

Products, to or for any customers in the Export Markets, or any countries or geographical areas in the Export Markets;

f. Transportation Activities. Negotiate favorable transportation rates (volume discounts) and consolidate shipments to or within the Export Markets;

g. Exclusive and Nonexclusive Export Intermediaries. Enter into exclusive and nonexclusive agreements appointing one or more Export Intermediaries for the sale of Products with price, territorial, and/or customer restrictions as provided in this section.

3. Transaction-Specific Activities

a. For a given transaction or prospective transaction, any or all of the Members may join to bid for the sale of, and to sell, Products to the Export Markets, provided that each Member shall determine, independently of other Members, the quantity of Products the Member will make available for export. No Member shall be required to export any minimum quantity of Products.

b. For a given transaction or prospective transaction, and where individual Member commitments are required, for the purposes of allocating export quantities or determining price, the amount to be committed to the sale will be determined in the following manner:

i. The participating Member(s) will, without prior consultation, provide to the Independent Third Party the quantity of Products that it commits to the transaction and the price that it seeks.

ii. The Independent Third Party will independently incorporate such information into the joint sales or bid agreement. For the purposes of this provision, and to maintain the confidentiality of the data, “independently” means that the Independent Third Party will not disclose the information obtained from a Member to another Member, to an entity that is not a Member and/or to PETC, except as aggregated and will disclose the aggregated information only to the Members involved in the transaction. Information from individual Members shall not be disclosed by the Independent Third Party to the buyer.

4. Activities Involving Entities That Are Not Members

Individual Members may purchase Products from entities that are not Members to fulfill specific obligations in the Export Markets, provided that Members shall make such purchases only on a transaction-by-transaction basis and when the Members are unable to supply, in a timely manner, the

requisite Products at a price competitive under the circumstances. In no event shall a supplier that is not a Member be included in any deliberations concerning any Export Trade Activities.

5. Information Exchange

Subject to section 1 of the Terms and Conditions in the Certificate, NPSA (acting through PETC) and Members may exchange and discuss the following information:

- a. Information about sales and marketing efforts and prevailing market conditions for the Export Markets, including but not limited to activities and opportunities for sales of Products in the Export Markets, selling strategies for the Export Markets, sales for the Export Markets, contract and spot pricing in the Export Markets, projected demand in the Export Markets for Products, customary terms of sale in the Export Markets, prices and availability of Products from entities that are not Members for sale in the Export Markets, and specifications for Products by customers in the Export Markets;

- b. Information about terms and conditions of contracts for sale in the Export Markets to be considered and/or bid on by NPSA acting through PETC;

- c. Information about joint bidding or selling arrangements for the Export Markets;

- d. Information about expenses specific to exporting to and within the Export Markets, including without limitation, expenses related to transportation, trans- or intermodal shipments, insurance, inland freight to port, port storage, commissions, export sales, documentation, financing, customs, duties, and taxes;

- e. Information about U.S. and foreign legislation and regulations, including federal marketing order programs, affecting sales for the Export Markets;

- f. Information about the export operations of PETC, including without limitation, information about sales and distribution networks established by NPSA acting through PETC or by Members in the Export Markets;

- g. Information about export customer credit terms and credit history;

- h. Information about completed and current export sales, provided that it is exchanged only when distributed by the Independent Third Party in aggregated and summary form to ensure confidentiality, and does not disclose, directly or by inference, information about completed and current sales by a specific Member.

6. Meetings

PETC and its Members, and where appropriate the Independent Third

Party, may meet to engage in the activities described in sections 2–5 above.

The effective date of the Certificate is October 29, 2019.

Dated: November 6, 2019.

Joseph Flynn,

Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-943]

Oil Country Tubular Goods From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018–2019

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019, based on the timely withdrawal of the request for review.

DATES: Applicable November 12, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Olatunbosun Leigh or John Drury, 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) 482-0506 or (202) 482-0195, respectively.

Background

On May 1, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on OCTG from China for the period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.¹ On May 31, 2019, United States Steel Corporation, Maverick Tube Corporation, Tenaris Bay City, Inc., TMK IPSCO, Vallourec Star, L.P., and Welded Tube USA (the petitioners), filed a timely request for review, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act),

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 84 FR 18479 (May 1, 2019).

and 19 CFR 351.213(b).² Pursuant to this request, and in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of 130 companies.³ On October 1, 2019, the petitioners filed a timely withdrawal of request for the administrative review with respect to all 130 companies.⁴

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. As noted above, the petitioners, the only parties to file a request for review, withdrew their requests by the 90-day deadline.

Accordingly, we are rescinding antidumping duty order on OCTG from China for the period May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019, in its entirety.

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of oil country tubular goods from China. Antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

² See Letter from the petitioners, "Oil Country Tubular Goods from the People's Republic of China: Petitioners' Request for 2018/2019 Administrative Review," dated May 31, 2019.

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 33739 (July 15, 2019).

⁴ See Letter from the petitioners, "Oil Country Tubular Goods from the People's Republic of China: Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated October 1, 2019.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to all 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. Timely written notification of the return/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.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: November 4, 2019.

James Maeder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-113]

Certain Collated Steel Staples 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 countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain collated steel staples (collated staples) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of investigation (POI) January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable November 12, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Palmer or Joshua Simonidis, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-9068 or (202) 482-0608, 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 July 3, 2019.¹

On August 9, 2019, pursuant to a request from the Kyocera Senco Industrial Tools, Inc. (the petitioner),² Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation to November 4, 2019.³ On October 24, 2019, Commerce issued its preliminary critical circumstances determination determining that critical circumstances exist for imports from all producers and exporters of the subject merchandise from China.⁴

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ 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 (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 Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is collated staples from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see

¹ See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 84 FR 31840 (July 3, 2019) (Initiation Notice).

² See Petitioner's Letter, "Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Petitioner's Request to Postpone the Deadline for the Preliminary Determination," dated August 5, 2019.

³ See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 84 FR 42896 (August 19, 2019).

⁴ See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determinations of Critical Circumstances in the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 84 FR 59353 (November 4, 2019) (signed October 24, 2019) (Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination: Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).