

Act) and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries. Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

### Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above for the named respondents entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties 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.

### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only 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 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

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 and 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: October 16, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Non-Selected Companies for Rescission

1. Cangnan Color Make The Bag
2. Changle Baodu Plastic Co., Ltd.
3. First Way (H.K.) Limited
4. Han Shing Chemical Co., Ltd.
5. Jiangsu Hotson Plastics Co., Ltd.
6. Ningbo Yong Feng Packaging Co., Ltd.
7. Polywell Industrial Co.
8. Polywell Plastic Product Factory
9. Shandong Qikai Plastics Product Co., Ltd.
10. Shandong Qilu Plastic Fabric Group, Ltd.
11. Shandong Youlian Co., Ltd.
12. Wenzhou Hotson Plastics Co., Ltd.

13. Zibo Aifudi Plastic Packaging Co., Ltd.
14. Zibo Linzi Luitong Plastic Fabric Co., Ltd.
15. Zibo Linzi Qitianli Plastic Fabric Co., Ltd.
16. Zibo Linzi Shuaiqiang Plastics Co., Ltd.
17. Zibo Linzi Worun Packing Product Co., Ltd.
18. Zibo Qigao Plastic Cement Co., Ltd.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-063]

#### Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of cast iron soil pipe fittings (soil pipe fittings) from the People's Republic of China (China). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

**DATES:** Applicable October 23, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis McClure or Joseph Dowling, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5973 or (202) 482-1646, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On August 31, 2018, Commerce published the countervailing duty (CVD) order on soil pipe fittings from China.<sup>1</sup> Wor-Biz Industrial Product Co., Limited (Anhui) (Wor-Biz)<sup>2</sup> and the petitioner<sup>3</sup> requested that Commerce

<sup>1</sup> See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 44566 (August 31, 2018) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> On January 8, 2020, Commerce published its final determination in a changed circumstances review, finding that Wor-Biz Industrial Product Co., Ltd. (Anhui) is the successor in interest to Wor-Biz Trading Co., Ltd. (Anhui). See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews*, 85 FR 881 (January 8, 2020).

<sup>3</sup> See Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute's Letter, "Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review," dated August 30, 2019. The petitioner in this review is the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute, which is a trade association, whose members are all domestic producers of cast iron soil pipe fittings.

conduct an administrative review of the *Order*, and on October 7, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the *Order* on 11 producers/exporters for the period of review, December 19, 2017 through December 31, 2018.<sup>4</sup> On April 14, 2020, Commerce partially extended the preliminary results deadline until July 1, 2020.<sup>5</sup> On April 24, 2020, Commerce decided to uniformly toll deadlines for all antidumping duty and CVD administrative reviews by 50 days.<sup>6</sup> On July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days,<sup>7</sup> further extending the deadline for the preliminary results of this review to October 19, 2020.

#### Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* is soil pipe fittings from China. For a complete description of the scope of this administrative review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that confers a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>9</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and

<sup>4</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 53411, 53422 (October 7, 2019) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018," dated April 14, 2020.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19," dated April 24, 2020.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews," dated July 21, 2020.

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results in the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: 2017-2018" (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

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 Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an Appendix to this notice.

**Rate for Non-Selected Companies Under Review**

There are nine companies for which a review was requested, which were not selected as mandatory respondents or found to be cross-owned with a mandatory respondent. Because the rate calculated for the mandatory respondent, Wor-Biz, was above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available, we applied the subsidy rate calculated for Wor-Biz to these nine non-selected companies. This methodology for establishing the subsidy rate for the non-selected companies is consistent with our practice and with section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

**Preliminary Results of the Review**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we calculated a countervailable subsidy rate for the mandatory respondent Wor-Biz. We determined the countervailable subsidy rate for Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd. based entirely on adverse facts available, in accordance with section 776 of the Act. We also assigned an individual estimated subsidy rate based on adverse facts available to entries produced and/or exported by Wor-Biz’s unaffiliated supplier Wuhu Best Machines Co., Ltd., in accordance with section 776 of the Act. Therefore, the only rate that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available is the rate calculated for Wor-Biz. Consequently, as discussed above, the rate calculated for Wor-Biz is also assigned as the rate for all other producers and exporters subject to this review but not selected for individual examination (*i.e.*, non-selected companies).

We preliminarily find the countervailable subsidy rates for the mandatory and non-selected

respondents under review to be as follows:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate (percent)
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd .....	109.32
Wor-Biz Industrial Product Co., Ltd. (Anhui) .....	<sup>10</sup> 5.13
Wuhu Best Machines Co., Ltd ...	109.32
Non-Selected Companies Under Review:	
Dalian Lino F.T.Z. Co., Ltd ....	5.13
Dalian Metal I/E Co., Ltd .....	5.13
Dinggin Hardware (Dalian) Co., Ltd .....	5.13
Golden Orange International Ltd .....	5.13
Hebei Metals & Engineering Products Trading Co., Ltd ...	5.13
Richang Qiaoshan Trade Co., Ltd .....	5.13
Shanxi Zhongrui Tianyue Trading Co., Ltd .....	5.13
Shijiazhuang Asia Casting Co., Ltd .....	5.13
Yangcheng County Huawang Universal .....	5.13

**Disclosure and Public Comment**

We will disclose to parties in this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of publication of these preliminary results.<sup>11</sup> Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) on the preliminary results no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice, and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within seven days after the time limit for filing case briefs.<sup>12</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review are requested 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 must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance within 30 days of 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 (3) a list of issues parties intend to discuss. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective

<sup>10</sup> This rate applies to subject merchandise exported by Wor-Biz Industrial Product Co., Ltd. (Anhui) and produced by companies other than Wuhu Best Machines Co., Ltd.

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

case and rebuttal briefs.<sup>13</sup> If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using ACCESS and that electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.<sup>14</sup>

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

**Assessment Rates**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we preliminarily assigned subsidy rates in the amounts shown above for the producer/exporters shown above. Upon completion of the administrative review, consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

**Cash Deposit Requirements**

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends, upon publication of the final results, to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for each of the respective companies listed above on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

<sup>13</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>14</sup> See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19: Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

**Notification to Interested Parties**

These preliminary results are issued and published pursuant to sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: October 16, 2020.

**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**

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**Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation: Rescission of 2018-2019 Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation (Agreement) for the period of review (POR) from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, based on withdrawal of the request for review.

**DATES:** Applicable October 23, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sally C. Gannon or Jill Buckles, Bilateral Agreements Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0162 or (202) 482-6230, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On October 1, 2019, Commerce notified interested parties of the opportunity to request an administrative

review of the Agreement.<sup>1</sup> On October 11, 2019, domestic interested party Louisiana Energy Services LLC (LES) submitted a request for an administrative review of the Agreement.<sup>2</sup> On December 11, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice initiating an administrative review of the Agreement for the POR October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.<sup>3</sup>

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. Furthermore, Commerce may extend this time limit if Commerce decides that it is reasonable to do so. The deadline for a party to withdraw a request for review was on March 10, 2020.

On October 6, 2020, LES submitted a request to withdraw its request for the administrative review of the Agreement.<sup>4</sup> Although this review was initiated more than 90 days prior to its request for withdrawal, *i.e.*, on December 11, 2019, LES requests that Commerce exercise its discretion to rescind this review. In its letter, LES explains that it is reasonable to rescind it in light of the recent amendment to the Agreement reached on October 5, 2020.<sup>5</sup> LES argues that the 2020 Amendment aims at correcting statutory deficiencies of the Agreement at issue in the review and that Commerce need not expend additional resources in the conduct of this review.<sup>6</sup> LES further notes that Commerce has not yet issued the preliminary results of review.

LES has stated that it is withdrawing its request for review based upon its conclusion that rescission is reasonable in light of the recently issued 2020 Amendment to the Agreement. In addition, given that the basis for LES's withdrawal is the issuance of the 2020

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 83 FR 49358 (October 1, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from LES, "Uranium from Russia: Request for Administrative Review," dated October 11, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 67712 (December 11, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> See Letter from LES, "Uranium from the Russian Federation: Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated October 6, 2020 (LES Withdrawal Request).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 2; see also *2020 Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation*, 85 FR 64112 (October 9, 2020) (2020 Amendment).

<sup>6</sup> See LES Withdrawal Request at 2-3.

Amendment to the Agreement, and that the 2020 Amendment was issued after the expiration of the 90-day time limit for withdrawal, we find it reasonable to extend the period of time for withdrawal of the review request. Therefore, Commerce is extending the time limit pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) and permitting LES to withdraw its request for an administrative review.

**Rescission of the Administrative Review**

As discussed above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce has considered LES's request to withdraw its request for a review of the Agreement beyond the established time limit and, based on the reasons provided by LES and the circumstances presented, determines that it is reasonable to extend the deadline and permit LES to withdraw its review request. Accordingly, as LES has withdrawn its request for review, Commerce is rescinding this review of the Agreement for the POR October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

**Administrative Protective Orders**

This notice 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).

Dated: October 19, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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