

- Indonesia (A-560-832): Indorama Polymers Public Co., Ltd.; All Other Producers/Exporters
- Korea (A-580-896): Lotte Chemical Corp. (REGD); TK Chemical Corp.; All Other Producers/Exporters
- Taiwan (A-583-862): Far Eastern New Century Corporation; Far Eastern Textile Ltd.; Worldwide Polychem (HK), Ltd.; All Other Producers/Exporters

In addition, based on record information, we also find that certain producers/exporters did not experience an increase of 15 percent or more in imports of subject merchandise during the comparison period when compared

to the base period. As such, the following producers/exporters of subject merchandise did not have massive imports, as defined by section 733(e)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(h).<sup>19</sup>

- Indonesia (A-560-832): PT. Indo-Rama Synthetics Tbk.
- Korea (A-580-896): SK Chemicals Co., Ltd.
- Taiwan (A-583-862): Shinkong Synthetic Fibers Corporation

Finally, we note that in the AD investigation regarding imports of subject merchandise from Korea, respondent company SKC Co., Ltd.

(SKC) submitted a certification, in lieu of a questionnaire response, that it did not make shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation, and there is no information on the record to contradict this claim. As a result, we are not making a critical circumstances determination with respect to SKC.<sup>20</sup>

Based on the criteria and findings discussed above, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of PET resin shipped by certain producers/exporters. Our findings are summarized as follows:

Country	Case No.	Affirmative preliminary critical circumstances determination	Negative preliminary critical circumstances determination
Indonesia .....	A-560-832	Indorama Polymers Public Co., Ltd.; All Other Producers/Exporters .....	PT. Indo-Rama Synthetics Tbk.
Korea .....	A-580-896	Lotte Chemical Corp. (REGD); TK Chemical Corp.; ..... All Other Producers/Exporters .....	SK Chemicals Co., Ltd.
Taiwan .....	A-583-862	Far Eastern New Century Corporation; Far Eastern Textile Ltd.; Worldwide Polychem (HK), Ltd.; All Other Producers/Exporters.	Shinkong Synthetic Fibers Corporation.

### Final Critical Circumstances Determinations

We will issue our final determinations concerning critical circumstances when we issue our final less than fair value determinations. All interested parties will have the opportunity to address these preliminary determinations in case briefs to be submitted after completion of the preliminary less than fair value determinations.

### ITC Notification

In accordance with sections 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its preliminary determinations.

### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(e)(2) of the Act, because we have preliminarily found that critical circumstances exist with regard to imports exported by certain producers and exporters, if we make an affirmative preliminary determination that sales at less than fair value have been made by these same producers/exporters at above *de minimis* rates,<sup>21</sup> we will instruct Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise from these producers/exporters that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date that is

90 days prior to the effective date of “provisional measures” (*e.g.*, the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of an affirmative preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value at above *de minimis* rates). At such time, we will also instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated preliminary dumping margins reflected in the preliminary determination published in the **Federal Register**. The suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(c).

Dated: April 20, 2018.

**James Maeder,**

*Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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proceeding, dated concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> SKC is a distinct entity from mandatory respondent SK Chemicals Co., Ltd. (SK Chemicals), which had shipments during the period of

investigation and which submitted a complete questionnaire response. SK Chemicals submitted shipment data for purposes of our critical circumstances determination, which has been analyzed for these preliminary critical circumstances determinations. We have reached a

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-489-823]

### Welded Line Pipe From the Republic of Turkey: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on welded line pipe from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

**DATES:** Applicable April 24, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alice Maldonado or David Crespo, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4682 or (202) 482-3693, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On December 4, 2017, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a

negative finding of critical circumstances for SK Chemicals, as indicated above.

<sup>21</sup> The preliminary determinations concerning the sales at less than fair value investigations are currently scheduled for April 27, 2018.

notice of “Opportunity to Request Administrative Review” of the countervailing duty order on welded line pipe from Turkey for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.<sup>1</sup> In December 2017, Commerce received a timely request, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), to conduct an administrative review of this countervailing duty order from one of the petitioners in this case, Maverick Tube Corporation (Maverick).<sup>2</sup> Based upon this request, on February 23, 2018, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation listing 19 companies for which Commerce received timely requests for review.<sup>3</sup>

On April 12, 2018, Maverick withdrew its request for an administrative review.<sup>4</sup>

### Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. The aforementioned withdrawal request was timely submitted, and no other interested party requested an administrative review of any company. Therefore, we are rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on welded line pipe from Turkey covering the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

### Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries. 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, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 82 FR 57219 (December 4, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Maverick to Commerce, “Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Turkey: Request for Administrative Review,” dated December 29, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR 8058 (February 23, 2018).

<sup>4</sup> See Letter from Maverick to Commerce, “Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Turkey: Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review,” dated April 12, 2018.

instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice serves as a 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 351.305. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751 of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: April 18, 2018.

James Maeder,

*Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-083]

### Certain Steel Wheels From the People's Republic: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

**DATES:** Applicable April 16, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eli Lovely at (202) 482-1593 or Maisha Cryor at (202) 482-5831, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### The Petition

On March 27, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) Petition concerning imports of certain steel wheels (steel wheels) from the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form on behalf of Accuride Corporation (Accuride) and Maxion Wheels Akron LLC

(collectively, the petitioners).<sup>1</sup> The CVD Petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) Petition concerning imports of steel wheels China. The petitioners are domestic producers of steel wheels.<sup>2</sup>

On March 30, 2018, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petitions. The petitioners filed additional information on April 3, 2018.<sup>3</sup> On April 9 and 13, 2018, Commerce requested the petitioners to clarify the scope of the Petition.<sup>4</sup> The petitioners filed responses to Commerce's scope request on April 13, 2018.<sup>5</sup>

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that the Government of China (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of steel wheels in China and imports of such products are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic steel wheels industry in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioners supporting their allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioners filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioners are interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioners demonstrated sufficient industry

<sup>1</sup> See the petitioners' letter, “Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Certain Steel Wheels From the People's Republic of China,” dated March 27, 2018 (the Petition).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Volume I of the Petition at I-2.

<sup>3</sup> See the petitioners' letters, “*Certain Steel Wheels from the People's Republic of China (C-570-083):* Petitioners' Response to the Department's March 30, 2018 Supplemental Questionnaire Regarding the Countervailing Duty Petition, dated March 30, 2018); and “Petitioners' Response to the Department of Commerce's March 30, 2018 General Issues Questionnaire Regarding the Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Certain Steel Wheels from the People's Republic of China,” dated April 3, 2018 (General Issues Supplement).

<sup>4</sup> See Commerce's Memorandum to the File, “Phone Call with Counsel to Petitioners,” dated April 9, 2018 and Commerce's Memorandum to the File, “Phone Call with Counsel to Petitioners,” dated April 13, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> See the petitioners' Letter, “Petitioners' Scope Clarification Regarding the Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Certain Steel Wheels from the People's Republic of China,” dated April 13, 2018.