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On February 6, 2019, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on rebar from Turkey. On July 25, 2019, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results to January 9, 2020. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as 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 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 concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) imported in either straight length or coil form regardless of metallurgy, length, diameter, or grade. For a complete description of the scope, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each subsidy program found countervailable, we preliminarily find that there is a subsidy, i.e., a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Intent To Rescind Administrative Review, in Part

Agir Haddecilik A.S. (Agir), Asil Celik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Asil), Ege Celik Endustriisi Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Ege), Ekiniciler Demir ve Celik Sanayi Anonim Sirketi (Ekiniciler), and Kocaer Haddecilik Sanayi ve Ticar (Kocaer) timely filed no-shipments certifications. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) did not provide Commerce with any contrary information. Because there is no evidence on the record to indicate that

3 See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 84 FR 2159, 2168 (February 6, 2019). A clarification regarding the initiation was also published. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 84 FR 9297, 9307 n.11 (March 14, 2019).


7 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey: Countervailing Duty Order, 79 FR 65926 (November 6, 2014) (Order).

8 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.

Agir, Asil, Ege, Ekinciler, or Kocaer had entries, exports, or sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), we intend to rescind the review with respect to these companies.

Entries of merchandise produced and exported by Habas Sınavi ve Tibbi Gazlar İstıhsal Endüstri A.S. (Habas) are not subject to countervailing duties under this Order because Commerce’s final determination with respect to this producer/exporter combination was negative.\(^7\) However, any entries of merchandise produced by any other entity and exported by Habas or produced by Habas and exported by another entity are subject to this Order.

Because there is no evidence on the record of entries of merchandise produced by another entity and exported by Habas, or entries of merchandise produced by Habas and exported by another entity, we preliminarily determine that Habas is not subject to this administrative review. Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), we intend to rescind the review with respect to Habas.

A final decision on whether to rescind the review of Agir, Asil, Ege, Ekinciler, or Kocaer, and Habas will be made in the final results of this administrative review.

**Companies Not Selected for Individual Review**

To determine the rate for companies not selected for individual examination, Commerce’s practice is to weight average the net subsidy rates for the selected mandatory respondents, excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts available.\(^8\) In this review, we preliminarily calculated *de minimis* subsidy rates for each of the mandatory respondents (i.e., Icdas and Kaptan) during the POR. In countervailing duty proceedings, where the number of respondents being individually examined has been limited, Commerce has determined that a “reasonable method” to use to determine the rate applicable to companies that were not individually examined when all the rates of selected mandatory respondents are zero or *de minimis* is to assign to the non-selected respondents the average of the most recently determined rates that are not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts available.\(^9\) However, if a non-selected respondent has its own calculated rate that is contemporaneous with or more recent than such previous rates, Commerce has found it appropriate to apply that calculated rate to the non-selected respondent, even when that rate is zero or *de minimis*.\(^10\)

In the most recently completed administrative review of this order, we calculated a net subsidy rate of 1.82 percent *ad valorem* for Colakoglu Dis Ticaret A.S. and Colakoglu Metalurji A.S.\(^11\) Therefore, consistent with Commerce’s practice, described above, we are assigning the rate of 1.82 percent *ad valorem* to Colakoglu Dis Ticaret A.S. and Colakoglu Metalurji A.S., based on the companies’ rate calculated in the prior review.

With regard to the 13 remaining non-selected companies, for which an individual rate was not calculated, we are assigning the rate of 2.29 percent *ad valorem*, which is the average of the above *de minimis* rates calculated in the last review.\(^12\)

**Preliminary Results of the Review**

We preliminarily find that the net countervailable subsidy rates for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, are as follows:

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Subsidy rate <em>ad valorem</em> (percent)</th>
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<td>Icdas Celik Enerji Tersane ve Ulasm Sanayi A.S. and its cross-owned affiliates</td>
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*(de minimis).*

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* See [Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, 79 FR 54963, 54964 (September 15, 2014)].
* Id.
* Id. See [Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016, 84 FR 36051, 36052 (July 26, 2019)].
* Id. The average of the two calculated rates that were above *de minimis* equals 2.29 percent.
* Commerce preliminarily finds the following companies to be cross-owned with Icdas: Marlas Marmara Deniz Isletmecegi A.S., Oraysan Insaat Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., Artmark Denizcilik Ticaret ve Sanayi A.S., Artum Demir Insaat Turizm Sanayi Ticaret Ltd. Sti., Anka Entansif Hayvancilik Gida Tarim Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., and Eras Tasmancılık Taahhut Insaat ve Ticaret A.S.
* Commerce preliminarily finds the following companies to be cross-owned with Kaptan: Kaptan Is Makinalari Hurla Arim Satim Ltd. Sti, and Efsen Demir San. Ve Tic. A.S.
Assessment Rates
Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements
Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for each of the respective companies listed above, except, where the rate calculated in the final results is de minimis, no cash deposit will be required on shipments of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment
We will disclose to the parties in this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments (case briefs) on the preliminary results within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results, and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party’s name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the topics to be discussed. If Commerce receives a request for a hearing, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing, which will be held at the main Commerce building at a time and location to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing. Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

Notification to Interested Parties
These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
[RTID 0648–XU006]
Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; extension of nomination period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is extending the period for submission of nominations for appointment to a new Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) task force to support its advisory work for the Secretary of Commerce on living marine resource matters. The task force will provide expert advice on the generation, delivery, and use of electronically reported data from private recreational anglers to assist NMFS in fulfilling its mission activities. NMFS will appoint the members in consultation with MAFAC and they will serve for a term of up to two (2) years. The extended comment period closes on February 21, 2020.

DATES: Nominations must be received at the appropriate address or email mailbox (see ADDRESSES) on or before February 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Heidi Lovett, NMFS Office of Policy, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or to heidi.lovett@noaa.gov.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Lovett, (301) 427–8046; email: heidi.lovett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MAFAC is the only Federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. On November 20, 2019, MAFAC announced it would be establishing a Task Force to provide it, and subsequently NMFS, expert advice on the generation, delivery, and use of electronically reported data from private recreational anglers to assist NOAA Fisheries in fulfilling its mission activities. The scope of the Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force will fall within the objectives and scope of the MAFAC. In response, NMFS has received a limited number of qualified applications. NMFS has decided to extend the period to submit nominations by 30 days to Friday, February 21, 2020 to allow the submission of additional applications.

Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force
This Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force is being created to provide MAFAC, and subsequently NMFS, advice on fulfilling the agency’s central role in providing useable high quality, accurate data on recreational fisheries. Task Force advice will support and contribute to the development of an Agency roadmap to advance and guide implementation, where appropriate, of electronic data collection in private recreational fisheries (both shore and boat mode angling). The initial actions for consideration by the Task Force include:

• Identify and prioritize known data gaps relative to NOAA Fisheries’ role in