separate and identical documents on both the AD and CVD records for any briefs related to scope only. Additionally, the Department intends to address specific scope exclusion requests in the preliminary determination of the companion AD investigation. A table of contents, list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. This summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, filed electronically using IA ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department’s electronic records system, IA ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.6 Requests should contain the party’s name, address, and telephone number; the number of participants; and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a date, time and location to be determined. Parties will be notified of the date, time and location of any hearing.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

In accordance with section 705(b)(2) of the Act, if our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

1. Scope Comments.
2. Scope of the Investigation.
4. Injury Test.
5. Application of Countervailing Duty Law to Imports from the PRC.
7. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences.
8. Analysis of Programs.
9. Verification.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–533–821; C–560–813; C–549–818]

Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From India, Indonesia, and Thailand: Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews

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

SUMMARY: On November 1, 2010, the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) initiated the second sunset reviews of the countervailing duty (“CVD”) orders on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products (“HR steel”) from India, Indonesia, and Thailand pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). On the basis of notices of intent to participate and adequate substantive responses filed on behalf of the domestic interested parties and inadequate responses from respondent interested parties (in these cases, no responses), the Department conducted expedited sunset reviews of these CVD orders pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(i)(ii)(B). As a result of these sunset reviews, the Department finds that revocation of the CVD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the level indicated in the “Final Results of Reviews” section of this notice.

DATES: Effective Date: March 14, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Greenwold (India and Indonesia), Hilary Sadler or Dana Mermelstein (Thailand), AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade
Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6071, (202) 482–4340 or 482–1391, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 5, 2012, the Department initiated sunset reviews of the CVD orders on HR steel from India, Indonesia, and Thailand, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. The Department received a notice of intent to participate in each of these reviews from the following domestic interested parties: United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel); ArcelorMittal USA, LLC (ArcelorMittal); Nucor Corporation (Nucor); Gallatin Steel (Gallatin); Steel Dynamics Inc. (Steel Dynamics), and SSAB Americas (SSAB) (collectively, “domestic interested parties”) within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act.

The Department received adequate substantive responses collectively from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). The Department did not receive a substantive response from any government or respondent interested party to the Indian or Indonesian proceedings. The Department received a substantive response from the Royal Thai Government but received no responses from the respondent interested parties, i.e., the Thai exporters and producers of HR steel. The regulations provide, at 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(A), that the Department will normally conclude that respondent interested parties have provided adequate response to a notice of initiation where it receives complete substantive responses from respondent interested parties accounting on average for more than 50 percent, on a volume basis (or a value basis, if appropriate), of the total exports of the subject merchandise to the United States over the five calendar years preceding the year of publication of the notice of initiation. Because the Department received no responses from the respondent interested parties, the Department conducted expedited reviews of these CVD orders, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2).

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise subject to these orders is hot-rolled steel of a rectangular shape, of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal and whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers), regardless of thickness, and in straight lengths, of a thickness of less than 4.75 mm and of a width exceeding 150 mm, but not exceeding 1250 mm, and of a thickness of not less than 4 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm is not included within the scope of these orders.

Specifically included within the scope of these orders are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (“IF”)) steels, high strength low alloy (“HSLA”) steels, and the substrate for motor lamination steels. IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium or niobium (also commonly referred to as columbium), or both, added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, vanadium, and molybdenum. The substrate for motor lamination steels contains micro-alloying levels of elements such as silicon and aluminum.

Steel products included in the scope of the orders, regardless of definitions in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”), are products in which: (i) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (ii) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (iii) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 1.80 percent of manganese, or
- 2.25 percent of silicon, or
- 1.00 percent of copper, or
- 0.50 percent of aluminum, or
- 1.25 percent of chromium, or
- 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
- 0.40 percent of lead, or
- 1.25 percent of nickel, or
- 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
- 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium, or
- 0.15 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.15 percent of zirconium.

All products that meet the physical and chemical descriptions provided above are within the scope of the orders unless otherwise excluded. The following products, by way of example, are outside or specifically excluded from the scope of the orders:

- Alloy hot–rolled steel products in which at least one of the chemical elements exceeds those listed above (including, 3, American Society for Testing and Materials (“ASTM”) specifications A543, A387, A514, A517, A506).
- Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”)/American Iron & Steel Institute (“AISI”) grades of series 2300 and higher.
- Ball bearings steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Tool steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Silico-manganese (as defined in the HTSUS) or silicon electrical steel with a silicon level exceeding 2.25 percent.
- ASTM specifications A710 and A736.
- USS Abrasion-resistant steels (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).
- All products (proprietary or otherwise) based on an alloy ASTM specification (sample specifications: ASTM A506, A507).
- Non-rectangular shapes, not in coils, which are the result of having been processed by cutting or stamping and which have assumed the character of articles or products classified outside chapter 72 of the HTSUS.

The merchandise subject to the orders is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings: 7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7211.14.00.00, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, and 7211.19.75.90.

Certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products covered by the orders, including vacuum degassed fully stabilized, high strength low alloy, and the substrate for motor lamination steel, may also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.10.30.00, 7226.10.60.00, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.00.00. Subject merchandise may also enter under 7210.70.30.00,
Final Results of Reviews

The Department determines that revocation of the CVD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or
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Although the HTSUS numbers are
provided for convenience and customs
purposes, the written product
description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in these reviews are
addressed in the Issues and Decision
Memorandum for the Final Results of
Expeditied Second Sunset Reviews of
the Countervailing Duty Orders on
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat
Products from India and Indonesia
(“Decision Memorandum”) and the
Issues and Decision Memorandum for
the Final Results of the Expedited
Second Sunset Review of the
Countervailing Duty Order on Certain
Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products
from Thailand (“Thai Decision
Memorandum”) both of which are from
Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Antidumping and
Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul
Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration, are dated concurrently
with this final notice, and are hereby
adopted by this notice. Parties can find
a complete discussion of all issues
raised in these expedited sunset reviews
and the corresponding
recommendations in these public
memoranda which are on file
electronically via Import
Administration’s Antidumping and
Countervailing Duty Centralized
Electronic Service System (“IA
ACCESS”). IA ACCESS is available to
registered users at http://
iaaccess.trade.gov and in the Central
Records Unit, room 7046 of the main
Department of Commerce building.
In addition, a complete version of the
Decision Memorandum can be accessed
directly on the Internet at http://
www.trade.gov/ia/. The signed Decision
Memorandum and the electronic
versions of the Decision Memorandum
are identical in content.

Final Results of Reviews

The Department determines that
revocation of the CVD orders would be
likely to lead to continuation or
recurrence of a countervailable subsidy
at the rates listed below:

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Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only
reminder to parties subject to
administrative protective order (“APO”)
of their responsibility concerning the
return or destruction of proprietary
information disclosed under APO in
accordance with 19 CFR 351.350.
Timely notification of return/
destruction of APO materials or
conversion to judicial protective order is
hereby requested. Failure to comply
with the regulations and the terms of an
APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing the
results and notice in accordance with
sections 751(c), 752, and 777(j)(1) of the
Act.

Dated: March 5, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA) Science Advisory Board (SAB)

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and
Atmospheric Research (OAR), National
Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA), Department of
Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board
(SAB) was established by a Decision
Memorandum dated September 25,
1997, and is the only Federal Advisory
Committee with responsibility to advise
the Under Secretary of Commerce for
Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies
for research, education, and application
of science to operations and information
services. SAB activities and advice
provide necessary input to ensure that
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA) science
programs are of the highest quality and
provide optimal support to resource
management.

Time and Date: The meeting will be
held Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from
12:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. and Thursday,
March 28, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00
p.m. These times and the agenda topics
described below are subject to change.
Please refer to the Web page http://
www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/
meetings.html for the most up-to-date
meeting agenda.

Place: Conference call. Public access
TBD in Silver Spring, MD. Please check
the SAB Web site http://
www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/
meetings.html for address and
directions to the meeting location.

Status: The meeting will be open to
public participation with a 10 minute
public comment period on March 28
from 12:05–12:15 p.m. (check Web site
to confirm time). The SAB expects that
public statements presented at its
meetings will not be repetitive of
previously submitted verbal or written
statements. In general, each individual
or group making a verbal presentation
will be limited to a total time of two (2)
minutes. Individuals or groups planning
to make a verbal presentation should
contact the SAB Executive Director by
March 20, 2013 to schedule their
presentation. Written comments should
be received in the SAB Executive
Director’s Office by March 20, 2013 to
provide sufficient time for SAB review.
Written comments received by the SAB
Executive Director after March 20, 2013
will be distributed to the SAB, but may
not be reviewed prior to the meeting
date. Seating at the meeting will be
available on a first-come, first-served
basis.

Special Accommodations: These
meetings are physically accessible to
people with disabilities. Requests for
special accommodations may be
directed no later than 12 p.m. on March
20, 2013, to Dr. Cynthia Decker, SAB
Executive Director, SSMC3, Room
11230, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver
Spring, MD 20910.

Matters To Be Considered: The
meeting will include the following
topics: (1) Final Report from the SAB
Research and Development Portfolio
Review Task Force; (2) Review Report on
the Cooperative Institute for Ocean
Exploration, Research and Technology
(CIOERT); (3) NOAA Response to the
SAB Report on Assessment Data from
non-NOAA Sources; (4) NOAA
Response to the SAB White Paper; On