

the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 18's 2,000-acre activation limit.

Dated: April 2, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-67-2018]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 158— Jackson, Mississippi; Authorization of Production Activity; Calsonic Kansei North America (Automotive Parts), Canton, Mississippi

On October 25, 2018, Calsonic Kansei North America submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Site 21 of FTZ 158, in Canton, Mississippi.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the *Federal Register* inviting public comment (83 FR 55142-55143, November 2, 2018). On April 3, 2019, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

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Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-096]

Aluminum Wire and Cable From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that producers and/or exporters subject to this investigation received countervailable subsidies. Interested

parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable April 8, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caitlin Monks, Celeste Chen, or Preston Cox, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-2670, 202-242-0890, or 202-482-5041, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on October 18, 2018.¹ On November 27, 2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation, and reset the deadline to February 19, 2019.² Subsequently, Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.³ Accordingly, the revised deadline for the preliminary determination decision is now April 1, 2019.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to 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

¹ See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 83 FR 52805 (October 18, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 83 FR 60822 (November 27, 2018).

³ See Memorandum to the Record from 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, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

(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.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are aluminum wire and cable. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the Preamble to Commerce's regulations,⁵ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁶ Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*, as well as to certain questions posed by Commerce with regard to the scope language. For a summary of the product coverage comments submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Commerce is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See revised scope in Appendix I.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of 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 confers a benefit on the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁷ For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

In making these findings, Commerce relied, in part, on facts available.

⁵ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁶ See *Initiation Notice*.

⁷ 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.

Further, because one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce's requests for information, an adverse inference was drawn, where appropriate, in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.⁸ For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), and based on the petitioner's request,⁹ we are aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion AD investigation of aluminum wire and cable from China. Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than August 12, 2019, unless postponed.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d)(1)(A)(i) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and *de minimis* rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce calculated individual estimated countervailable subsidy rates for Shanghai Silin Special Equipment Co., Ltd. (Silin), and Changfeng Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. (Changfeng) that are not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on the facts otherwise available. Commerce calculated the all-others' rate using a simple average of the individual estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents.¹⁰

⁸ See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

⁹ See Letter from the petitioners, "Aluminum Wire and Cable from China: Petitioners' Request for Alignment of the Final Countervailing Duty and Antidumping Duty Final Determinations," dated March 11, 2019.

¹⁰ With two respondents under examination, Commerce normally calculates (A) a weighted-average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents; (B) a simple average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents; and (C) a weighted-average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents using each company's publicly-ranged U.S. sale quantities for the merchandise under consideration. Commerce then compares (B) and (C) to (A) and selects the rate

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate (percent)
Shanghai Silin Special Equipment Co., Ltd. ¹¹	15.77
Changfeng Wire & Cable Co., Ltd	11.57
Shanghai Yang Pu Qu Gong All-Others	164.16 13.67

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this

closest to (A) as the most appropriate rate for all other producers and exporters. See, e.g., *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review, and Revocation of an Order in Part*, 75 FR 53661, 53663 (September 1, 2010). Because complete publicly ranged sales data was not available, Commerce could not follow its normal methodology. Therefore, we used a simple average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents.

¹¹ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has assigned Silin's rate to each of the entities named as cross-owned in its affiliation questionnaire response: Jiangxi Silin International Cable Co., Ltd.

investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.¹² Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation 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.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, 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. 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, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using ACCESS and that electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. If Commerce's final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after Commerce's final determination.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

Dated: April 1, 2019.

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 I

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of the investigation covers aluminum wire and cable, which is defined as an assembly of one or more electrical conductors made from 8000 Series Aluminum Alloys (defined in accordance with ASTM B800), Aluminum Alloy 1350 (defined in accordance with ASTM B230/B230M or B609/B609M), and/or Aluminum Alloy 6201 (defined in accordance with ASTM B398/B398M), provided that: (1) At least one of the electrical conductors is insulated; (2) each insulated electrical conductor has a voltage rating greater than 80 volts and not exceeding 1000 volts; and (3) at least one electrical conductor is stranded and has a size not less than 16.5 thousand circular mil (kcmil) and not greater than 1000 kcmil. The assembly may: (1) Include a grounding or neutral conductor; (2) be clad with aluminum, steel, or other base metal; or (3) include a steel support center wire, one or more connectors, a tape shield, a jacket or other covering, and/or filler materials.

Most aluminum wire and cable products conform to National Electrical Code (NEC) types THHN, THWN, THWN-2, XHHW-2, USE, USE-2, RHH, RHW, or RHW-2, and also conform to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards UL-44, UL-83, UL-758, UL-854, UL-1063, UL-1277, UL-1569, UL-1581, or UL-4703, but such conformity is not required for the merchandise to be included within the scope.

The scope of the investigation specifically excludes aluminum wire and cable products in lengths less than six feet, whether or not included in equipment already assembled at the time of importation.

The merchandise covered by the investigation is currently classifiable under subheading 8544.49.9000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheading 8544.42.9090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is revoking, in part, the antidumping duty (AD) orders on carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and the United Kingdom as to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod.

DATES: Applicable May 21, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alice Maldonado or Jacob Garten, 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 202-482-4633.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 21, 2018, Commerce published the AD orders on wire rod from Korea and the United Kingdom.¹ On September 17, 2018, six members of the domestic industry, including the petitioners from the underlying investigations (Nucor Corporation, Optimus Steel LLC (formerly, Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc), Keystone Consolidates Industries, Inc., and Charter Steel) requested that Commerce initiate a changed circumstances review (CCR) to revoke, in part, the AD orders on wire rod from Korea and the United Kingdom as to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod effective May 21, 2018.²

¹ See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy, the Republic of Korea, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Antidumping Duty Orders and Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determinations for Spain and the Republic of Turkey*, 83 FR 23417 (May 21, 2018) (*Orders*).

² See letter from domestic industry re: "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of

On November 7, 2018, Commerce initiated this CCR and published the notice of preliminary results, determining that the producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the *Orders* pertain lacked interest in the relief provided by the *Orders* with respect to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod.³ On December 21, 2018, Commerce solicited interested party comments on the appropriateness of end-use certifications as a condition of entry and solicited input from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).⁴ The parties to these proceedings submitted comments on January 29, 2019, and February 19, 2019.⁵ Subsequently, on March 20, 2019, we placed CBP's input on the records of these proceedings.⁶ On March 25 and 27, 2019, the parties to these proceedings submitted timely comments regarding CBP's input on end-use certifications.⁷

Korea and the United Kingdom: Petitioners' Request for Changed Circumstances Review and Partial Revocation Request," dated September 17, 2018.

³ See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Initiation and Expedited Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 83 FR 55694 (November 7, 2018) (*Initiation and Preliminary Results*).

⁴ See Commerce Letter, "Re: Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and the United Kingdom," dated December 21, 2018 (December 21, 2018, Solicitation of Comments Letter).

⁵ See letter from Bekaert Corporation, Kiswire America Inc., Kiswire Inc., Kiswire Pine Bluff, and Tokusen U.S.A., Inc. re: "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom, Changed Circumstances Reviews: Response to Request for Comments," dated January 29, 2019; and letter from Nucor Corporation, Optimus Steel LLC, Keystone Consolidates Industries, Inc., and Charter Steel re: "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Comments on End-Use Certifications," dated February 19, 2019.

⁶ See Memorandum to the file from Wendy J. Frankel, Director, Customs Liaison Unit, entitled, "Changed Circumstances Reviews of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Discussion with U.S. Customs and Border Protection," dated March 20, 2019.

⁷ See letter from Bekaert Corporation, Kiswire America Inc., Kiswire Inc., Kiswire Pine Bluff, and Tokusen U.S.A., Inc. re: "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom, Changed Circumstances Reviews: Response to Request for Comments," dated March 25, 2019 (Interested Party Importer letter); letter from Nucor Corporation re: "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Comments CBP's Recommendations Concerning End-Use Certifications," dated March 27, 2019 (Nucor Letter); and letter from Optimus Steel LLC, Keystone Consolidates Industries, Inc., and Charter Steel re: "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Comments on Input from CBP Regarding End-Use Certifications," dated March 27, 2019 (Domestic Interested Party Letter).