liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

For the companies which were not selected for individual review, we intend to assign an assessment rate based on the methodology described in the “Rates for Non-Examined Companies” section.

Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

Cash Deposit Requirement

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of the final results of administrative review for all shipments of nails from Oman entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the companies under review will be the rate established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or de minimis, as it is for Oman Fasteners LLC in these preliminary results. In that case, no cash deposit will be required); (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 of this proceeding in which the manufacturer or exporter participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the less-than-fair-value investigation, but the manufacturer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of the proceeding for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 9.10 percent ad valorem, the all-others rate applicable.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results of administrative review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(f)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(1).


Jeffrey I. Kessler,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration


Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates: Preliminary Affirmative Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determinations, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Turkey (Turkey), and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the “Preliminary Determinations” section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary determinations.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published the notice of initiation of these investigations on May 13, 2020.1 Acindar Industria De Sinal S.A. (Acindar) is the sole mandatory respondent in the investigation covering PC strand from Argentina; Knight S.A.S. (Knight SAS) is the sole mandatory respondent in the investigation covering PC strand from Colombia; United Wires Company Elsewedy is the sole mandatory respondent in the investigation covering PC strand from Egypt; Nedri Spanstaal BV is the sole mandatory respondent in the investigation covering PC strand from the Netherlands; National Metal Manufacturing & Casting Co. (National Metal Manufacturing) is the sole mandatory respondent in the investigation covering PC strand from Saudi Arabia; Celik Halat ve Tel Sanayi A.S. (Celik Halat) and Güney Celik Hasir ve Demir (Güney Celik) are the mandatory respondents in the investigation covering PC strand from Turkey; and GSS International Trading FZE (GSS) and Gulf Steel Strands FZE (Gulf Steel) are the mandatory respondents in the investigation covering PC strand from the UAE. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of these investigations, see the Preliminary Decision Memoranda.2 A list of topics

1 See Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations, 85 FR 28605 (May 13, 2020) (Initiation Notice).

2 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and the

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included in the Preliminary Decision Memoranda is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memoranda are public documents and are made available to the public via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at https://access.trade.gov. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memoranda can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/fm/. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memoranda are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigations

The product covered by these investigations is PC strand. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, see the “Scope of the Investigations,” in Appendix I of this notice.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the Preamble to Commerce’s regulations,3 the Initiation Notice set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (i.e., scope).4 However, Commerce received no comments on the scope of these investigations from interested parties.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting these investigations in accordance with section 731 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce has preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available to assign estimated weighted-average dumping margins to the mandatory respondents in these seven investigations because none of the respondents either submitted a response to Commerce’s antidumping duty questionnaire, or submitted a timely response to Commerce’s antidumping duty questionnaire. Further, Commerce is preliminarily determining that these mandatory respondents failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of their ability to comply with a request for information and is using an adverse inference when selecting from among the facts otherwise available (i.e., applying adverse facts available (AFA)) to these respondents, in accordance with section 776(b) of Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary determinations, see the Preliminary Decision Memoranda.

Critical Circumstances

On August 24, 2020, the petitioners timely filed critical circumstances allegations, pursuant to section 733(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), alleging that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the subject merchandise from Colombia, Egypt, and the Netherlands.6 On August 28, 2020, Commerce requested that the petitioners file an addendum to their critical circumstances allegation.7 In response, the petitioners filed an addendum providing the requested additional U.S. import data.8 We received no rebuttal information from interested parties.

On September 2, 2020, the petitioners timely filed a critical circumstances allegation, pursuant to section 733(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), alleging that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the PC strand from Turkey.9 Also on September 2, 2020, Commerce requested that Celik Halat provide monthly quantity and value (Q&V) data.10 On September 3, 2020, Commerce requested that the petitioners file an addendum to their critical circumstances allegation.11 In response, Celik Halat filed the requested Q&V data and the petitioners filed an addendum providing the requested additional U.S. import data.12 The petitioners did not file a critical circumstances allegation with respect to Argentina, Saudi Arabia, or the UAE.

Section 733(e)(1) of the Act provides that Commerce will preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist in an LTFV investigation if there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that: (A) There is a history of dumping or material injury by reason of dumped imports in the United States or elsewhere of the subject merchandise, or the person by whom, or for whose account, the merchandise was imported knew or should have known that the exporter was selling the subject merchandise at less than its fair value and that there was likely to be material injury by reason of such sales; and (B) there have been massive imports of the subject merchandise over a relatively short period. We preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of PC strand exported by (1) Knight SAS from Colombia; (2) United Wires Company Elsewedly and all other producers/ exporters from Egypt; (3) Nedri Spanstaal BV from the Netherlands; and (4) Celik Halat, Guney Celik, and all other producers/exporters from Turkey.13

All-Others Rate

Sections 733(d)(1)(ii) of the Act provides that in the preliminary determination Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually investigated, in accordance with section 735(c)(5) of the Act. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act states that generally the estimated rate for all others shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and de minimis margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. The estimated weighted-average dumping margins in these preliminary determinations were determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. In cases where no weighted-average dumping margins other than zero, de minimis, or those determined entirely under section 776 of the Act have been established for individually examined entities, in accordance with

With respect to the Netherlands, in the Petitions, the petitioners calculated only one margin. Therefore, for the all-others rate in the investigation covering PC strand from the Netherlands, we preliminarily assigned the only margin alleged for subject merchandise from the Netherlands in the Petitions, which is 30.86 percent.

With respect to Turkey, in the Petitions, the petitioners calculated only one margin. Therefore, for the all-others rate in the investigation covering PC strand from Turkey, we preliminarily assigned the only margin alleged for subject merchandise from Turkey in the Petitions, which is 194.40 percent.

With respect to the UAE, in the Petitions, the petitioners calculated only one margin. Therefore, for the all-others rate in the investigation covering PC strand from the UAE, we preliminarily assigned the only margin alleged for subject merchandise from the UAE in the Petitions, as recalculated for the purposes of initiation, which is 170.65 percent.

Preliminary Determinations

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist during the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020:

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Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S.
Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all entries of PC strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and the UAE, as described in the “Scope of the Investigations” in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Further, section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of: (a) The date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered; or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. In accordance with 733(e)(2)(A), suspension of liquidation of PC strand from Colombia, Egypt, the Netherlands, and Turkey as described in the “Scope of the investigations” in Appendix I, shall apply to unliquidated entries of merchandise from imports of PC strand exported by: (1) Knight SAS from Colombia; (2) United Wires Company Elsewedy and all other producers/exporters from Egypt; (3) Nedri Spanstaal BV from the Netherlands; and (4) Celik Halat, Güney Celik, and all other producers/exporters from Turkey, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date which is 90 days before the publication of this notice, the date suspension of liquidation is first ordered. We will also instruct CBP, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d) to require a cash deposit equal to the margins indicated in the charts above. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Verification

Because each mandatory respondent in these investigations did not act to the best of their ability to provide information requested by Commerce, and Commerce preliminarily determines each of the mandatory respondents to be uncooperative, we will not conduct verifications.

Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with a preliminary determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of preliminary determination in the Federal Register, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce preliminarily applied AFA to each mandatory respondent in these investigations, in accordance with section 776 of the Act, there are no calculations to disclose.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary determinations no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary determinations. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than seven days after the deadline date for case briefs. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in these proceedings are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party’s name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and location of hearing two days after the scheduled date. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.

Final Determinations

Section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1) provide that Commerce will issue the final determination within 75 days after the date of its preliminary determination. Accordingly, Commerce will make its final determinations no later than 75 days after the signature date of these preliminary determinations.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our affirmative preliminary determinations. If our final determinations are affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of these preliminary determinations or 45 days after our final determinations whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

These determinations are issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).


Jeffrey I. Kessler,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigations

The merchandise covered by these investigations is prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand), produced from wire of non-stainless, non-galvanized steel, which is suitable for use in prestressed concrete (both pretensioned and post-tensioned) applications. The product definition encompasses covered and uncovered strand and all types, grades, and diameters of PC strand. PC strand is normally sold in the United States in sizes ranging from 0.25 inches to 0.70 inches in diameter. PC strand made from galvanized wire is only excluded from the scope if the zinc and/or zinc oxide coating meets or exceeds the 0.40 oz./ft2 standard set forth in ASTM–A–475. The PC strand subject to these investigations is currently classifiable under subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memoranda

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26 See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i); see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).
28 See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).
29 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(b).
30 See Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19; Extension of Effective Period, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).
Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In accordance with section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated dumping margins exist during the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020:

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*** Adverse Facts Available (AFA).

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S.

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1 See Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates—Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations, 85 FR 28605 (May 13, 2020) [Initiation Notice].

2 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Taiwan,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice [Preliminary Decision Memorandum].

3 See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties: Final Rule, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

4 See Internal Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Taiwan,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice [Preliminary Decision Memorandum].

5 See Petitioner’s Letter, “Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, and United Arab Emirates—Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties,” dated April 16, 2020 (the Petitions) at Volume XII; see also AD Investigation Initiation Checklist: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Taiwan, dated May 6, 2020 (AD Checklist).

6 Inside Wire Products Company, Sumiden Wire Products Corporation, and Wire Mesh Corporation (collectively, the petitioners).

7 See AD Checklist.