DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S–174–2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone 76—Bridgeport, Connecticut; Application for Subzone; ASML US, LLC; Wilton, Connecticut

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Bridgeport Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 76, requesting an expansion of Subzone 76A on behalf of ASML US, LLC, in Wilton Connecticut. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on October 5, 2020.

Subzone 76A currently consists of the following sites: Site 1 (29.23 acres) 71, 73 & 77 Danbury Road, Wilton; Site 2 (3.65 acres) 7 Edmund Road, Newtown; Site 3 (11.78 acres) 59 Danbury Road, Wilton; and Site 4 (2.68 acres) 7 Francis Clarke Circle, Bethel.

The applicant is requesting authority to expand the subzone to include an additional site: Proposed Site 5 (1.125 acres) 50 Danbury Road, Wilton. No additional authorization for production activity has been requested at this time. The existing subzone and the proposed site would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 76.

In accordance with the FTZ Board’s regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is November 17, 2020. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 2, 2020.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s website, which is accessible via the Board’s website, which is accessible via the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482–0473.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–583–859]

Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Taiwan: 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) determines that Power Steel Co., Ltd. (Power Steel) made sales of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from Taiwan at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), March 7, 2017 through September 30, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published the Preliminary Results on December 17, 2019, covering one company, Power Steel. In the Preliminary Results, we rescinded the administrative review with respect to Lo-Toun Steel. We invited interested parties to comment on the Preliminary Results. On January 24, 2020, and January 31, 2020, we received case and rebuttal briefs, respectively, from interested parties. On January 16, 2020, the petitioner requested that Commerce conduct a hearing in this proceeding. We scheduled a hearing for February 27, 2020; however, in the absence of the requesting party, we did not conduct the hearing.

1 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Taiwan: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018, 84 FR 68884 (December 17, 2019) (Preliminary Results), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.


On April 8, 2020, Commerce extended the deadline for these final results. On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days, thereby extending the deadline for these results until August 3, 2020. On July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines for all preliminary and final results in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days, thereby extending the deadline for these final results until September 30, 2020. On September 30, 2020, Commerce extended the deadline for these final results. Accordingly, the deadline for these final results is October 2, 2020. Commerce conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the Order is rebar from Taiwan. For a full description of the scope, see Appendix I.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues raised is attached to this notice as Appendix II. The Issues and 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 https://access.trade.gov. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/


index.html. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our review of the record and comments received from interested parties, we have used the U.S. sales database submitted in Power Steel’s January 9, 2020 SQR for these final results.11

Final Results of the Administrative Review

We have determined the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period March 7, 2017 through September 30, 2018:

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Assessment Rates

Commerce has determined, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with these final results of review.12

For Power Steel, because its weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or de minimis (i.e., less than 0.5 percent), Commerce has calculated an importer-specific ad valorem duty assessment rate based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer’s examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). In accordance with Commerce’s “automatic assessment” practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Power Steel for which the company did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company involved in the transaction. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate listed in the “Final Results of the Administrative Review” section will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not included in the final results of this review, 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 company was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a previous review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 3.50 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.13 These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers Regarding the Reimbursement of Duties

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

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).


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

Appendix I

The merchandise subject to the Order is steel concrete reinforcing bar imported in either straight length or coil form (rebar) regardless of metallurgy, length, diameter, or grade and lack thereof. Subject merchandise includes deformed steel wire with bar markings (e.g., mill mark, size, or grade) and which has been subjected to an elongation test. The subject merchandise includes rebar that has been further processed in the subject countries or a third country, including but not limited to cutting, grinding, galvanizing, painting, coating, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the Order if performed in the country of manufacture of the rebar. Specifically excluded are plain rounds (i.e., nondeformed or smooth rebar). Also excluded from the scope is deformed steel wire meeting ASTM A1064/A1064M with no bar markings (e.g., mill mark, size, or grade) and without being subject to an elongation test.

The subject merchandise is classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) primarily under item numbers 7213.10.0000, 7214.20.0000, and 7228.30.8010. The subject merchandise may also enter under other HTSUS numbers including 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.5000, 7221.00.0017, 7221.00.0018, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, 7222.11.0001, 7222.11.0057, 7222.11.0059, 7222.30.0001, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6030, 7227.90.6035, 7227.90.6040, 7228.20.1000, and 7228.60.6000.

HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

I. Summary
II. Background
III. Scope of the Order
IV. Changes Since the Preliminary Results
V. Fraud Allegation
VI. Discussion of the Issues
Comment 1: Whether a Particular Market Situation (PMS) Exists With Respect to the Taiwanese Billet Market.
Comment 2: Whether Section 232 Duties Constitute Normal Duties Within Section 772(c)(2)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as Amended (the Act).

See Order.

See Memorandum, “Final Results of the 2017–2018 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Taiwan: Power Steel Final Analysis,” dated October 2, 2020 (Power Steel’s Final Analysis Memorandum); and Power Steel’s January 9, 2020 SQR.

11 See Memorandum, “Final Results of the 2017–2018 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Taiwan: Power Steel Final Analysis,” dated October 2, 2020 (Power Steel’s Final Analysis Memorandum); and Power Steel’s January 9, 2020 SQR.

13 See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

13 See Order.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Subsidy Programs Provided by Countries Exporting Softwood Lumber and Softwood Lumber Products to the United States; Request for Comment

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) seeks public comment on any subsidies, including stumpage subsidies, provided by certain countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States during the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

DATES: Comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to section 805 of Title VIII of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008), the Secretary of Commerce is mandated to submit to the appropriate Congressional committees a report every 180 days on any subsidy provided by countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States, including stumpage subsidies. Commerce submitted its last subsidy report on June 24, 2020. As part of its newest report, Commerce intends to include a list of subsidy programs identified with sufficient clarity by the public in response to this notice.

Request for Comments

Given the large number of countries that export softwood lumber and softwood lumber products to the United States, we are soliciting public comment only on subsidies provided by countries which had exports accounting for at least one percent of total U.S. imports of softwood lumber by quantity, as classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) codes 4407.1001, 4407.1100, 4407.1200, 4407.1905, 4407.1906, 4407.1910, during the period January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020. Official U.S. import data published by the United States International Trade Commission’s DataWeb indicate that four countries (Brazil, Canada, Germany, and Sweden) exported softwood lumber to the United States during that time period in amounts sufficient to account for at least one percent of U.S. imports of softwood lumber products. We intend to rely on similar previous six-month periods to identify the countries subject to future reports on softwood lumber subsidies. For example, we will rely on U.S. imports of softwood lumber and softwood lumber products during the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, to select the countries subject to the next report.

Under U.S. trade law, a subsidy exists where an authority: (i) Provides a financial contribution; (ii) provides any form of income or price support within the meaning of Article XVI of the GATT 1994; or (iii) makes a payment to a funding mechanism to provide a financial contribution to a person, or entrusts or directs a private entity to make a financial contribution, if providing the contribution would normally be vested in the government and the practice does not differ in substance from practices normally followed by governments, and a benefit is thereby conferred.¹ Parties should include in their comments: (1) The country which provided the subsidy; (2) the name of the subsidy program; (3) a brief description (no more than 3–4 sentences) of the subsidy program; and (4) the government body or authority that provided the subsidy.

Submission of Comments

As specified above, to be assured of consideration, comments must be received no later than 30 days after the publication of this notice in the Federal Register. All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. Docket No. ITA–2020–0004. The materials in the docket will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and Commerce cautions against including any information in an electronic submission that the submitter does not want publicly disclosed. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF formats only.

All comments should be addressed to Joseph A. Laroski Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, at U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.


Joseph A. Laroski Jr.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

¹ See section 771(5)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a special, one-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Due to federal and state travel restrictions, public gathering limitations, and updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to COVID–19, this meeting will be conducted entirely by webinar.

DATES: The webinar meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, beginning at 12:30 p.m.
