

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C-570-984]

**Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order**

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

**SUMMARY:** Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) and the International Trade Commission (“ITC”), the Department is issuing a countervailing duty order on drawn stainless steel sinks (“drawn sinks”) from the People's Republic of China (“PRC”).

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 11, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shane Subler or Austin Redington, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0189 and (202) 482-1664, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On February 26, 2013, the Department published its final determination in the countervailing duty investigation of drawn sinks from the PRC.<sup>1</sup> On April 4, 2013, the ITC notified the Department of its final determination pursuant to section 705(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of subject merchandise from the PRC.<sup>2</sup>

**Scope of the Order**

The products covered by the scope of this order are drawn stainless steel sinks with single or multiple drawn bowls, with or without drain boards, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of type of finish, gauge, or grade of stainless steel. Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound-deadening

pads are also covered by the scope of this order if they are included within the sales price of the drawn stainless steel sinks.<sup>3</sup> For purposes of this scope definition, the term “drawn” refers to a manufacturing process using metal forming technology to produce a smooth basin with seamless, smooth, and rounded corners. Drawn stainless steel sinks are available in various shapes and configurations and may be described in a number of ways including flush mount, top mount, or undermount (to indicate the attachment relative to the countertop). Stainless steel sinks with multiple drawn bowls that are joined through a welding operation to form one unit are covered by the scope of the order. Drawn stainless steel sinks are covered by the scope of the order whether or not they are sold in conjunction with non-subject accessories such as faucets (whether attached or unattached), strainers, strainer sets, rinsing baskets, bottom grids, or other accessories.

Excluded from the scope of the order are stainless steel sinks with fabricated bowls. Fabricated bowls do not have seamless corners, but rather are made by notching and bending the stainless steel, and then welding and finishing the vertical corners to form the bowls. Stainless steel sinks with fabricated bowls may sometimes be referred to as “zero radius” or “near zero radius” sinks.

The products covered by this order are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) under statistical reporting number 7324.10.0000 and 7324.10.00.10. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

**Countervailing Duty Order**

In accordance with sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i) and 705(d) of the Act, the ITC has notified the Department of its final determination that the industry in the United States producing drawn sinks is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of drawn sinks from the PRC. Therefore, in accordance with

section 705(c)(2) of the Act, we are publishing this countervailing duty order.

As a result of the ITC's final determination, in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) to assess, upon further instruction by the Department, countervailing duties on unliquidated entries of drawn sinks from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 6, 2012, the date on which the Department published its preliminary countervailing duty determination in the **Federal Register**,<sup>4</sup> and before December 4, 2012, the date on which the Department instructed CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation in accordance with section 703(d) of the Act. Section 703(d) of the Act states that the suspension of liquidation pursuant to a preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months. Therefore, entries of drawn sinks made on or after December 4, 2012, and prior to the date of publication of the ITC's final determination in the **Federal Register** are not liable for the assessment of countervailing duties due to the Department's discontinuation, effective December 4, 2012, of the suspension of liquidation.

**Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 706 of the Act, the Department will direct CBP to reinstitute the suspension of liquidation of drawn sinks from the PRC, effective the date of publication of the ITC's notice of final determination in the **Federal Register**, and to assess, upon further advice by the Department pursuant to section 706(a)(1) of the Act, countervailing duties for each entry of the subject merchandise in an amount based on the net countervailable subsidy rates for the subject merchandise. On or after the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination in the **Federal Register**, CBP must require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the rates noted below:

<sup>1</sup> See *Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 78 FR 13017 (February 26, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> See *Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from China*, USITC Pub. 4390, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-489 and 731-TA-1201 (Final) (April 2013).

<sup>3</sup> Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound deadening pads are not covered by the scope of this order if they are not included within the sales price of the drawn stainless steel sinks, regardless of whether they are shipped with or entered with drawn stainless steel sinks.

<sup>4</sup> See *Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 77 FR 46717 (August 6, 2012).

Producer/Exporter	Net subsidy rate %
Guangdong Yingao Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd., and Foshan Magang Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd. ....	4.80
Zhongshan Superte Kitchenware Co., Ltd. ....	12.21
Foshan Zhaoshun Trade Co., Ltd. ....	12.26
All Others .....	8.51

This notice constitutes the countervailing duty order with respect to drawn sinks from the PRC, pursuant to section 706(a) of the Act. Interested parties may contact the Department's Central Records Unit, Room 7046 of the main Commerce Building, for copies of an updated list of countervailing duty orders currently in effect.

This order is issued and published in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: April 8, 2013.

**Paul Piquado,**  
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Marine Mammals: Alaska Harbor Seal Habitats

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshops.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold two public workshops to solicit input from stakeholders regarding our advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on potential management measures to protect glacially-associated harbor seal habitats in Alaska (78 FR 15669; March 12, 2013). During the workshops NMFS will present information regarding harbor seal habitat usage and available research on the effects of vessel disturbance. NMFS will seek input as to whether management measures are needed, and if so, what types of measures should be considered.

**DATES:** We will conduct public workshops on the harbor seal ANPR on the specific dates listed below:

1. April 22, 2013, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time (ADT) in Juneau, Alaska.

2. April 23, 2013, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (ADT) in Yakutat, Alaska.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop locations are:

1. Juneau, AK—Centennial Hall, Hickle Room, 101 Egan Drive, Juneau, AK 99801.

2. Yakutat, AK—ANB Hall, 522 Max Italo Dr., Yakutat, AK 99689.

You may submit written comments, identified by FDMS Docket Number NOAA-NMFS-2011-0284, before May 12, 2013 by any one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, first click the "Submit a Comment" icon, then enter NOAA-NMFS-2011-0284 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the "Submit a Comment" icon on the right of that line.

- *Mail:* Address written comments to Jon Kurland, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

- *Fax:* Address written comments to Jon Kurland, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Fax comments to 907-586-7557.

- *Hand delivery to the Federal Building:* Address written comments to Jon Kurland, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Deliver comments to 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK.

- *Hand delivery to NMFS at one of the public workshops listed in this notice.*

Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered.

All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter will be publicly accessible. Do not

submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe portable document file (pdf) formats only.

Electronic copies of the ANPR may be obtained from <http://www.regulations.gov> or from the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alicia Bishop, NMFS Alaska Regional Office, (907) 586-7224; or Shannon Bettridge, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427-8402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 12, 2013, NMFS published an ANPR in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 15669) to consider whether to propose regulations to protect glacially-associated harbor seal habitats in Alaska used for pupping, nursing, resting, and molting, and to limit vessel disturbance to harbor seals in those habitats. We will conduct two public workshops to inform interested parties of the ANPR and receive written comments.

In response to the ANPR, and at the workshops, we are seeking information and comments concerning: (1) The advisability of and need for regulations; (2) the geographic scope and time horizon of regulations; (3) management options for regulating vessel interactions with harbor seals, including but not limited to the options listed in this notice; (4) scientific and commercial information regarding the effects of vessels on harbor seals and their habitat; (5) information regarding potential economic effects of regulating vessel interactions; (6) the feasibility of any management measure or regulation (for example, navigational safety or security concerns); and (7) any additional relevant information that NMFS should consider should it undertake rulemaking.

Oral statements will not be recorded at the workshop. We encourage interested people, groups, and organizations to provide a written copy of their statement and present it to us at