

writing. Such notification will include the reason(s) for denial of the guarantee.

**B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.**

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2. *Exception Authority.* The provisions specified in 7 CFR 4279.203 and 7 CFR 4287.303 apply to this Notice.

**C. Environmental Review.** The Agency will review all applicant proposals that may qualify for assistance under this section in accordance with 7 CFR part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures. The environmental review for projects that score high enough will be submitted during the Phase 2 application process and must be conducted in accordance with 7 CFR part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

**XI. Agency Contacts**

For general questions about this Notice, please contact Aaron Morris, Rural Business–Cooperative Service, Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6901–S, Washington, DC 20250–3225. Telephone: 202–720–1501. Email: [Aaron.Morris@usda.gov](mailto:Aaron.Morris@usda.gov).

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(2) *Fax:* (202) 690–7442; or

(3) *Email at:* [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C–489–817]

**Oil Country Tubular Goods From the Republic of Turkey: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order**

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

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

**DATES:** Applicable October 15, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aimee Phelan or Mary Kolberg, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2201 or (202) 482–1785, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On September 10, 2014, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the

CVD order on oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey).<sup>1</sup> Subsequently on October 5, 2017, Commerce published an amended order consistent with the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirming Commerce's remand redetermination.<sup>2</sup> On June 4, 2019, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first sunset review of the CVD order on OCTG Turkey, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>3</sup> In June 2019, Commerce received a notice of intent to participate from the following domestic interested parties: Benteler Steel/Tube, Boomerang Tube, LLC, IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Vallourec Star, LP, and Welded Tube USA Inc;<sup>4</sup> Maverick Tube Corporation and Tenaris Bay City, Inc;<sup>5</sup> and United States Steel Corporation. (U.S. Steel Corporation).<sup>6</sup> All notices of intent to participate were timely filed within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). Additionally, each of these companies claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as a domestic producer of OCTG.

Commerce received an adequate substantive response to the notice of initiation from the domestic producers within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).<sup>7</sup> On July 4, 2019, we received a timely substantive response from the government of Turkey (GOT).<sup>8</sup> The domestic interested parties

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from India and the Republic of Turkey: Countervailing Duty Orders and Amended Affirmative Final Countervailing Duty Determination for India*, 79 FR 53688 (September 10, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> See *Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Turkey: Amendment of Countervailing Duty Order*, 82 FR 46483 (October 5, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 84 FR 25741 (June 4, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> See Benteler Steel/Tube's, Boomerang Tube, LLC's, IPSCO Tubulars, Inc.'s, Vallourec Star, LP's, and Welded Tube USA Inc.'s Letter, “Oil Country Tubular Goods from Turkey: Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated June 13, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> See Maverick Tube Corporation's and Tenaris Bay City, Inc.'s Letter, “Notice of Intent to Participate in First Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Oil Country Tubular Goods from Turkey,” dated June 17, 2019.

<sup>6</sup> See U.S. Steel Corporation's Letter, “Five-Year (Sunset) Review of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Oil Country Tubular Goods from Turkey: Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated June 19, 2019.

<sup>7</sup> See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, “Oil Country Tubular Goods from Turkey: Substantive Response of the Domestic Industry to Commerce's Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review,” dated July 3, 2019.

<sup>8</sup> See GOT's Letter, “Response of the Government of Turkey to the Five-Year Review (Sunset Review) of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Imports of Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Turkey,” dated July 4, 2019.

filed a timely rebuttal response to the GOT's submission on July 9, 2019.<sup>9</sup> However, because we did not receive a substantive response from exporters of OCTG from Turkey, we determined that the substantive response provided by the GOT was not adequate.

On July 29, 2019, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.<sup>10</sup> As a result, pursuant to 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 the CVD order on OCTG from Turkey.

**Scope of the Order**

The merchandise covered by the order is OCTG, which are hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing and tubing, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether seamless or welded, regardless of end finish (e.g., whether or not plain end, threaded, or threaded and coupled) whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished (including limited service OCTG products) or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products), whether or not thread protectors are attached. The scope of the order also covers OCTG coupling stock.

Excluded from the scope of the order are: Casing or tubing containing 10.5 percent or more by weight of chromium; drill pipe; unattached couplings; and unattached thread protectors. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

(HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20, 7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40, 7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60, 7304.29.10.80, 7304.29.20.10, 7304.29.20.20, 7304.29.20.30, 7304.29.20.40, 7304.29.20.50, 7304.29.20.60, 7304.29.20.80, 7304.29.31.10, 7304.29.31.20, 7304.29.31.30, 7304.29.31.40, 7304.29.31.50, 7304.29.31.60, 7304.29.31.80, 7304.29.41.10, 7304.29.41.20, 7304.29.41.30, 7304.29.41.40, 7304.29.41.50, 7304.29.41.60, 7304.29.41.80, 7304.29.50.15, 7304.29.50.30, 7304.29.50.45, 7304.29.50.60, 7304.29.50.75, 7304.29.61.15, 7304.29.61.30, 7304.29.61.45, 7304.29.61.60, 7304.29.61.75, 7305.20.20.00, 7305.20.40.00, 7305.20.60.00, 7305.20.80.00, 7306.29.10.30, 7306.29.10.90, 7306.29.20.00, 7306.29.31.00, 7306.29.41.00, 7306.29.60.10, 7306.29.60.50, 7306.29.81.10, and 7306.29.81.50.

The merchandise subject to the order may also enter under the following HTSUS item numbers: 7304.39.00.24, 7304.39.00.28, 7304.39.00.32, 7304.39.00.36, 7304.39.00.40, 7304.39.00.44, 7304.39.00.48, 7304.39.00.52, 7304.39.00.56, 7304.39.00.62, 7304.39.00.68, 7304.39.00.72, 7304.39.00.76, 7304.39.00.80, 7304.59.60.00, 7304.59.80.15, 7304.59.80.20, 7304.59.80.25, 7304.59.80.30, 7304.59.80.35, 7304.59.80.40, 7304.59.80.45, 7304.59.80.50, 7304.59.80.55, 7304.59.80.60, 7304.59.80.65, 7304.59.80.70, 7304.59.80.80, 7305.31.40.00, 7305.31.60.90, 7306.30.50.55,

7306.30.50.90, 7306.50.50.50, and 7306.50.50.70. Although the HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and customs purpose, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

**Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum,<sup>11</sup> 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 likely to prevail if the order were revoked. 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 <http://access.trade.gov>, and to all in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. A list of the topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as an Appendix. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>.

**Final Results of Review**

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the CVD order on OCTG from Turkey would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the rates listed below:

Producer/exporter	Net subsidy rate (percent)
Borusan Mannesmann Boru Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., and cross-owned affiliates Borusan Istikbal Ticaret, Borusan Mannesmann Boru Yatirim Holding A.S., and Borusan Holding A.S. (collectively, Borusan) .....	2.71
All Others .....	2.71

**Administrative Protective Order (APO)**

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely written 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 sanctionable violation.

**Notification to Interested Parties**

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

<sup>9</sup> See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Oil Country Tubular Goods from Turkey: Rebuttal to the Substantive Response of the Government of Turkey to Commerce's Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews," dated July 9, 2019.

<sup>10</sup> See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on June 1, 2019," dated July 29, 2019.

<sup>11</sup> See Memorandum "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Fourth Sunset

Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Pasta from Italy," dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Dated: October 2, 2019.

**P. Lee Smith,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations 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
- VII. Final Results of Review
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-533-872]

### Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2016-2017

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Norma (India) Ltd. (Norma) and R.N. Gupta & Co. Ltd (RNG) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR), November 29, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable October 15, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yasmin Bordas or John McGowan, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3813 and (202) 482-3019, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On August 24, 2017, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on finished carbon steel flanges (steel flanges) from India.<sup>1</sup> Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018 through the resumption of

<sup>1</sup> See *Finished Carbon Steel Flanges from India: Countervailing Duty Order*, 82 FR 40138 (August 24, 2017) (*Order*).

operations on January 29, 2019.<sup>2</sup> On June 5, 2019, and September 20, 2019, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review.<sup>3</sup> The revised deadline for these *Preliminary Results* is now October 9, 2019. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included at the Appendix 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 (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 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 merchandise covered by the order is steel flanges. For a complete description of the scope of the order, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> See Memoranda, "Finished Carbon Steel Flanges from India: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 11/29/2016-12/31/2017," dated June 5, 2019; and "Finished Carbon Steel Flanges from India: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 11/29/2016-12/31/2017," dated September 20, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Finished Carbon Steel Flanges from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

subsidy is specific.<sup>5</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Companies Not Selected for Individual Review

For the companies not selected for individual review, because the rates calculated for Norma and RNG were above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available, we applied a subsidy rate based on a weighted-average of the subsidy rates calculated for Norma and RNG using publicly-ranged sales data submitted by the respondents. This is consistent with the methodology that we would use in an investigation to establish the all-others rate, consistent with section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

### Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b)(4)(i), we calculated individual subsidy rates for Norma and RNG. For the period November 29, 2016 through December 31, 2017, we preliminarily determine that the following net subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Norma (India) Ltd <sup>6</sup> .....	6.56
R.N. Gupta & Co. Ltd .....	4.79
Adinath International .....	5.63
Allena Group .....	5.63
Alloyed Steel .....	5.63
Bebitz Flanges Works Private Limited .....	5.63
C.D. Industries .....	5.63
CHW Forge .....	5.63
CHW Forge Pvt. Ltd .....	5.63
Citizen Metal Depot .....	5.63
Corum Flange .....	5.63
DN Forge Industries .....	5.63
Echjay Forgings Limited .....	5.63
Falcon Valves and Flanges Private Limited .....	5.63
Heubach International .....	5.63
Hindon Forge Pvt. Ltd .....	5.63
Jai Auto Pvt. Ltd .....	5.63
Kinnari Steel Corporation .....	5.63
M F Rings and Bearing Races Ltd .....	5.63
Mascot Metal Manufactures .....	5.63
OM Exports .....	5.63
Punjab Steel Works (PSW) ..	5.63
R.D. Forge .....	5.63
Raaj Sagar Steel .....	5.63
Ravi Ratan Metal Industries .....	5.63

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> We note that cross-ownership exists between Norma (India) Ltd., USK Export Private Limited (USK), Uma Shanker Khandelwal and Co., (UMA) and Bansidhar Chiranjilal (BCL). See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 8-9.