Respondent Selection

Following standard practice in AD investigations involving ME countries, the Department intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) data for U.S. imports under the HTSUS numbers listed in the “Scope of Investigations” section above. We intend to release the CBP data under Administrative Protective Order (“APO”) to all parties with access to information protected by APO within five days of publication of this Federal Register notice and make our decision regarding respondent selection within 20 days of publication of this notice. The Department invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within seven days of publication of this Federal Register notice.

Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 732(b)(5)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(f), copies of the public version of the Petitions have been made available to the Governments of Russia and Venezuela via IA ACCESS. To the extent practicable, we will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the Petitions to each exporter named in the Petitions, as provided under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

ITC Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiations, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determinations by the ITC

The ITC will preliminarily determine, no later than September 3, 2013, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of ferrosilicon from Russia and Venezuela are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination in the investigation being terminated for Russia and Venezuela will result in the termination of the investigation.

Submission of Factual Information

On April 10, 2013, the Department published Definition of Factual Information and Time Limits for Submission of Factual Information: Final Rule, 78 FR 21246 (April 10, 2013) (“Final Rule”), which modified two regulations related to AD and CVD proceedings: the definition of factual information (19 CFR 351.102(b)(21)), and the time limits for the submission of factual information (19 CFR 351.301). As amended, 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) identifies five categories of factual information, which are summarized as follows: (i) Evidence submitted in response to questionnaires; (ii) evidence submitted in support of allegations; (iii) publicly available information to value factors under 19 CFR 351.408(c) or to measure the adequacy of remuneration under 19 CFR 351.511(a)(2); (iv) evidence placed on the record by the Department; and (v) evidence other than factual information described in (i)–(iv). Any party, when submitting factual information, is now required to specify whether the factual information is being submitted and, if the information is submitted to rebut, clarify, or correct factual information already on record, to provide an explanation identifying the information already on the record that the factual information seeks to rebut, clarify, or correct. As amended, 19 CFR 351.301 now provides specific time limits based on the type of factual information being submitted. These modifications are effective for all proceeding segments initiated on or after May 10, 2013, and thus are applicable to these investigations.

Notification to Interested Parties

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Instructions for filing such applications may be found on the Department’s Web site at http://ia.ita.doc.gov/apo.

Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2011

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

Summary: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) has conducted an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain oil country tubular goods (“OCTG”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). The period of review is January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. We find that Wuxi Seamless Oil Pipe Co., Ltd. (“Wuxi”) and Jiangsu Chengde Steel Tube Share Co., Ltd. (“Jiangsu Chengde”) received countervailable subsidies during the POR.

Dates: Effective Date: August 14, 2013.

For Further Information Contact: Joshua Morris or Christopher Siepmann, 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) 482–1779 or (202) 482–7958, respectively.

Scope of the Order

The scope of the order consists of OCTG. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.90.00, 7304.90.90, 7304.90.10, 7304.90.60, 7304.90.70, 7304.90.80, 7304.90.90, 7304.90.99, 7304.91.00, 7304.91.10, 7304.91.20, 7304.91.30, 7304.91.40, 7304.91.50, 7304.91.60, 7304.91.70, 7304.91.80, 7304.91.90, 7304.92.00, 7304.92.10, 7304.92.20, 7304.92.30, 7304.92.40, 7304.92.50, 7304.92.60, 7304.92.70, 7304.92.80, 7304.92.90, 7304.93.00, 7304.93.10, 7304.93.20, 7304.93.30, 7304.93.40, 7304.93.50, 7304.93.60, 7304.93.70, 7304.93.80, 7304.93.90, 7304.94.00, 7304.94.10, 7304.94.20, 7304.94.30, 7304.94.40, 7304.94.50, 7304.94.60, 7304.94.70, 7304.94.80, 7304.94.90, 7304.95.00, 7304.95.10, 7304.95.20, 7304.95.30, 7304.95.40, 7304.95.50, 7304.95.60, 7304.95.70, 7304.95.80, 7304.95.90, 7304.96.00, 7304.96.10, 7304.96.20, 7304.96.30, 7304.96.40, 7304.96.50, 7304.96.60, 7304.96.70, 7304.96.80, 7304.96.90, 7304.97.00, 7304.97.10, 7304.97.20, 7304.97.30, 7304.97.40, 7304.97.50, 7304.97.60, 7304.97.70, 7304.97.80, 7304.97.90, 7304.98.00, 7304.98.10, 7304.98.20, 7304.98.30, 7304.98.40, 7304.98.50, 7304.98.60, 7304.98.70, 7304.98.80, 7304.98.90, 7304.99.00, 7304.99.10, 7304.99.20, 7304.99.30, 7304.99.40, 7304.99.50, 7304.99.60, 7304.99.70, 7304.99.80, 7304.99.90.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description, available in Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the People’s Republic of China: Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Countervailing Duty Order, 75 FR 3203 (January 20, 2010) (“OCTG Order”), remains dispositive.

A full description of the scope of the OCTG Order is contained in the memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, “Decision Memorandum for Final Results of Countervailing Duty

Administrative Review: Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with this notice (“Decision Memorandum”), which is hereby adopted by this notice.

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we determine that there is a subsidy, i.e., a financial contribution by an “authority” that confers a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see Decision Memorandum. In making these findings, we have relied, in part, on facts available at the time of initiation of the proceeding for each company.3

As a result of this review, we determine a net subsidy rate of 13.54 percent for Wuxi and a net subsidy rate of 1.95 percent for Jiangsu Chengde for entries covered by this order, but not examined in this review, are those established in the most recently completed segment of the proceeding for each company.3 These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (“APO”) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return or 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.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: August 7, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Decision Memorandum

1. Scope of the Order
2. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences
3. Subsidies Valuation Information
4. Analysis of Programs
5. Analysis of Comments

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See OCTG Order.