of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on rebar from Turkey would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of conclusion of these AD and CVD orders.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 6, 2014, Commerce published the AD order on rebar from Mexico and the CVD order on rebar from Turkey.1 On October 1, 2019, Mexico and the CVD order on rebar published the AD order on rebar from Turkey.1 On October 1, 2019, Commerce initiated the first sunset review of the Orders, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act.2 On October 1, 2019, the ITC instituted its reviews of the Orders.3 As a result of its reviews, Commerce determined, pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c) of the Act, that revocation of the AD order on rebar from Mexico would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the order be revoked.4 Commerce also determined, pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(b) of the Act, that revocation of the CVD order on rebar from Turkey would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies and notified the ITC of the magnitude of the subsidy rates likely to prevail should the order be revoked.5

On October 16, 2020, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the AD order on rebar from Mexico and the CVD order on rebar from Turkey would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.6

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise subject to these orders is steel concrete reinforcing bar imported in either straight length or coil form (rebar) regardless of metallurgy, length, diameter, or grade. 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, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, 7222.11.0001, 7222.11.0057, 7222.11.0059, 7222.30.0011, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6085, 7228.20.1000, and 7228.60.6000. Specifically excluded are plain rounds (i.e., non-deformed 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. HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the AD and CVD orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the AD order on rebar from Mexico and the CVD order on rebar from Turkey.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of the Orders will be the date of publication in the Federal Register of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the Orders not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

1 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico: Antidumping Duty Order, 79 FR 65925 (November 6, 2014) (AD Order); see also Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey: Countervailing Duty Order, 79 FR 65926 (November 6, 2014) (CVD Order) (collectively, Orders).
2 See Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews, 84 FR 52067 (October 1, 2019) (Initiation Notice).
3 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey: Institution of Five-Year Reviews, 84 FR 52126 (October 1, 2019).
4 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars (Rebar) From Mexico: Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order, 85 FR 65112 (February 5, 2020).
6 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey, 85 FR 65873 (October 16, 2020).
On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days.6 On July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days.7 On February 21, 2020, and July 6, 2020, we extended the deadline for the preliminary results, by a total of 120 days.8 The deadline for the weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero or de minimis margins, and any margins determined entirely {on the basis of facts available},’’ We preliminarily calculated a margin for ULMA that was not zero, de minimis, or based on facts available. Accordingly, we have preliminarily applied the margin calculated for ULMA to the non-individually examined respondents.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results to the parties within five days after public announcement of the preliminary results in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review.9 Rebuttal briefs may be filed no later than seven days after case briefs are due and may respond only to arguments raised in the case briefs.10 Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding 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.11 Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.12 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be submitted successfully in its entirety by Commerce’s electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.13 Requests should contain: (1) The party’s name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs.

Unless otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its

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3 See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at https://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 on the internet at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice.


analysis of issues raised in any briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results of review, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Assessment Rate

Upon issuing the final results, Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.14 If the respondent’s weighted-average dumping margin is above de minimis (i.e., 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we intend to calculate an importer-specific assessment rate on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the importer’s examined sales and the total entered value of the sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(1).15 If the respondent’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or de minimis in the final results, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the Final Modification for Reviews.16 The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise under review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

For entries of subject merchandise during thePOR produced by ULMA for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

We intend to issue liquidation instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements for estimated antidumping duties will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of this review for all shipments of flanges from Spain entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the companies under review, will be the rate established in the final results of the review (except, if the rate is zero or de minimis, no cash deposit will be required); (2) for merchandise exported by producers 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 recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the producer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 18.81 percent,17 the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary 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 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.

Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to 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

Commerce is issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).


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Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum
I. Summary
II. Background

See the Order, 82 FR 27229.