Person, and shall be published in the Federal Register.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 180 days.


Kevin J. Kurland,
Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–549-842]

Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From Thailand: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that passenger vehicle and light truck tires (passenger tires) from Thailand are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leo Ayala or Myrna Lobo, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3943 or (202) 482–2371, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 6, 2021, Commerce published in the Federal Register its preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of passenger tires from Thailand, in which we also postponed the final determination until May 21, 2021.1 We invited interested parties to comment on the Preliminary Determination. A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the Preliminary Determination may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.2

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are passenger tires from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

During the course of this investigation, Commerce received scope comments from interested parties. Commerce issued a Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum to address these comments.3 We received comments from interested parties on the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, which we addressed in the Final Scope Decision Memorandum.4 With the exception of one revision to correct a typographical error, Commerce is not modifying the scope language as it appeared in the correction to the Preliminary Determination.5 See Appendix I for the final scope of the investigation.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum 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.

1 See Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 86 FR 517 (January 6, 2021) (Preliminary Determination), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).


4 See Memorandum, “Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Scope Comments Final Decision Memorandum,” dated concurrently with this notice (Final Scope Decision Memorandum).

Verification

Commerce was unable to conduct on-site verification of the information relied upon in making its final determination in this investigation. However, we took additional steps in lieu of an on-site verification to verify the information relied upon in making this final determination, in accordance with section 782(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).6

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received and our findings related to our request for information in lieu of verification, we made changes to the margin calculations regarding Sumitomo Rubber (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (SRT) and LLIT (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (LLIT). For a discussion of these changes, see Comments 1 through 5 of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.7

All-Others Rate

Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provides that the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for all other producers and exporters not individually investigated shall be equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated excluding rates that are zero, de minimis, or determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. Pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act, if the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for all exporters and producers individually examined are zero, de minimis or determined based entirely on facts otherwise available, Commerce may use any reasonable method to establish the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for all other producers or exporters.

In this investigation, Commerce calculated estimated weighted-average dumping margins for SRT and LLIT that are not zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts otherwise available. Commerce calculated the all-others rate using a weighted-average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins calculated for the individually examined mandatory respondents using each company’s publicly-ranged total U.S. sale values for the merchandise under consideration.8

Final Determination

The final estimated weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

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<th>Exporter/producer</th>
<th>Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)</th>
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<td>Sumitomo Rubber (Thailand) Co., Ltd</td>
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<td>21.09</td>
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<td>17.08</td>
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Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed in this final determination within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of passenger tires from Thailand, as described in this notice, which are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 6, 2021, the date of publication in the Federal Register of the affirmative Preliminary Determination.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), we will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this final determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all others estimated weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of the final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because Commerce’s final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) of passenger tires no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that such injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, and all cash deposits posted will be refunded and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an AD order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, AD duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the “Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation” section.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice will serve as a final reminder to the 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 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.

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7 See Issues and Decision Memorandum.

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8 With two respondents under examination, Commerce normally calculates: (A) A weighted-average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins calculated for the examined respondents; (B) a simple average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins calculated for the examined respondents; and (C) a weighted-average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins calculated for the examined respondents using each company’s publicly-ranged U.S. sale quantities for the merchandise under consideration. Commerce then compares (B) and (C) to (A) and selects the rate closest to (A) as the most appropriate rate for all other producers and exporters. See, e.g., Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review, and Revocation of an Order in Part, 75 FR 53661, 53663 (September 1, 2010). As complete publicly ranged sales data was available, Commerce based the all-others rate on the publicly ranged sales data of the mandatory respondents. For a complete analysis of the data, please see Memorandum, “Final Determination of the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Passenger Vehicles and Light Truck Tires from Korea: Rate for Non-Examined Companies,” dated concurrently with this FR notice.
Notification to Interested Parties
This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).
Dated: May 21, 2021.
Ryan Majerus,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix I
Scope of the Investigation
The scope of this investigation is passenger vehicle and light truck tires. Passenger vehicle and light truck tires are new, including recycled and retreaded tires; (4) tires designed and marketed exclusively as temporary use spare tires for passenger vehicles which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:
(a) The size designation and load index combination molded on the tire’s sidewall is listed in Table PCT–1R ("T" Type Spare Tires for Temporary Use on Passenger Vehicles) or PCT–1B ("T" Type Diagonal (Bias) Spare Tires for Temporary Use on Passenger Vehicles) of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,
(b) the designation "ST" is molded into the tire’s sidewall as part of the size designation, and, 
(c) the tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed is 81 MPH or a “M” rating;
(5) Tires designed and marketed exclusively as temporary use spare tires for light trucks which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:
(a) The tires have a 265/70R17, 265/70R16, 245/70R17, 245/75R17, 245/70R18, or 265/70R18 size designation;
(b) “Temporary Use Only” or “Spare” is molded into the tire’s sidewall;
(c) the tread depth of the tire is no greater than 6.2 mm; and
(d) Uniform Tire Quality Grade Standards (“UTQG”) ratings are not molded into the tire’s sidewall with the exception of 265/70R17 and 265/70R18 which may have UTQG molded on the tire sidewall;
(6) tires designed and marketed exclusively for specialty tire (ST) use which, in addition, exhibit each of the following conditions:
(a) The size designation molded on the tire’s sidewall is listed in the ST sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,
(b) the designation “ST” is molded into the tire’s sidewall as part of the size designation, and
(c) the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is “For Trailer Service Only” or “For Trailer Use Only”;
(d) the load index molded on the tire’s sidewall meets or exceeds those load indexes listed in the Tire and Rim Association Year Book for the relevant ST tire size, and
(e) either
(i) the tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed does not exceed 81 MPH or an “M” rating; or
(ii) the tire’s speed rating molded on the sidewall is 87 MPH or an “N” rating, and in either case the tire’s maximum pressure and maximum load limit are molded on the sidewall and either
(1) both exceed the maximum pressure and maximum load limit for any tire of the same size designation in either the passenger car or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, or
(2) if the maximum cold inflation pressure molded on the tire is less than any cold inflation pressure listed for that size designation in either the passenger car or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, the maximum load limit molded on the tire is higher than the maximum load limit listed at that cold inflation pressure for that size designation in either the passenger car or light truck section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book;
(7) tires designed and marketed exclusively for off-road use and which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:
(a) The size designation and load index combination molded on the tire’s sidewall are listed in the off-road, agricultural, industrial or ATV section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book,
(b) in addition to any size designation markings, the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is “Not For Highway Service” or “Not for Highway Use”;
(c) the tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed does not exceed 55 MPH or a “G” rating, and
(d) the tire features a recognizable off-road tread design;
(8) Tires designed and marketed for off-road use as all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) tires or utility-terrain-vehicle (UTV) tires, and which, in addition, exhibit each of the following characteristics:
(a) The tire’s speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and the rated speed does not exceed 87 MPH or an “N” rating, and
(b) both of the following physical characteristics are satisfied:
(i) The size designation and load index combination molded on the tire’s sidewall does not match any of those listed in the passenger car or light truck sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, and
(ii) The size designation and load index combination molded on the tire’s sidewall matches any of the following size designation (American standard or metric) and load index combinations:

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The products covered by this investigation are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4011.10.10.10, 4011.10.10.20, 4011.10.10.30, 4011.10.10.40, 4011.10.10.50, 4011.10.10.60, 4011.10.10.70, 4011.10.50.00, 4011.20.10.05, and 4011.50.10.00. Tires meeting the scope
Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain softwood lumber products (softwood lumber) from Canada. The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. Commerce preliminarily determines that the producers/exporters subject to this review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Pedersen (Canfor), and Maisha Cryor (West Fraser), AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2769 and (202) 482–5831, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 10, 2020, Commerce published in the Federal Register the notice of initiation of an AD administrative review on softwood lumber from Canada. On March 10, 2020, based on timely requests for administrative reviews, Commerce initiated an AD administrative review covering 268 companies and has not rescinded the review of any of these companies. Thus, the review covers 268 producers/exporters of the subject merchandise, including mandatory respondents Canfor and West Fraser. The remaining companies were not selected for individual examination and remain subject to this administrative review. On April 24, 2020 and July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days and 60 days, respectively, thereby extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review. On January 8, 2021, we extended the preliminary results until May 20, 2021.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this review is softwood lumber from Canada. For a full description of the scope, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics is included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum as Appendix I to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is 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 Memorandum is available at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.

Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review

We preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019:

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Rate for Companies Not Individually Examined

Generally, when calculating margins for non-selected respondents, Commerce looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act for guidance, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others margin in an investigation. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provides that when calculating the all-others margin, Commerce will exclude any zero and de minimis weighted-average dumping margins, as well as any weighted-average dumping margins based on total facts available. Accordingly, Commerce’s usual practice has been to average the margins for selected respondents, excluding margins that are zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts available.

In this review, we calculated a weighted-average dumping margin of 18.62 percent for Canfor and 6.58 percent for West Fraser. In accordance with section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, Commerce assigned the weighted-average of these two calculated weighted-average dumping margins, 12.05 percent, to the non-selected companies in these preliminary results.