

Commerce erred in retroactively applying the determination to the date of the *Initiation Notice*,<sup>4</sup> rather than the date of the *Preliminary Determination*,<sup>5</sup> with respect to Tai-Ao and Regal, and remanded the issue to Commerce “to reformulate its liquidation instructions consistent with this opinion {.”<sup>6</sup>

Commerce issued its Results of Redetermination on July 22, 2019, in which it stated its intent to instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that entries of extruded aluminum products that meet the chemical specifications for 5050 grade aluminum alloy and are heat-treated, are outside the scope of the *Orders* if they: (1) Were the subject of Commerce’s *Final Circumvention Determination*; (2) were exported from China by Tai-Ao Aluminum (Taishan) Co., Ltd. and/or imported into the United States by TAAL America Ltd.; (3) were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period March 21, 2016 through November 13, 2016; and (4) remain unliquidated as of September 15, 2017.<sup>7</sup> Commerce included draft instructions to CBP related to Tai-Ao in its Results of Redetermination and stated its intent to issue those instructions: (1) Should the Court issue a final decision in which it affirms Commerce’s final remand redetermination; and (2) after Commerce has issued its “Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Determination of Circumvention and Notice of Amended Final Determination of Circumvention Pursuant to Court Decision.”<sup>8</sup> With respect to Regal, Commerce stated in its Results of Redetermination that there are no applicable entries which have been imported by Regal during the period March 21, 2016 through November 13, 2016. Accordingly, Commerce did not prepare instructions with respect to Regal.<sup>9</sup>

On December 18, 2019, the Court sustained Commerce’s Results of

Redetermination, and entered final judgment.<sup>10</sup>

### Timken Notice

In its decision in *Timken*,<sup>11</sup> as clarified by *Diamond Sawblades*,<sup>12</sup> the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) held that, pursuant to section 516A(e) of the Act, Commerce must publish a notice of a court decision that is not “in harmony” with a Commerce determination and must suspend liquidation of entries pending a “conclusive” court decision. The Court’s December 18, 2019 judgment sustaining Commerce’s Results of Redetermination constitutes a final decision of the Court that is not in harmony with Commerce’s *Final Circumvention Determination*. This notice is published in fulfillment of the publication requirement of *Timken*.

### Amended Final Determination of Circumvention

Commerce will continue the suspension of liquidation of the subject merchandise pending the expiration of the period of appeal or, if appealed, pending a final and conclusive court decision. In the event the Court’s ruling is not appealed or, if appealed, upheld by the CAFC, Commerce will instruct CBP that entries of extruded aluminum products that meet the chemical specifications for 5050 grade aluminum alloy and are heat-treated, are outside the scope of the *Orders* if they: (1) Were the subject of Commerce’s *Final Circumvention Determination*; (2) were exported from China by Tai-Ao Aluminum (Taishan) Co., Ltd. and/or imported into the United States by TAAL America Ltd.; (3) were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period March 21, 2016 through November 13, 2016; and (4) remain unliquidated as of September 15, 2017.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 516(A)(e), 781(d), and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 27, 2019.

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<sup>10</sup> See *Tai-Ao Aluminum (Taishan) Co., Ltd. et al. v. United States*, Court No. 17–00216, Slip Op. 19–164 (CIT Dec. 18, 2019).

<sup>11</sup> See *Timken Co., v. United States*, 893 F.2d 337, 341 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (*Timken*).

<sup>12</sup> See *Diamond Sawblades Mfrs. Coalition v. United States*, 626 F.3d 1374 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (*Diamond Sawblades*).

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–821–809]

### Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From the Russian Federation: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) continues to find that Novolipetsk Steel (NLMK), Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH made no shipments of certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products (hot-rolled steel) from the Russian Federation during the period of review (POR) of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018.

**DATES:** Applicable January 3, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Preston N. Cox, 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) 482–5041.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On October 7, 2019, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results*.<sup>1</sup> We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*, but we received no comments. Accordingly, we made no changes to the *Preliminary Results*.

Commerce conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

#### Scope of the Order

For the purposes of this order, “hot-rolled steel” means certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products of a rectangular shape, of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal and whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) regardless of thickness, and in straight lengths, of a thickness less than 4.75 mm and of a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness.

Universal mill plate (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation: Preliminary No Shipments Determination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018*, 84 FR 53408 (October 7, 2019) (*Preliminary Results*).

<sup>4</sup> See *Aluminum Extrusions from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry*, 81 FR 15039 (March 21, 2016) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>5</sup> See *Aluminum Extrusions from the People’s Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders and Intent To Rescind Minor Alterations Anti-Circumvention Inquiry*, 81 FR 79444 (November 14, 2016) (*Preliminary Determination*) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>6</sup> See *Remand Order*.

<sup>7</sup> See Final Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Court Remand, *Tai-Ao Aluminum (Taishan) Co., Ltd. et al. v. United States*, Court No. 17–00216, Slip Op. 19–70 (CIT June 7, 2019), dated July 22, 2019 (Results of Redetermination).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm but not exceeding 1250 mm and of a thickness of not less than 4 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm is not included within the scope of this order.

Specifically included in this scope are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (IF)) steels, high strength low alloy (HSLA) steels, and the substrate for motor lamination steels. IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium and/or niobium added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, titanium, vanadium, and molybdenum. The substrate for motor lamination steels contains micro-alloying levels of elements such as silicon and aluminum.

Steel products to be included in the scope of this order, regardless of Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions, are products in which: (1) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated: 1.80 percent of manganese, or 1.50 percent of silicon, or 1.00 percent of copper, or 0.50 percent of aluminum, or 1.25 percent of chromium, or 0.30 percent of cobalt, or 0.40 percent of lead, or 1.25 percent of nickel, or 0.30 percent of tungsten, or 0.012 percent of boron, or 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or 0.10 percent of niobium, or 0.41 percent of titanium, or 0.15 percent of vanadium, or 0.15 percent of zirconium.

All products that meet the physical and chemical description provided above are within the scope of this

agreement unless otherwise excluded. The following products, by way of example, are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this agreement:

- Alloy hot-rolled steel products in which at least one of the chemical elements exceeds those listed above (including *e.g.*, ASTM specifications A543, A387, A514, A517, and A506).
- SAE/AISI grades of series 2300 and higher.
- Ball bearing steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Tool steels, as defined in the HTSUS.
- Silica-manganese (as defined in the HTSUS) or silicon electrical steel with a silicon level exceeding 1.50 percent.
- ASTM specifications A710 and A736.
- USS Abrasion-resistant steels (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).
- Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni
0.10–0.14%	0.90% Max	0.025% Max	0.005% Max	0.30–0.50%	0.50–0.70%	0.20–0.40%	0.20% Max

Width = 44.80 inches maximum; Thickness = 0.063–0.198 inches; Yield Strength = 50,000 ksi minimum; Tensile Strength = 70,000–88,000 psi.

—Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni	Mo
0.10–0.16%	0.70%–0.90%	0.025% Max	0.006% Max	0.30–0.50%	0.50–0.70%	0.25% Max	0.20% Max	0.21% Max

Width = 44.80 inches maximum; Thickness = 0.350 inches maximum;

Yield Strength = 80,000 ksi minimum; Tensile Strength = 105,000 psi Aim.

—Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni	V(wt.)	Cb
0.10–0.14%	1.30–1.80%	0.025% Max	0.005% Max	0.30–0.50%	0.50–0.70%	0.20–0.70%	0.20% Max	0.10% Max	0.08% Max

Width = 44.80 inches maximum; Thickness = 0.350 inches maximum; Yield Strength = 80,000 ksi minimum; Tensile Strength = 105,000 psi Aim.

—Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni	Nb	Ca	Al
0.15% Max	1.40% Max	0.025% Max	0.010% Max	0.50% Max	1.00% Max	0.50% Max	.20% Max	0.005% Max	Treated	0.01–0.07%

Width = 39.37 inches; Thickness = 0.181 inches maximum; Yield Strength = 70,000 psi minimum for thicknesses ≤0.148 inches and 65,000 psi minimum for thicknesses >0.148 inches; Tensile Strength = 80,000 psi minimum.

Hot-rolled dual phase steel, phase-hardened, primarily with a ferritic-martensitic microstructure, contains 0.9 percent up to and including 1.5 percent silicon by weight, further characterized by either (i) tensile strength between 540 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 640 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and an elongation percentage ≥26 percent for thicknesses of 2 mm and above, or (ii)

a tensile strength between 590 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 690 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and an elongation percentage ≥25 percent for thicknesses of 2mm and above.

Hot-rolled bearing quality steel, SAE grade 1050, in coils, with an inclusion rating of 1.0 maximum per ASTM E 45, Method A, with excellent surface quality and chemistry restrictions as

follows: 0.012 percent maximum phosphorus, 0.015 percent maximum sulfur, and 0.20 percent maximum residuals including 0.15 percent maximum chromium.

Grade ASTM A570–50 hot-rolled steel sheet in coils or cut lengths, width of 74 inches (nominal, within ASTM tolerances), thickness of 11 gauge (0.119

inches nominal), mill edge and skin passed, with a minimum copper content of 0.20 percent.

The covered merchandise is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings:

7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00. Certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel covered include: Vacuum degassed, fully stabilized; high strength low alloy; and the substrate for motor lamination steel may also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.01.80. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the covered merchandise is dispositive.

#### Final Determination of No Shipments

In the *Preliminary Results*, Commerce determined that NLMK, Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR.<sup>2</sup> As we have not received any information to contradict our preliminary finding, we continue to find that NLMK, Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH did not have any shipments of subject merchandise during the POR and intend to issue appropriate instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) based on the final results of this review.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See *Preliminary Results*.

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Partial Rescission of Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2012–2013*, 79 FR 15951, 15952 (March 24, 2014), unchanged in *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Partial Rescission of Review; 2012–2013*, 79 FR 51306

#### Assessment Rates

Commerce determined, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b).

Further, because we continue to find in these final results that NLMK, Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR, any suspended entries that entered under NLMK, Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH case numbers (*i.e.*, at that company's rate) will be liquidated at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>4</sup> We intend to issue liquidation instructions for NLMK, Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rates for NLMK, Severstal PAO, and Severstal Export GmbH will remain unchanged from the rate assigned to them in the most recently completed review of those companies; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 184.56 percent, the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value

(August 28, 2014); see also *Magnesium Metal From the Russian Federation: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 75 FR 26922, 26923 (May 13, 2010), unchanged in *Magnesium Metal From the Russian Federation: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 75 FR 56989 (September 17, 2010).

<sup>4</sup> See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Orders: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine*, 67 FR 65945, 65947 (October 29, 2002).

investigation.<sup>5</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a final 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.

#### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to an 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 the return or 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 in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: December 19, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XA002]

### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is

<sup>5</sup> See *Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation: Final Results and Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016–2017*, 84 FR 38948 (August 8, 2019).