

*Agency:* International Trade Administration (ITA).

*Title:* Procedures for Considering Requests and Comments from the Public for Textile and Safeguard Actions on Imports from Oman.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Control Number:* 0625-0266.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Number of Respondents:* 6 (1 for Request; 5 for Comments).

*Average Hours per Response:* 4 hours for a Request; and 4 hours for a Comment.

*Burden Hours:* 24.

*Needs and Uses:* Title III, Subtitle B, Section 321 through Section 328 of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the “Act”) implements the textile and apparel safeguard provisions, provided for in Article 3.1 of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (the “Agreement”). This safeguard mechanism applies when, as a result of the elimination of a customs duty under the Agreement, an Omani textile or apparel article is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for that article, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage or actual threat thereof to a U.S. industry producing a like or directly competitive article. In these circumstances, Article 3.1 permits the United States to increase duties on the imported article from Oman to a level that does not exceed the lesser of the prevailing U.S. normal trade relations (NTR)/most-favored-nation (MFN) duty rate for the article or the U.S. NTR/MFN duty rate in effect on the day before the Agreement entered into force.

The Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the Act provides that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) will issue procedures for requesting such safeguard measures, for making its determinations under section 322(a) of the Act, and for providing relief under section 322(b) of the Act.

In Proclamation No. 8332 (73 FR 80289, December 31, 2008), the President delegated to CITA his authority under Subtitle B of Title III of the Act with respect to textile and apparel safeguard measures.

CITA must collect information in order to determine whether a domestic textile or apparel industry is being adversely impacted by imports of these products from Oman, thereby allowing CITA to take corrective action to protect the viability of the domestic textile or apparel industry, subject to section 322(b) of the Act.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-915]

#### Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Second Five-Year Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

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

**SUMMARY:** As a result of this expedited sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of this countervailing duty (CVD) order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Review” section of this notice.

**DATES:** Applicable August 30, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian Hamilton, 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) 482-4798.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On August 5, 2008, Commerce published its CVD order on light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from the People's Republic of China (China) in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup> On August 30,

<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Countervailing Duty Order: Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China*, 73 FR 45405 (August 5, 2008).

2012, Commerce implemented its revised countervailable subsidy rates pursuant to the findings in the section 129 proceeding of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA).<sup>2</sup> On June 23, 2014, at the conclusion of the first sunset review, Commerce issued a notice of continuation of the order.<sup>3</sup>

On May 1, 2019, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the second sunset review of the countervailing duty order on light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from the China, in accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>4</sup> Commerce received a notice of intent to participate from Atlas Tube, a division of Zekelman Industries, Bull Moose Tube Co., California Steel and Tube, Hannibal Industries, Maruichi American Corporation, Searing Industries, and Vest, Inc. (domestic interested parties) and from Independence Tube Corporation, a Nucor company (Independence Tube) and Southland Tube, Incorporated, a Nucor company (Southland Tube) (collectively, Nucor Pipe Mills), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).<sup>5</sup> Each of the companies claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as a domestic producer of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube.

Commerce received a substantive response from domestic producers<sup>7</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See *Implementation of Determinations Under Section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act: Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires; Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe; Laminated Woven Sacks; and Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China*, 77 FR 52683 (August 30, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico, Turkey, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea: Continuation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 79 FR 35522 (June 23, 2014).

<sup>4</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review*, 84 FR 18477 (April 1, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> See Domestic Interested Parties Letter, “Notice of Intent to Participate in Second Five-Year Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from China,” dated May 13, 2019; see also, Nucor Pipe Mills Letter, “*Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Intent to Participate*,” dated May 16, 2019.

<sup>6</sup> On July 15, 2019, Commerce was notified of the inadvertent omission of Wheatland Tube Company, a division of Zekelman Industries, from the notice of appearance, application for administrative protective orders, and notice of intent to participate, although it was included in the domestic industry's substantive response dated May 31, 2019. See Domestic Interested Parties Letter, “Second Five-Year Reviews of the Antidumping {sic} Duty Order on Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey: Errata,” dated July 15, 2019.

<sup>7</sup> See Domestic Producers Letter, “*Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China, Second Review: Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation*,” dated May 31, 2019, and filed on behalf of Atlas Tube; Bull Moose

within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). We received no substantive response from any other domestic or interested parties in this proceeding, nor was a hearing requested.

On July 2, 2019, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.<sup>8</sup> As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of this countervailing duty order.

**Scope of the Order**

The merchandise subject to the order is certain welded carbon quality light-walled steel pipe and tube, of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a wall thickness of less than 4 mm. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classifiable under items 7306.61.50.00 and 7306.61.70.60

of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description is dispositive. For a full description of the scope of the order, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>9</sup>

**Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum are the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and the net countervailable subsidy rates likely to prevail if this order were revoked. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via the 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 in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an Appendix to this notice. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Final Results of Sunset Review**

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(b)(1) and (3) of the Act, we determine that revocation of the countervailing duty order on light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from the China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the rates listed below:

Manufacturers/producer/exporter	Net countervailable subsidy (percent)
Zhangjiagang Zhongyuan Pipe-making Co., Ltd., Jiangsu Qiyuan Group Co., Ltd .....	15.28
Qingdao Xiangxing Steel Pipe Co., Ltd .....	200.58
Kunshan Lets Win Steel Machinery Co., Ltd .....	2.20
All-Others .....	15.28

**Administrative Protective Order (APO)**

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

**Notification to Interested Parties**

This five-year (sunset) review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: August 23, 2019.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

**Appendix—List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum**

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. History of the Order
- V. Legal Framework
- VI. Discussion of the Issues
  - 1. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of a Countervailable Subsidy
  - 2. Net Countervailable Subsidy Likely To Prevail
  - 3. Nature of the Subsidies
- VII. Final Results of Sunset Review
- VIII. Recommendation

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Science Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This is a virtual meeting. However, members of the public may also come to 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 Room 8836. This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The members will discuss issues outlined in the section on Matters to be considered.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). These times and the agenda

Tube Co.; California Steel and Tube; Hannibal Industries; Independence Tube Corp., a Nucor company; Maruichi American Corporation’ Searing Industries, Inc.; Southland Tube, Inc., a Nucor company; Vest, Inc.; and Wheatland Tube Company (collectively Domestic Producers).

<sup>8</sup> See Commerce Letter, “Sunset Reviews Initiated on May 1, 2019,” dated July 2, 2019.

<sup>9</sup> See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Light-

Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).