

preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports of brass rod from Israel are materially injuring, 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: December 7, 2023.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are brass rod and bar (brass rod), which is defined as leaded, low-lead, and no-lead solid brass made from alloys such as, but not limited to the following alloys classified under the Unified Numbering System (UNS) as C27450, C27451, C27460, C34500, C35000, C35300, C35330, C36000, C36300, C37000, C37700, C48500, C67300, C67600, and C69300, and their international equivalents.

The brass rod subject to this investigation has an actual cross-section or outside diameter greater than 0.25 inches but less than or equal to 12 inches. Brass rod cross-sections may be round, hexagonal, square, or octagonal shapes as well as special profiles (e.g., angles, shapes), including hollow profiles.

Standard leaded brass rod covered by the scope contains, by weight, 57.0–65.0 percent copper; 0.5–3.0 percent lead; no more than 1.3 percent iron; and at least 15 percent zinc. No-lead or low-lead brass rod covered by the scope contains by weight 59.0–76.0 percent copper; 0–1.5 percent lead; no more than 0.35 percent iron; and at least 15 percent zinc. Brass rod may also include other chemical elements (e.g., nickel, phosphorous, silicon, tin, etc.).

Brass rod may be in straight lengths or coils. Brass rod covered by this investigation may be finished or unfinished, and may or may not be heated, extruded, pickled, or cold-drawn. Brass rod may be produced in accordance with ASTM B16, ASTM B124, ASTM B981, ASTM B371, ASTM B453, ASTM B21, ASTM B138, and ASTM B927, but such conformity to an ASTM standard is not required for the merchandise to be included within the scope.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation is brass ingot, which is a casting of unwrought metal unsuitable for conversion into brass rod without remelting, that contains, by weight, at least 57.0 percent copper and 15.0 percent zinc.

The merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classifiable under subheadings 7407.21.9000, 7407.21.7000, and 7407.21.1500 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7403.21.0000, 7407.21.3000, and 7407.21.5000. The HTSUS subheadings and UNS alloy designations 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Stanford University et al.; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). On November 1, 2023, the Department of Commerce published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comment on whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments identified in the docket(s) below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. See *Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments*, 88FR74977, November 1, 2023. (*Notice*). We received no public comments.

Docket Number: 23–014. Applicant: Stanford University, Department of Neurosurgery, Ivan Soltesz Laboratory, 1201 Welch Road, Stanford, CA 94305. Instrument: 50 mW Fiber-coupled DPSS 473nm blue lasers (x5). Manufacturer: Shanghai Laser & Optics Century Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to control the activity of neuronal populations in the brain of mice in order to study how altering the activity of specific neurons can lead to changes in mouse behavior and/or the emergence of pathological activity in the brain. Specifically, mice will be genetically induced to express particular optogenetic receptors in neuronal populations in the brain. These lasers will be used to deliver light into the brain via implanted fiberoptic cannula. The receptors, when activated by light, cause an increase in the activity of the neurons in which they are expressed. Lasers will be controlled through an external controller in order to only turn on in response to specific behaviors detected in the mouse. The

goal of these studies is to identify specific populations of neurons responsible for the emergence of various behaviors and brain states. These insights will enable the identification of neuronal targets for future therapeutic intervention to treat various neurological disorders.

Docket Number: 23–015. Applicant: University of Connecticut, 3107 Horsebarn Hill Road, Unit 4210, Storrs, CT 06269. Instrument: Swim Tunnel Respirometry Systems and Vertical Resting Respirometry Systems. Manufacturer: Loligo Systems, Denmark. Intended Use: The instrument Respirometry refers to the study of an organism's metabolic rates. For this research, water bath respirometry systems will be used to measure how the metabolic rates of small-bodied fish and bivalves (oysters, mussels, clams, etc.) are influenced by the different environmental conditions including temperature change and the presence of chemical stressors such as contaminants. This scientific equipment order involvestwo complete swim tunnel respirometry systems (1500 mL chamber size for small-bodied fish species) and four vertical respirometry chambers (bivalve species) which allow for the measure of an organism's metabolic rate by measuring oxygen consumption over time. This research falls under the broader scientific area of study known as organismal bioenergetics. The order is broken down into component parts (for example, chambers, pumps, tubing, temperature controls) which together comprise the complete respirometry systems.

Dated: December 11, 2023.

Gregory W. Campbell,

Director, Subsidies and Economic Analysts, Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–423–812]

Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From Belgium: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2021–2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Industeel Belgium S.A. (Industeel) made

sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022.

DATES: Applicable December 14, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Seifert or Jerry Xiao, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3350 and (202) 482-2273, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 31, 2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the 2021–2022 administrative review¹ of the antidumping duty order on certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate from Belgium.² In July 2023, we received a case brief from Nucor Corporation (the petitioner) and a rebuttal brief from Industeel.³ On September 26, 2023, we extended the deadline for the final results until December 12, 2023.⁴ For a description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵ Commerce conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the *Order* are certain carbon and alloy steel plate from Belgium. A complete description of the merchandise subject to the *Order* is contained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹ See *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate from Belgium: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2021–2022*, 88 FR 39229 (June 15, 2023) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate from Austria, Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determinations for France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 82 FR 24096 (May 25, 2017) (*Order*).

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Nucor's Case Brief and Hearing Request," dated July 17, 2023; see also Industeel's Letter, "Industeel's Rebuttal Brief," dated July 27, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated September 26, 2023.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the 2021–2022 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate from Belgium," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs filed by parties in this administrative review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum and are listed 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 a review of the record and comments received from interested parties regarding the *Preliminary Results*, and for the reasons explained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, we made certain changes to the preliminary weighted-average margin calculation for Industeel for the final results or review.⁶

Final Determination of No Shipments

In the *Preliminary Results*, we found that NLMK Belgium did not have shipments of subject merchandise during the POR.⁷ No party comments on this preliminary finding. Therefore, for the final results of this review, we continue to find that NLMK Belgium did not have any shipments of subject merchandise during the POR.⁸

Final Results of Review

As a result of this review, we determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022:

Producer/exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Industeel Belgium S.A	2.65

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection with these final results of review to

⁶ See Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁷ See *Preliminary Results*, 88 FR 39229 and PDM at the section titled, "Preliminary Determination of No Shipments." NLMK Belgium is comprised of: NLMK Clabecq S.A.; NLMK Plate Sales S.A.; NLMK Sales Europe S.A.; NLMK Manage Steel Center S.A.; and NLMK La Louviere S.A.

⁸ See Issues and Decision Memorandum at the section titled, "Final Determination of No Shipments."

parties within five days after public announcement of the final results or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales. Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Industeel for which it did not know that its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of 5.40 percent *ad valorem*,⁹ if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this 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 Requirements

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Industeel will be equal to the

⁹ See *Order*.

weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review; (2) for merchandise exported by producers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior completed segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the completed segment for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the producer has been covered in a prior completed segment of this proceeding, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the completed segment for the most recent period for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 5.40 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation for this proceeding.¹⁰ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final 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 review period. 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 Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an 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), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 violation subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: December 8, 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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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection should be submitted within 30 days of this notice's publication to OIRA, at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the website's search function. Comments can be entered electronically by clicking on the “comment” button next to the information collection on the “OIRA Information Collections Under Review” page, or the “View ICR—Agency Submission” page. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting

<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

In addition to the submission of comments to <https://Reginfo.gov> as indicated above, a copy of all comments submitted to OIRA may also be submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission” or “CFTC”) by clicking on the “Submit Comment” box next to the descriptive entry for OMB Control No. 3038–0093, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/FederalRegister/PublicInfo.aspx>.

Or by either of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.
- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as Mail above.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments submitted to the Commission should include only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in section 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.¹ The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maura Dundon, Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 202–418–5286, email: mdundon@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Part 40, Provisions Common To Registered Entities (OMB Control No. 3038–0093). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This collection of information involves the collection and

¹⁰ See *Order*.

¹ 17 CFR 145.9.