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APPRAISAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. AS26–01]

Appraisal Subcommittee Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

ACTION: Notice of special closed meeting.

Description: In accordance with section 1104(b) of title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (title XI), codified at 12 U.S.C. 3333(b), and the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) Rules of Operation, notice is hereby given that the ASC is meeting for a Special Closed Meeting on January 20, 2026.

Location: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams.

Date: January 20, 2026.

Time: 1:00 p.m. ET.

Action and Discussion Item

Personnel Matters

The ASC is convening a Special Closed Meeting to discuss and take vote on personnel matters, pursuant to section 1104(b) of title XI (12 U.S.C. 3333(b)).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–1–2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 18; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Rose Electronics Distributing Company, LLC; (Battery Packs); San Jose, CA

Rose Electronics Distributing Company, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in San Jose, California within FTZ 18. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on January 7, 2025.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/ component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

The proposed finished products include: Custom rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack assemblies; Primary (non-rechargeable) battery pack assemblies; Smart rechargeable battery packs with integrated firmware/software; Battery packs with integrated communication modules (SMBus, CAN, BLE, Wi-Fi); Rechargeable battery packs bundled with chargers or accessories; Standalone rechargeable battery cells (for distribution); Standalone battery management systems (BMS); Modular energy storage systems (ESS) for stationary, commercial, or grid applications; Integrated energy storage systems with power conversion (inverters/rectifiers); Swappable or removable battery modules for EV, robotics, or industrial platforms; Vehicle-grade battery pack assemblies for electric mobility applications; Micro-battery systems and wearable power modules; Battery energy storage cabinets with integrated control and monitoring panels; and Battery systems integrated into uninterruptible power supply (UPS) units (duty rate ranges from 2.70 to 3.40%).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: Lithium-ion rechargeable cells; Primary non-rechargeable battery cells; Nickel-cadmium rechargeable cells; Lead-acid storage battery cells; Bare printed circuit boards; Battery management system printed circuit board (PCB) assemblies; Microprocessors; Electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM) chips; Operational Amplifiers; Logic Integrated Circuits; Metal-oxide semiconductor field-effect transistor (MOSFET) switching transistors; Diodes; Bipolar junction transistors; Controller Area Network (CAN) Interface Modules; System Management Bus (SMBus) Communication Interface Modules; Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Communication Modules; Wi-Fi communication modules; Fuses; Resettable positive temperature coefficient protector (PTC) devices; Thermal fuses; Circuit breakers; Surge protectors; Temperature sensors; Voltage sensors; Current sensors; Electrical connectors; Wire-to-board connectors; Terminal lugs and contacts; Insulated wire and cable; Wiring harnesses; Copper winding wire; Plastic insulation films; Plastic parts for battery assemblies; Aluminum battery housings; Steel Mounting Brackets; DC-DC converters; AC-DC power supplies; Battery chargers; Rectifiers; Thermal interface materials; Epoxy-Based Potting compounds; Silicone-Based Potting compounds; Epoxy-Based adhesives; Silicone-Based adhesives; Acrylic-Based adhesives; Label stock; Shrink-wrap tubing; Audible buzzers/alarms; and Mechanical molds (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.30%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232) or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 232 and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is February 23, 2026.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the

“Online FTZ Information System” section of the Board’s website.

For further information, contact John Frye at john.frye@trade.gov.

Dated: January 9, 2026.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–721–002]

Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Algeria: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from Algeria. The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 13, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shane Subler or Henry Wolfe, 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) 482–6241 and (202) 482–0574, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 30, 2025.¹ On July 25, 2025, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation to 130 days after the date on which the investigation was initiated, until November 1, 2025.²

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on

November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.³ Additionally, due to a backlog of documents that were electronically filed via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) during the Federal Government shutdown, on November 24, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by an additional 21 days.⁴ Accordingly, the deadline for this preliminary determination is now January 8, 2026.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ A list of topics discussed 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 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 <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is rebar from Algeria. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preamble* to Commerce’s regulations,⁶ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁷ No interested party commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. Commerce is not preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the complete description of the scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy

³ See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated November 14, 2025.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Tolling of All Case Deadlines,” dated November 24, 2025.

⁵ See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Algeria,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁶ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁷ See *Initiation Notice*.

programs found to be countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁸ For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Commerce notes that, in making these findings, it relied on facts available and, because it finds that one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce’s requests for information, it drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.⁹ For further information, see the “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” section in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act state that Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* countervailable subsidy rates, and any rates determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

Pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(ii) of the Act, if the individual estimated countervailable subsidy rates 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 subsidy rate for all other producers and/or exporters. Commerce has preliminarily determined the individually estimated subsidy rate for the sole individually examined respondent entirely under section 776 of the Act. Consequently, as a reasonable method, Commerce is determining the all-others rate based on the rate determined for Tosyali Iron Steel Industry Algeria SPA (Tosyali Algerie), the sole mandatory respondent under investigation, under section 776 of the Act, as this is the only rate available in this proceeding.¹⁰ For a full description

⁸ 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.

⁹ See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

¹⁰ See, *e.g.*, *Melamine From Germany: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 89