Background

On January 3, 2018, Commerce published the CVD order on softwood lumber from Canada. On March 1, 2018, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(k), Commerce initiated an expedited review of the Order for 34 companies that requested a review. Subsequently, 25 companies withdrew their requests for a review, and Commerce published a notice of partial rescission of this expedited review on March 21, 2018. For a listing of the companies for which a review is being conducted, see the “Preliminary Results of Review” section of this notice below. The period of review is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this expedited review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file at the Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at https://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.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this Order is certain softwood lumber from Canada. A full description of the scope of the Order is contained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this expedited review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(k). For each subsidy program found countervailable, we preliminarily find 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. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided in the Appendix to this notice. We calculated a CVD rate for each producer/exporter of the subject merchandise that requested an expedited review.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated net countervailable subsidy rates exist for the following producers/exporters for which this expedited review is being conducted:

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<th>Producer/exporter</th>
<th>Subsidy rate (percent)</th>
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<td>Fontaine Inc. and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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<td>Les Produits Forestiers D&amp;G Ltee and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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<td>Marcel Lauzon Inc. and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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<td>Mobilier Rustique (Beauce) Inc. and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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<td>North American Forest Products Ltd. and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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<td>Produits Matra Inc. and Sechoirs de Beauce Inc. and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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<td>Roland Boulanger &amp; Cie Ltee and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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* De minimis subsidy rate.

Cash Deposit Instructions

Pursuant to section 19 CFR 351.214(k)(3)(iii), the final results of this

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1 See Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Expeditied Review AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.


4 See Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Expeditied Review AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.


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expedited review will not be the basis for the assessment of countervailing duties. Upon issuing the final results, Commerce intends to instruct Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties for the companies subject to this expedited review, at the rates shown above, 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 expedited review. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(k)(3)(iv), however, if a company has a final net countervailable subsidy rate of zero or de minimis, it will be excluded from the Order.

Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce will disclose to the parties in this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice.14 Interested parties may submit written arguments (case briefs) on the preliminary results no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this Federal Register notice, and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.15 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) Statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument, and (3) a table of authorities.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.16 Requests should contain the party’s name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If Commerce receives a request for a hearing, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing, which will be held at the main Department of Commerce building at a time and location to be determined.17 Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing. Briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using ACCESS and must be received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(h), Commerce intends to issue the final results of this expedited review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, within 90 days after the date on which these preliminary results are issued.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(k).


P. Lee Smith,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

I. Summary
II. Background
III. Scope of the Order
IV. Subsidies Valuation
V. Analysis of Programs
VI. Conclusion

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[A–557–809]
Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Malaysia: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Superinox Max Fittings Industries Sdn. Bhd. (Superinox) made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018.

DATES: Applicable February 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline R. Heeren or Preston Cox, AD/ CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–9179 or (202) 482–5041, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 24, 2018, Commerce published the Preliminary Results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (pipe fittings) from Malaysia.1 The administrative review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Superinox. We provided interested parties an opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Results. We received no comments. As such, these final results are unchanged from the Preliminary Results. Commerce conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

For purposes of the order, the product covered is butt-weld fittings. Butt-weld fittings are under 14 inches in outside diameter (based on nominal pipe size), whether finished or unfinished. The product encompasses all grades of stainless steel and “commodity” and “specialty” fittings. Specifically excluded from the definition are threaded, grooved, and bolted fittings, and fittings made from any material other than stainless steel. The butt-weld fittings subject to the order are generally designated under specification ASTM A403/A403M, the standard specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipe Fittings, or its foreign equivalents (e.g., DIN or JIS specifications). This specification covers two general classes of fittings, WP and CR, of wrought austenitic stainless steel fittings of...