

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-570-068]

Forged Steel Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies were provided to producers/exporters of forged steel fittings from the People's Republic of China (China) during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

DATES: Applicable April 10, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zachariah Hall or Shane Subler, 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) 482-6261 or (202) 482-6241, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2022, and invited interested parties to comment.¹ For a complete description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

Scope of the Order³

The product covered by the *Order* is forged steel fittings from China. For a complete description of the scope of the

¹ See *Forged Steel Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020*, 87 FR 75037 (December 7, 2022) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the 2020 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Forged Steel Fittings from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

³ See *Forged Steel Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 60396 (November 26, 2018) (*Order*).

Order, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised by interested parties are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is provided in the appendix to this notice. 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 <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of comments from interested parties and the evidence on the record, we have not made any changes to the *Preliminary Results*. The reasons for this conclusion are explained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. Accordingly, we made no changes to the countervailable subsidy rate calculations from the *Preliminary Results* for mandatory respondent Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings, Co., Ltd. (Both-Well).⁴ We also made no changes to the final subsidy rates for four non-selected companies under review.⁵

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁶ The Issues and Decision Memorandum contains a full

⁴ See *Preliminary Results*, 87 FR at 75038.

⁵ *Id.* The four non-selected companies under review are Eaton Hydraulics (Ningbo) Co., Ltd.; Jinan Mech Piping Technology Co., Ltd.; Qingdao Bestflow Industrial Co., Ltd.; and Yingkou Guangming Pipeline Industry Co., Ltd.

⁶ 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.

description of the methodology underlying Commerce's conclusions, including any determination that relied upon the use of adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

Companies Not Selected for Individual Review

The statute and Commerce's regulations do not address the establishment of a rate to be applied to companies not selected for individual examination when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(e)(2) of the Act. Generally, Commerce looks to section 705(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for determining the all-others rate in an investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for companies which were not selected for individual examination in an administrative review. Under section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally an amount equal to the weighted average of the countervailable subsidy rates established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero or *de minimis* countervailable subsidy rates, and any rates determined entirely on the basis of facts available.

As stated above, there are four companies for which a review was requested and not rescinded, and which were not selected as mandatory respondents or found to be cross-owned with a mandatory respondent. For these non-selected companies, because the rate calculated for the only participating mandatory respondent in this review, Both-Well, was above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available, we are applying Both-Well's subsidy rate to the four non-selected companies. This methodology used to establish the rate for the non-selected companies is consistent with our practice regarding the calculation of the all-others rate, pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act.

Final Results of Administrative Review

We determine the countervailable subsidy rates for the mandatory and non-selected respondents under review for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, to be as follows:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate (percent ad valorem)
Both-Well (Taizhou) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd	13.42
Review-Specific Average Rate Applicable to the Following Companies	
Eaton Hydraulics (Ningbo) Co., Ltd	13.42
Jinan Mech Piping Technology Co., Ltd	13.42
Qingdao Bestflow Industrial Co., Ltd	13.42
Yingkou Guangming Pipeline Industry Co., Ltd	13.42

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce has determined, and U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review, for the above-listed companies at the applicable *ad valorem* assessment rates listed. We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Instructions

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends 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 subject to the *Order*, we will instruct CBP to continue 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, effective upon publication of the final results of review, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the 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 or 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 sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: April 4, 2023.

Abdelali Elouaradia,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 26767

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Sarah Kienle, Ph.D., Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on six species of pinnipeds.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before May 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 26767 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 26767 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and