DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration


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 (AD) order on stainless steel sheet and strip (SS sheet and strip) from the People’s Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR) April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, based on the timely withdrawal of the request for review.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 1, 2020, Commerce received a timely-filed request from AK Steel Corporation; Allegheny Ludlum, LLC d/b/a ATI Flat Rolled Products; North American Stainless; and Outokumpu Stainless USA, LLC (collectively, the petitioners) for an administrative review of 152 Chinese producers and/or exporters, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b).

On May 6, 2020, pursuant to this request, and in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce published a notice initiating an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on SS sheet and strip from China for 152 Chinese producers and/or exporters.

On June 10, 2020, the petitioners timely withdrew their request for an administrative review for all 152 producers and/or exporters.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party or parties that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The petitioners withdrew their request for review within the 90-day deadline. Because Commerce received no other requests for review, we are rescinding the administrative review of the order on SS sheet and strip from China covering the April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 POR, in its entirety, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of SS sheet and strip 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 the only reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of AD duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the presumption that reimbursement of AD duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled AD duties.

Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to all parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction 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.

Notification to Interested Parties

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).

James Maeder,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Intent To Revoke Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders in Part

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.
SUMMARY: Based on a request from Maodi Solar Technology (Dongguan) Co., Ltd. (Maodi Solar), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on crystalline silicon photovoltaic products (solar products) from the People’s Republic of China...
products, in the *Initiation Notice* we invited interested parties to submit comments regarding industry support for the potential revocation, in part, as well as comments and/or factual information regarding the changed circumstances reviews. On August 7, 2020, Maodi Solar submitted comments stating that if Commerce receives no comments regarding industry support or no comments from the domestic industry opposing the changed circumstances reviews, revocation of the *Orders*, in part, is warranted. We received no other comments regarding these changed circumstances reviews.

**Scope of the Orders**

The merchandise covered by these orders is modules, laminates and/or panels consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products, including building integrated materials. For purposes of these orders, subject merchandise includes modules, laminates and/or panels assembled in China consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells produced in a customs territory other than China. Subject merchandise includes modules, laminates and/or panels assembled in China consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells of thickness equal to or greater than 20 micrometers, having a p/n junction formed by any means, whether or not the cell has undergone other processing, including, but not limited to, cleaning, etching, coating, and/or addition of materials (including, but not limited to, metallization and conductor patterns) to collect and forward the electricity that is generated by the cell.

Excluded from the scope of these orders are any products covered by the existing AD and CVD orders on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, laminates and/or panels, from China. Additionally, excluded from the scope of these orders are solar panels that:

1. Less than 300,000 mm² in surface area;
2. less than 27.1 watts in power;
3. coated across their entire surface with a polyurethane doming resin; and
4. joined to a battery charging and maintaining unit (which is an acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) box that incorporates a light emitting diode (LED) by coated wires that include a connector to permit the incorporation of an extension cable. The battery charging and maintaining unit utilizes high-frequency triangular pulse waveforms designed to maintain and extend the life of batteries through the reduction of lead sulfate crystals. The above-described battery charging and maintaining unit is currently available under the registered trademark “SolarPulse.”

**Scope of Changed Circumstances Reviews**

Maodi Solar proposes that the *Orders* be revoked, in part, with respect to certain off-grid portable small panels. Specifically, Maodi Solar proposes revoking the *Orders* with respect to the solar panels described below:

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2. Id., 85 FR at 45375.
(1) Off-grid CSPV panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with the following characteristics:
   (A) A total power output of 100 watts or less per panel;
   (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm² per panel;
   (C) do not include a built-in inverter;
   (D) must include a permanently connected wire that terminates in a male barrel connector, or, a two-port rectangular connector with two pins in square housings of different colors, or, an Anderson connector;
   (E) must be in individual retail packaging (for purposes of this provisions, retail packaging typically includes graphics, the product name, its description and/or features, and foam for transport)

(2) Off-grid CSPV panels in rigid form without a glass cover, with the following characteristics:
   (A) A total power output of 100 watts or less per panel;
   (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm² per panel;
   (C) do not include a built-in inverter;
   (D) each panel is
      1. permanently integrated into a consumer good;
      2. encased in a laminated material without stitching, or
      3. has all of the following characteristics: (i) The panel is encased in sewn fabric with visible stitching; (ii) includes a storage pocket; and, (iii) includes (a) a wire that terminates in a female USB-A connector; or, (b) a junction box which includes a female USB-A connector.

Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke the Orders in Part

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(g), Commerce may revoke an order, in whole or in part, based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (i.e., a changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances review to be conducted upon receipt of a request which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act gives Commerce authority to revoke an order if producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the relief provided by the order, in whole or in part; or (2) if other changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation exist. Both the Act and Commerce’s regulations require that in order for Commerce to revoke an order, in whole or in part, “substantially all” domestic producers must express a lack of interest in the order.\(^{11}\) In its administrative practice, Commerce has interpreted “substantially all” to mean producers accounting for at least 85 percent of the total U.S. production of the domestic like product covered by the order.\(^{12}\)

Commerce’s regulations do not specify a deadline for the issuance of the preliminary results of a changed circumstances review, but provide that Commerce will issue the final results of review within 270 days after the date on which the changed circumstances review is initiated.\(^{13}\) Commerce did not issue a combined notice of initiation and preliminary results because, as discussed above, no party had indicated whether SunPower accounts for substantially all domestic production of solar product.\(^{14}\) Thus, Commerce did not determine in the Initiation Notice that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product lacked interest in the continued application of the Orders as to the solar products under consideration here. Further, Commerce requested that interested parties comment on the issue of domestic industry support for a potential partial revocation of the Orders.\(^{15}\) As discussed above, although Maodi Solar submitted comments in response to the Initiation Notice, it did not comment on whether it or SunPower account for substantially all domestic production of solar products.\(^{16}\) Commerce therefore received no comments on industry support. As a result, we find that the domestic industry has expressed no opposition with respect to the proposed revocation, in part, of the order.

As noted in the Initiation Notice, Maodi Solar requested revocation of the Orders, in part, and supported its request. In light of Maodi Solar’s request, SunPower’s lack of comments regarding the scope exclusion language proposed by Maodi Solar, and the absence of any comments from the domestic industry otherwise opposing these changed circumstances reviews, we preliminarily conclude that changed circumstances warrant revocation of the Orders, in part, because the producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the Orders pertain lack interest in the relief provided by the Orders with respect to the particular solar products described above. We will consider comments from interested parties on these preliminary results before issuing the final results of these reviews.

Accordingly, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke the Orders, in part. We intend to carry out this revocation by including the following exclusion language in the scope of each of the Orders:\(^{17}\)

Excluded from the scope of these orders are:
(1) Off-grid CSPV panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with the following characteristics:
   (A) A total power output of 100 watts or less per panel;
   (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm² per panel;
   (C) do not include a built-in inverter;
   (D) must include a permanently connected wire that terminates in a male barrel connector, or, a two-port rectangular connector with two pins in square housings of different colors, or, an Anderson connector;
   (E) must be in individual retail packaging (for purposes of this provisions, retail packaging typically includes graphics, the product name, its description and/or features, and foam for transport).

(2) Off-grid CSPV panels in rigid form without a glass cover, with the following characteristics:
   (A) A total power output of 100 watts or less per panel;
   (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm² per panel;
   (C) do not include a built-in inverter;
   (D) each panel is
      1. permanently integrated into a consumer good;
      2. encased in a laminated material without stitching, or
      3. has all of the following characteristics: (i) The panel is encased in sewn fabric with visible stitching; (ii) includes a storage pocket; and, (iii) includes (a) a wire that terminates in a female USB–A connector; or, (b) a connected wire that terminates in a male barrel connector, or, a two-port rectangular connector with two pins in square housings of different colors, or, an Anderson connector;

\(^{11}\) See 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g).
\(^{13}\) See 19 CFR 351.216(e).
\(^{14}\) See Initiation Notice.
\(^{15}\) Id.
\(^{16}\) See Maodi Solar Comments.
\(^{17}\) See Maodi Solar CCR Request.
The Department of Commerce announces the reestablishment of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC), as of August 16, 2020. The ETTAC was first chartered on May 31, 1994. The ETTAC serves as an advisory body to the Environmental Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC), reporting directly to the Secretary of Commerce in his/her capacity as Chairman of the TPCC. The ETTAC advises on the development and administration of policies and programs to expand U.S. exports of environmental technologies, goods, and services.

DATES: Nominations for membership must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on September 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please email nominations to Amy Kreps, ETTAC Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at amy.kreps@trade.gov. Nominations must be submitted in either Microsoft Word or PDF format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Kreps, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration (Phone: 202–603–4765; email: amy.kreps@trade.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Nominations: The Secretary of Commerce invites nominations to the ETTAC of U.S. citizens who will represent U.S. environmental goods and services companies that trade internationally, or trade associations and non-profit organizations whose members include U.S. companies that trade internationally. Companies must be at least 51 percent owned by U.S. persons. No member may represent a company that is majority-owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or foreign government entities.

Membership in a committee operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act must be balanced in terms of economic subsector, geographic location, and company size. Committee members serve in a representative capacity and must be able to generally represent the views and interests of a certain subsector of the U.S. environmental industry. Candidates should be senior executive-level representatives from environmental technology companies, trade associations, and non-profit organizations. Members of the ETTAC must have experience in the exportation of environmental goods and/or services, including:

(1) Air pollution control and monitoring technologies;
(2) Analytic devices and services;