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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-53-2015]

Application for Additional Production Authority; The Coleman Company, Inc.; Subzone 119I; (Textile-Based Personal Flotation Devices); Change of Location for Public Hearing

A public hearing has been scheduled for February 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., on the application for additional production authority submitted by The Coleman Company, Inc., for activity within Subzone 119I in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (see 80 FR 79820, December 23, 2015). The location for the hearing has been changed to Room 48019, U.S. Department of Commerce, Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

For further information, contact Pierre Duy at Pierre.Duy@trade.gov or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: February 12, 2016.

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-849]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on Antidumping Duty Order

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

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 18, 2016.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Nucor Corporation and SSAB Enterprises LLC (collectively "Domestic

Producers"), the Department of Commerce ("Department") is initiating a circumvention inquiry, pursuant to section 781(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act"), to determine whether certain imports of certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate ("CTL plate") are circumventing the antidumping duty order on CTL plate from the People's Republic of China ("PRC").¹

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 17, 2015, Domestic Producers requested that the Department make a final circumvention ruling within 45 days pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(c)(2) and (d) with respect to CTL plate from the PRC with small amounts of any alloying elements added so as to classify the steel as alloy steel under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"), regardless of exporter or importer.² As a result of further clarification and comments regarding Domestic Producers' allegation, we extended the deadline to make a final ruling or initiate a circumvention inquiry until February 10, 2016.³

Domestic Producers alleged that producers, exporters and importers are

¹ See *Suspension Agreement on Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the People's Republic of China; Termination of Suspension Agreement and Notice of Antidumping Duty Order*, 68 FR 60081 (October 21, 2003) ("Order").

² Domestic Producers initially filed versions of their request on April 30, 2015 (Business Proprietary) and May 1, 2015 (Public Version), but these submissions were rejected by the Department due to filing deficiencies. See Letter from Robert Bolling to Domestic Producers, "Re: Rejection of Submission- Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon Steel Plate from the People's Republic of China," dated June 9, 2015 letter.

³ See Letter from Abdelali Elouaradia to Petitioners, "Re: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from the People's Republic of China: Request for Circumvention Ruling," dated January 13, 2016. The Department tolled this deadline by four business days. See Memorandum from Ron Lorentzen to The Record, "Tolling of Administrative Deadlines as a Result of the Government Closure during Snowstorm 'Jonas,'" dated January 27, 2016.

circumventing the *Order* by adding alloying elements (*i.e.*, making minor alterations) to CTL plate that is otherwise ASTM A36 and A572 commodity-grade steel plate.⁴ Domestic Producers provided business proprietary evidence which they believe supports their allegation.⁵

Domestic Producers noted that there is a history of evading the *Order*, and that the Department has made two separate circumvention determinations with regard to CTL plate from the PRC. In the first determination, the Department found that merchandise produced by Tianjin Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. and merchandise imported by Toyota Tsusho America Inc., regardless of producer or exporter, containing 0.0008 percent or more boron, by weight, and otherwise meeting the description of in-scope merchandise is subject to the *Order* unless the merchandise meets all of the following requirements: (1) An aluminum level of 0.02 percent or greater, by weight; (2) a ratio of 3.4 to 1 or greater, by weight, of titanium to nitrogen; and (3) a hardenability test (*i.e.*, Jominy test) result indicating a boron factor of 1.8 or greater.⁶ In the second determination, the Department found "that it is appropriate to consider all plate with at least 0.0008 percent boron content and otherwise meeting the description of the scope to be covered by the order, unless the merchandise also possesses the three distinguishing characteristics referenced above."⁷ The Department

⁴ See 781(c) of the Act; see also Letter from Domestic Producers regarding, "Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the People's Republic of China: Re-submission of Request for Circumvention Ruling," dated June 17, 2015 ("Domestic Producers' Request").

⁵ See Memorandum from Thomas Martin to the File, regarding "Anti-Circumvention Inquiry on Certain Cut-To Length Carbon Steel Plate ("CTL plate"), from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Circumvention Inquiry" with the subject "Memorandum of Business Proprietary Information Accompanying the Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Circumvention Inquiry," dated concurrently with this notice ("Alloying Elements Circumvention BPI Memorandum") at Note 1.

⁶ See *Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the People's Republic of China*, 74 FR 40565 (August 12, 2009) ("Toyota Tsusho Circumvention Final Determination").

⁷ See *Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From the*

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