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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Narrow Woven Ribbons With Woven Selvedge From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies have been provided to producers and exporters of narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge from the People’s Republic of China (China). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable October 10, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terre Keaton Stefanova or Maria Tatarska, 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) 482–1280 or (202) 482–1562.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published the notice of initiation of this administrative review on November 13, 2017.¹ On April 30, 2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary results of this administrative review and the revised deadline is now October 3, 2018.² For

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 52268 (November 13, 2017).

² See Memorandum, “Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from the People’s Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2016 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review,” dated April 30, 2018. In this memorandum, we noted that Commerce exercised

a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this administrative review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge from China. For a complete description of the scope of this administrative review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this countervailing duty (CVD) 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, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁵ For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶ 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 is 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 at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through January 22, 2018. See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated January 23, 2018. As a result, the revised deadline for the preliminary results became October 3, 2018.

³ See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of 2016 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 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.

⁶ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at the Appendix to this notice.

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rate exists:

Company	Subsidy rate
Yama Ribbons and Bows Co., Ltd.	23.70 percent.

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce 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 assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties 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.

Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations and analysis performed in connection with this preliminary results within five days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.⁷ Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than 30 days after publication of the preliminary results.⁸ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline for filing case briefs.⁹ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this administrative review are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.¹⁰

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.¹¹ Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined.¹² Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing.

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

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: October 2, 2018.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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International Trade Administration

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Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016–2017

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) have been made below normal value. Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determines that a company for which we initiated a review had no shipments during the period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable October 10, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alice Maldonado or Whitley Herndon, 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) 482–6274, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on HWR pipes and tubes from Korea. The notice of initiation of this administrative review was published on November 13, 2017.¹ This review covers 14 producers and exporters of the subject merchandise. The period of review is March 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. Commerce selected two mandatory respondents for individual examination: Dong-A Steel Company (DOSCO) and HiSteel Co., Ltd (HiSteel). In May 2018, Commerce extended the preliminary results of this review to no later than October 3, 2018.²

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 52268 (November 13, 2017).

² See Memorandum, “Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated May 10, 2018. In this memorandum, we noted that Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the order is certain heavy walled rectangular welded steel pipes and tubes of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a nominal wall thickness of not less than 4 mm.³ The merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A–500, grade B specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications. Included products are those in which: (1) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 2.50 percent of manganese, or
- 3.30 percent of silicon, or
- 1.50 percent of copper, or
- 1.50 percent of aluminum, or
- 1.25 percent of chromium, or
- 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
- 0.40 percent of lead, or
- 2.0 percent of nickel, or
- 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
- 0.80 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium), or
- 0.30 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.30 percent of zirconium.

The product is currently classified under following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers 7306.61.1000. Subject merchandise may also be classified under 7306.61.3000. Although the HTSUS numbers and ASTM specification are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price and constructed export price are calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary

January 20 through January 22, 2018. See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated January 23, 2018. As a result, the revised deadline for the preliminary results became October 3, 2018.

³ For a complete description of the scope of the Order, see Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2016–2017 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Korea,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.310.