DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea: 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 order on carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) with respect to value spring quality (VSQ) wire rod.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this AD Order are certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high-nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (i.e., products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.1 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorous, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium). All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

Also excluded are valve spring quality (VSQ) steel products, which is defined as wire rod:

(i) Measuring no more than 14 mm in cross-sectional diameter;
(ii) Containing by weight the following elements in the proportions shown:
   - 0.51 percent to 0.68 percent, inclusive, of carbon:
   - Not more than 0.020 percent of phosphorus;
   - Not more than 0.020 percent of sulfur;
   - Not more than 0.05 percent of copper;
   - Not more than 70 ppm of nitrogen;
   - 0.5 percent to 0.8 percent, inclusive, of manganese;
   - Not more than 0.1 percent of nickel;
   - 1.3 percent to 1.6 percent, inclusive, of silicon;
   - Not more than 0.002 percent of titanium;
   - Not more than 0.15 percent of vanadium; and
   - Not more than 20 ppm of oxygen of product;
(iii) Having non-metallic inclusions not greater than 15 microns and meeting all of the following specific inclusions requirements using the Max-T method:
   - No sulfide inclusions greater than 5 microns;
   - No alumina inclusions greater than 10 microns;
   - No silicate inclusions greater than 5 microns; and
   - No oxide inclusions greater than 10 microns.

The size of an inclusion is its thickness perpendicular to the axis of rolling. Max-T method is used to measure the maximum thickness of all inclusions observed in a longitudinal cross-sectional sample with a minimum surface area of 60 mm², taken at the bottom of each coil of every heat.

The products under this AD Order are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3011, 7213.91.3015, 7213.91.3020, 7213.91.3093; 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7227.20.0030, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6010, 7227.90.6020, 7227.90.6030, and 7227.90.6035 of the HTSUS. Products entered under subheadings 7213.99.0090 and 7227.90.6090 of the HTSUS also may be included in this scope if they meet the physical description of subject merchandise above. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this AD Order is dispositive.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

For the reasons stated in the Preliminary Results, and because we received no comments from interested parties to the contrary, Commerce continues to determine that domestic producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the AD Order with respect to VSQ wire rod from Korea. As a result of this determination and pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.222(g), we are revoking, in part, the AD Order with respect to imports of VSQ wire rod from Korea. The scope that appears in the scope of the Order section of this notice reflects this revocation, in part.

Instructions to CBP

Because we determine that there are changed circumstances that warrant the revocation of the AD Order, in part, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to end the suspension of liquidation for the merchandise covered by the revocation on the effective date of this notice of revocation, in part, and to release any cash deposit or bond, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4).
Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results and revocation, in part, and notice in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), and 19 CFR 351.222.

Dated: June 6, 2019.
Jeffrey I. Kessler,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From Austria: Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016–2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that sales of certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate (CTL plate) from Austria have been made below normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR). November 14, 2016, through April 30, 2018. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 6, 2018, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an antidumping duty administrative review on CTL plate from Austria. This review covers two producers/exporters of the subject merchandise: Bohler Edelstahl GmbH & Co KG (BEG) and Bohler Bleche GmbH & Co KG (BBG), and their affiliated companies Bohler International GmbH (BIG), voestalpine Grobblech GmbH (Grobblech), and voestalpine Steel & Service Center GmbH (SSC) (collectively, voestalpine). The POR is November 14, 2016, through April 30, 2018.

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. The revised deadline for the preliminary results of this review was then March 12, 2019. On March 4, 2019, we extended the preliminary results of this review to no later than June 7, 2019. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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 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 at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an Appendix to this notice.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the scope of the order is CTL plate from Austria. For a complete description of the scope, see Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price and, where appropriate, constructed export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period November 14, 2016, through April 30, 2018:
