

Instrument: Cryo Positioning Stage High Resonance. Manufacturer: Janssen Precision Engineering, the Netherlands. Intended Use: See notice at 80 FR 31890, June 4, 2015. Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order. Reasons: The instrument will be used to construct a variable temperature (4–300 Kelvin) scanning probe microscope with sub-nanometer stability, optical access and microwave integration to measure nitrogen vacancy probes. There is no domestic instrument that combines six degrees of freedom of linear motion in a tool that operates at cryogenic temperatures (<4 Kelvin) and has a resonant frequency larger than 1 kHz.

*Docket Number:* 15–013. Applicant: Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164–1020. Instrument: CTK Reactor, High Pressure Reactor, Diff pump mass spectrometer. Manufacturer: OmniVac, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 80 FR 31890–91, June 4, 2015. Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order. Reasons: The instrument will be used to take measurements during an ongoing catalytic reaction, *i.e.* under ‘operando’ reaction conditions so as to clarify mechanistic details during studies up to 100 bar so as to ensure optimal conditions for the production of fuels and other chemical feedstock such as detergents or lubricants. Such dynamic reaction studies will help elucidate the mechanisms of catalytic reactions such as the formation of transportation fuels from ‘synthesis gas’ (Fischer Tropsch synthesis). While CTK informs about the early run-in period in a time-resolved manner, the high pressure reactor allows the study of steady-state reaction behavior at a bench scale for many hours. The Quantachrome system allows measurements of the specific surface areas of materials, which is required for the optimization of catalysts. The CTK reactor comprises a gas cleaning and dosing system, along with gas inlets using mass flow controllers. The central part of the reactor is made of quartz, and temperatures can be varied at choice. The high pressure reactor comprises gas cleaning and inlet pressure up to 100 bar, surrounded by a temperature

programmed oven which allows temperatures of up to 500 Celsius. The differential mass spectrometer serves to continuously control gas phase compositions and is equipped with a high-speed turbo molecular pump and rotary forevacuum pump. Sampling occurs with calibrated capillary at pressures controlled by ion gauges. The Quantachrome system allows specific surface areas to be determined using non-selective probe molecule adsorption at cryogenic temperatures.

Dated: August 4, 2015.

**Supriya Kumar,**

*Acting Director, Subsidies Enforcement Office, Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–475–819]

#### **Certain Pasta From Italy: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, Rescission in Part, and Preliminary Intent To Rescind in Part; 2013**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain pasta (pasta) from Italy. The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. We preliminarily find that DeMatteis Agroalimentare S.p.A. (DeMatteis) (also known as, DeMatteis Agroalimentare SpA) and La Molisana S.p.A. received countervailable subsidies during the POR. We are rescinding the review with respect to Industria Alimentare Filiberto Bianconi 1947 S.p.A. (Bianconi) and Delverde Industrie Alimentari S.p.A. (Delverde), as both companies timely withdrew their requests for review. For reasons discussed below, the Department preliminarily intends to rescind the review, in part, with respect to La Molisana Industrie Alimentari S.p.A. (LMIA). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* August 10, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Meek or Joseph Shuler, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230;

telephone: (202) 482–2778 and (202) 482–1293, respectively.

#### **Scope of the Order**

The scope of the order consists of certain pasta from Italy. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classifiable under items 1901.90.90.95 and 1902.19.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to the order is dispositive. A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Pasta from Italy,” from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, dated July 31, 2015 (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), and hereby adopted by this notice.

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically *via* Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov> and available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://trade.gov/enforcement/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided in the Appendix to this notice.

#### **Methodology**

The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each program found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a countervailable subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>1</sup>

In making the preliminary findings, we relied, in part, on an adverse inference in selecting from among the facts available in accordance with

<sup>1</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act because we find that the Government of Italy did not act to the best of its ability to respond to the Department's requests for information.<sup>2</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Partial Rescission

As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, the companies Bianconi, and Delverde timely withdrew their requests for administrative review of themselves. No other parties requested reviews of these companies. The Department, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), is therefore rescinding this administrative review with respect to Bianconi and Delverde.

### Preliminary Intent To Rescind

We initiated a review for LMIA. However, as explained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, the record demonstrates that LMIA ceased operations prior to the POR. Moreover, La Molisana reported that all entries under either company name (La Molisana or LMIA) were of subject merchandise produced and exported by La Molisana. Accordingly, because we find that LMIA was not operational during the POR, and made no entries of subject merchandise during the POR, we preliminarily intend to rescind the review with respect to LMIA.

### Preliminary Results of the Review

In accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we calculated individual subsidy rates for De Matteis and La Molisana for the period January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. We preliminarily find that the net subsidy rates for DeMatteis and La Molisana are as follows:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
DeMatteis Agroalimentare S.p.A. ....	2.12
La Molisana, SpA .....	0.32

### Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose calculations performed for these preliminary results to the parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice.<sup>3</sup> Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the day on which these preliminary results are published in the

**Federal Register.**<sup>4</sup> Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted by no later than five days after the deadline for case briefs.<sup>5</sup> Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding should submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.<sup>6</sup> The summary of the argument should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>7</sup> Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.<sup>8</sup> 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, on a date and at a time and location to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions, with limited exceptions, must be filed electronically using ACCESS.<sup>9</sup> An electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by the Department's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on the due date. Documents excepted from the electronic submission requirements must be filed manually (i.e. in paper form) with the APO/Dockets Unit in Room 18022 and stamped with the date and time of receipt by 5 p.m. ET on the due date.<sup>10</sup>

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including our analysis of and responses to issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publishing these preliminary results.

### Assessment Rates

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we assigned a subsidy rate for the producer/exporter subject to this administrative review. Upon issuance of the final results, the Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

For the rescinded companies, countervailing duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice.

### Cash Deposit Requirements

Also in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, the Department intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount shown above for De Matteis and La Molisana, on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most-recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

These preliminary results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 31, 2015.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix I

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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<sup>2</sup> For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>3</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>4</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

<sup>5</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> See generally 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>10</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedure*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).

## I. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## International Trade Administration

[A-570-016, C-570-017]

**Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Order; and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Countervailing Duty Order**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the International Trade Commission (the ITC), the Department is issuing antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires (passenger tires) from the People's Republic of China (the PRC). Also, as explained in this notice, the Department is amending its final affirmative CVD determination to correct the rate assigned to Shandong Yongsheng Rubber Group Co., Ltd. (Yongsheng). In addition, the Department is amending the final affirmative AD determination to correct the rate assigned to the GITI companies<sup>1</sup> and to the separate rate companies.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* August 10, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Halle at (202) 482-0176 (CVD); or Toni Page at (202) 482-1398 (AD), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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

On June 18, 2015, with respect to passenger tires from the PRC,<sup>2</sup> the Department published its final affirmative determination of sales at less than fair value (LTFV) and its final

affirmative determination that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of passenger tires from the PRC.<sup>3</sup> On August 3, 2015, pursuant to sections 735(d) and 705(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the ITC notified the Department of its affirmative final determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured within the meaning of sections 735(b)(1)(A)(i) and 705(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act by reason of LTFV imports and subsidized imports of subject merchandise from the PRC, and its determination that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise from the PRC that are subject to the Department's affirmative critical circumstances finding.<sup>4</sup>

**Scope of the Orders**

The scope of these orders is passenger vehicle and light truck tires. Passenger vehicle and light truck tires are new pneumatic tires, of rubber, with a passenger vehicle or light truck size designation. Tires covered by these orders may be tube-type, tubeless, radial, or non-radial, and they may be intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market.

Subject tires have, at the time of importation, the symbol "DOT" on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Subject tires may also have the following prefixes or suffix in their tire size designation, which also appears on the sidewall of the tire:

Prefix designations:

P—Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars.

LT—Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks.

Suffix letter designations:

LT—Identifies light truck tires for service on trucks, buses, trailers, and multipurpose passenger vehicles used in nominal highway service.

All tires with a "P" or "LT" prefix, and all tires with an "LT" suffix in their sidewall markings are covered by this investigation regardless of their intended use.

In addition, all tires that lack a "P" or "LT" prefix or suffix in their sidewall

markings, as well as all tires that include any other prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, are included in the scope, regardless of their intended use, as long as the tire is of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set out below.

Passenger vehicle and light truck tires, whether or not attached to wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported attached to a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope are the following types of tires:

(1) Racing car tires; such tires do not bear the symbol "DOT" on the sidewall and may be marked with "ZR" in size designation;

(2) new pneumatic tires, of rubber, of a size that is not listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book;

(3) pneumatic tires, of rubber, that are not new, including recycled and retreaded tires;

(4) non-pneumatic tires, such as solid rubber tires;

(5) tires designed and marketed exclusively as temporary use spare tires for passenger vehicles which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:

(a) The size designation and load index combination molded on the tire's sidewall are listed in Table PCT-1B ("T" Type Spare Tires for Temporary Use on Passenger Vehicles) of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,

(b) the designation "T" is molded into the tire's sidewall as part of the size designation, and,

(c) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed is 81 MPH or a "M" rating;

(6) tires designed and marketed exclusively for specialty tire (ST) use which, in addition, exhibit each of the following conditions:

(a) The size designation molded on the tire's sidewall is listed in the ST sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,

(b) the designation "ST" is molded into the tire's sidewall as part of the size designation,

(c) the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is "For Trailer Service Only" or "For Trailer Use Only",

<sup>1</sup> Giti Tire Global Trading Pte. Ltd., Giti Radial Tire (Anhui) Company Ltd., Giti Tire (Fujian) Company Ltd., Giti Tire (Hualin) Company Ltd., and Giti Tire (USA) Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, In Part*, 80 FR 34893 (June 18, 2015) (*AD Final Determination*).

<sup>3</sup> See *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination, and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part*, 80 FR 34888 (June 18, 2015) (*CVD Final Determination*).

<sup>4</sup> See ITC Notification Letter to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance referencing ITC Investigation Nos. 701-TA-522 and 731-TA-1258 (August 3, 2015) (ITC Notification).