DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[8–20–2018]

Foreign-Trade Zone 158—Vicksburg, Mississippi; Application for Production Authority: MTD Consumer Group Inc.; Opening of Comment Period on Submission Containing New Evidence

The Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board is inviting public comment on a submission containing new evidence pertaining to the application on behalf of MTD Consumer Group Inc. (MTD) requesting production authority within FTZ 158 in Verona, Mississippi.

On June 28, 2019, MTD made a submission to the FTZ Board that included new evidence for the record. Public comment is invited on MTD’s submission through August 8, 2019. Rebuttal comments may be submitted through the subsequent 15-day period, until August 23, 2019.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. A copy of MTD’s submission will be available for public inspection in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482–0473.

Dated: July 2, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
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Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter From the People’s Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain steel wheels 12 to 16.5 inches in diameter (certain steel wheels) from the People’s Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less-than-fair-value (LTFV).

DATES: Applicable July 9, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Clahane or Charles Doss, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5449 or (202) 482–4474, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 22, 2019, Commerce published the Preliminary Determination of sales at LTFV of certain steel wheels from China in the Federal Register.1 A complete summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the Preliminary Determination, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by the parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.2

The Issues and 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 https://access.trade.gov, and ACCESS is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/fm/index.html. The signed and electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

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 deadline for the final determination of this investigation is July 1, 2019.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are certain steel wheels 12 to 16.5 inches in diameter from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I of this notice.

Scope Comments

During the course of this investigation and the concurrent countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of certain steel wheels from China, Commerce received scope comments from interested parties. Commerce issued a Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum to address these comments and set aside a period of time for parties to address scope issues in scope case and rebuttal briefs.4 Commerce has reviewed the briefs submitted by interested parties, considered the arguments therein. For a summary of the scope comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this final determination, along with the accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Final Scope Decision Memorandum.5 As a result, we have made changes to the scope of the investigations, including additional clarifying language.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In the Preliminary Determination, Commerce preliminarily determined, pursuant to section 733(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.226, that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of certain steel wheels from Changzhou Chungang Machinery Co., Ltd. (Chungang Machinery), a non–individually examined company receiving a separate rate, and the China–wide entity. For this final determination, we continue to find that critical circumstances exist for Chungang Machinery and the China–wide entity. Commerce preliminarily determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226, that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of certain steel wheels from the People’s Republic of China. This final determination of critical circumstances is based on the record of Commerce's determination of an affirmative critical circumstance in its Preliminary Determination.

1 See Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, 84 FR 16641 (April 22, 2019) (Preliminary Determination), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

2 See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for Final Affirmative Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

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, “Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum,” dated April 15, 2019.

5 See Memorandum, “Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter From the People’s Republic of China: Final Scope Comments Decision Memorandum,” dated July 1, 2019 (Final Scope Decision Memorandum).