

The scope includes merchandise matching the above description that has been processed in a third country, including by commingling, diluting, introducing or removing additives, or performing any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the subject country.

The scope also includes certain fatty acids that are commingled or blended with certain fatty acids from sources not subject to these investigations. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of these investigations.

Certain fatty acids covered by the scope are also commonly called pure, pure cut, fractionated, or distilled fatty acid or mixed, mixed cut, or blended fatty acid, with the terms pure, pure cut, fractionated, and distilled typically referring to specific single-chain fatty acids that have been separated from a mixed natural source such as animal fat or vegetable oil using processes like hydrolysis (the breakdown of fat molecules by water, catalyzed by acid, base, or enzymes (lipases) to yield glycerol and free fatty acids), distillation, and crystallization, and the terms mixed or mixed cut referring to combinations, blends or mixtures of different single-chain fatty acids also derived from a natural source such as animal fat or vegetable oil using processes like hydrolysis, distillation, and crystallization. Common names for pure, pure cut, fractionated, or distilled fatty acids forms include stearic acid and oleic acid. Common names for mixed or mixed cut fatty acids include coconut fatty acid, hardened coconut fatty acid, topped coconut fatty acid, palm kernel fatty acid, hardened palm kernel fatty acid, topped palm kernel fatty acid, topped hardened palm kernel fatty acid, palm fatty acid, palm stearin fatty acid, palm fatty acid distillate, and palm olein fatty acid.

Certain fatty acids covered by the scope are normally associated with Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry numbers 57–11–4, 112–80–1, 61790–38–3, 67701–05–7, 67701–06–8, 67707–01–3, 68938–15–8, 101403–98–9, 91771–90–3, 90990–15–1, 68440–15–3, 84238–17–5, 98106–68–4, 98106–66–2, 90990–08–1, and 90990–08–2 but several others may also be used.

Specifically excluded from the scope are certain fatty acids containing 90 percent or more, by weight, of fatty acids with carbon chain lengths of C6, C8, or C10 (or any combination thereof). The scope also does not include mixtures of certain fatty acids with other materials, when the combined certain fatty acids component comprises less than 80 percent of the total weight of the mixture.

The merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 2915.70.0110, 2915.70.0120, 2915.70.0150, 2915.90.1010, 2915.90.1050, 2916.15.1000, 2916.15.5100, 3823.11.0000, 3823.12.0000, 3823.19.2000, and 3823.19.4000 and may also enter under 3824.99.4190.

The HTSUS subheadings set forth above are provided for convenience and customs

purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–570–146]

#### Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof From the People’s Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2024

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain freight rail couplers and parts thereof (freight rail couplers) from the People’s Republic of China (China). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

**DATES:** Applicable March 13, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Whitley Herndon, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6274.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On June 30, 2025, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on freight rail couplers from China.<sup>1</sup> Commerce received a timely request for review of the CVD order from the Coalition of Freight Coupler Producers (the petitioner) for certain producers/exporters of subject merchandise.<sup>2</sup>

On August 22, 2025, Commerce published the initiation notice in the **Federal Register** for thirteen companies, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>3</sup> On September 12, 2025, we notified interested parties that information from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) indicated that

there were no POR entries of the subject merchandise.<sup>4</sup> On September 19, 2025, the petitioner submitted comments on the lack of entries in the CBP data, stating that there may be entries of subject merchandise that entered as a product other than an entry for consumption (such as entries of subject merchandise that entered mounted to railcars), or under harmonized tariff schedule subheadings listed in the scope of the CVD order.<sup>5</sup> We did not receive any additional comments in this administrative review.

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, the deadline for the preliminary results of this review is now June 9, 2026.

#### Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce’s practice to rescind an administrative review of a CVD order where it concludes that there were there are no entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.<sup>8</sup> Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the CVD rates calculated for the review period.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry that Commerce can instruct CBP to liquidate at the calculated CVD rates for the

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, “Release of Customs Entry Data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP),” dated September 12, 2025 (CBP Data Memorandum).

<sup>5</sup> See Petitioner’s Letter, “Comments on CBP Release of Data and Clarification of Companies,” dated September 19, 2025.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated November 14, 2025.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, “Tolling of all Case Deadlines,” dated November 24, 2025.

<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., *Welded Line Pipe From the Republic of Turkey: Rescission of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2019–2020*, 87 FR 27988 (May 10, 2022); see also, e.g., *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Final Results and Final Rescission, in Part, of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2020*, 87 FR 48455 (August 9, 2022); and *Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders from the People’s Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020–2021*, 87 FR 64008 (October 21, 2022).

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2).

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 90 FR 27841 (June 30, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> See Petitioner’s Letter, “Request for Administrative Review,” dated July 29, 2025; see also Petitioner’s Letter, “Clarification of Companies,” dated August 13, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 90 FR 41043 (August 22, 2025).

review period.<sup>10</sup> As noted above, there were no suspended entries of subject merchandise for any companies subject to this review during the POR.<sup>11</sup> Accordingly, in the absence of reviewable, suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR, we are hereby rescinding this administrative review in its entirety, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

#### Assessment

Commerce will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries. Countervailing duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit rate of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this rescission notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of the APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with regulations and terms of an APO is a violation, which is subject to sanction.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: March 11, 2026.

#### Scot Fullerton,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(d)(3).

<sup>11</sup> While the petitioner argues that there may be misclassified entries that could be subject to this review, there are nonetheless no suspended entries in the CBP data covering the POR for the companies under review to be liquidated as a result of this review. See CBP Data Memorandum. CBP, not Commerce, has the ability to address the issues the petitioner raises.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-552-853]

#### Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable March 13, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Fracke, 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) 482-3299.

#### 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 investigation on June 30, 2025.<sup>1</sup>

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> On January 8, 2026,

<sup>1</sup> See *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Algeria, Bulgaria, Egypt, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 90 FR 27846 (June 30, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated November 14, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of all Case Deadlines," dated November 24, 2025.

Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now March 9, 2026.<sup>4</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup> 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 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 Vietnam. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

#### Scope Comments

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

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices in accordance 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 in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce preliminarily has relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, for the Vietnam-

<sup>4</sup> See *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Bulgaria, Egypt, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 91 FR 696 (January 8, 2026).

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

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

<sup>7</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.