DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube (copper pipe and tube) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable February 1, 2021.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this LTFV investigation on August 4, 2020. On November 18, 2020, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now January 26, 2021. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary 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. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are copper pipe and tube from Vietnam. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce’s regulations, the Initiation Notice set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (i.e., scope). Commerce received no comments from interested parties regarding the scope of this investigation. Accordingly, Commerce has not modified the scope language as it appeared in the Initiation Notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices in accordance with the Department of Commerce’s regulations, including the period of investigation (POI) and the weighted-average normal value.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation, 85 FR 73459 (November 18, 2020).

See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

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

See Initiation Notice.
with section 772(a) of the Act. Because Vietnam is a non-market economy within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, Commerce has calculated normal value (NV) in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances**

In accordance with sections 733(e)(1)(A)(i) and (ii) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.206, Commerce preliminary finds that critical circumstances do not exist for Hailiang (Vietnam) Copper Manufacturing Company Limited/Hongkong Hailiang Metal Trading Limited, for the non-individually investigated companies qualifying for a separate rate, and for the Vietnam-wide entity. For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce’s critical circumstances analysis, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Combination Rates**

In the *Initiation Notice*, Commerce explained that it would calculate producer/exporter combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in this investigation. 7

**Preliminary Determination**

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the POI:

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<th>Producer</th>
<th>Exporter</th>
<th>Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Toan Phat Copper Tube Joint Stock Company</td>
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<td>8.05</td>
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</table>

Vietnam-wide Entity: 8.05

**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 entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, as discussed below. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the weighted average amount by which NV exceeds U.S. price, as indicated in the table above as follows: (1) For the producer/exporter combinations listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Vietnam producer/exporter combination (or the Vietnam-wide entity) that supplied that third-country exporter. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

**Disclosure**

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this 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 this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

**Verification**

As provided in section 782(ii)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination. Normally, Commerce verifies information using standard procedures, including an on-site examination of original accounting, financial, and sales documentation. However, due to current travel restrictions in response to the global COVID–19 pandemic, Commerce is unable to conduct on-site verification in this investigation. Accordingly, we intend to verify the information relied upon in making the final determination through alternative means in lieu of an on-site verification.

**Public Comment**

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. A timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments on non-scope issues will be announced at a later date. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than seven days after the deadline for case briefs. 8 Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice. 9 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation 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

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6 See *Initiation Notice*.


8 See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

9 See Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19, 85 FR 17006 (March 26, 2020); and Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19: Extension of Effective Period, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).
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 the party’s name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and 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 date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

International Trade Commission Notification

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

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: January 26, 2021.

Christian Marsh,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are all seamless circular refined copper pipes and tubes, including redraw hollows, greater than or equal to 6 inches (152.4 mm) in actual length whose actual OD exceeds its actual OD by 0.75 inches (19.1 mm) or more in actual length and meeting the physical parameters described therein. Also included within the scope of this investigation are all sets of covered products, including “line sets” of seamless refined copper tubes (with or without fittings or insulation) suitable for connecting an outdoor air conditioner or heat pump to an indoor evaporator unit. The phrase “all sets of covered products” denotes any combination of items put up for sale that is comprised of merchandise subject to the scope.

“Refrined copper” is defined as: (1) Metal containing at least 99.85 percent by actual weight of copper; or (2) metal containing at least 97.5 percent by actual weight of copper, provided that the content by actual weight of any other element does not exceed the following limits:

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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Limiting content percent by weight</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ag—Silver</td>
<td>0.25</td>
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<td>As—Arsenic</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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<td>Cd—Cadmium</td>
<td>1.3</td>
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<td>Cr—Chromium</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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<td>Mg—Magnesium</td>
<td>0.16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pb—Lead</td>
<td>1.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>S—Sulfur</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sn—Tin</td>
<td>0.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Te—Tellurium</td>
<td>0.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zn—Zinc</td>
<td>1.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zr—Zirconium</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>Other elements (each)</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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</table>

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are all seamless circular hollows of refined copper less than 12 inches in actual length whose actual OD exceeds its actual length.

The products subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 7411.10.1030 and 7411.10.1090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to the investigation may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7407.10.1500, 7419.99.5050, 8415.90.8065, and 8415.90.8085. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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Certain Pasta From Italy: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding, in part, the antidumping duty administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain pasta from Italy for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

DATES: Applicable February 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Hall-Eastman or John Hoffner, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1468 or (202) 482–3315, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2020, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain pasta from Italy. Pursuant to requests from interested parties, and in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, amended (the Act), Commerce published in the Federal Register the notice of initiation of an antidumping duty administrative review with respect to the following companies covering the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020: Agritalia S.r.l. (Agritalia); Armonie D’Italia srl (Armonie D’Italia); F. Divella S.p.A. (F. Divella); La Molisana S.p.A. (La Molisana); Liguori Pastificio dal 1820 S.p.A. (Pasta Liguori); Pasta Castiglioni; Pasta Zara S.p.A. (Pasta Zara); Pastificio C.A.M.S. Srl (Pastificio C.A.M.S.); Pastificio Della Forma S.r.l (Pastificio Della Forma); Pastificio Fratelli De Luca S.r.l (Fratelli De Luca); and Rummo S.p.A. (Rummo). On December 2, 2020, Rummo timely withdrew its request to review Rummo and its subsidiary Pasta Castiglioni.

1 See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 85 FR 39531 (July 1, 2020).
