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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-31-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone 183; Application for Subzone; Dongjin Semichem Texas, Inc.; Killeen, Texas

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc., grantee of FTZ 183, requesting subzone status for the facility of Dongjin Semichem Texas, Inc., located in Killeen, Texas. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 17, 2026.

The proposed subzone (41.86 acres) is located at 705 Rickey Carlisle Circle, Killeen, Texas. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is April 28, 2026. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted through May 13, 2026.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information Section" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Camille Evans at Camille.Evans@trade.gov.

Dated: March 17, 2026.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Steel Wheels From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Accuride Corporation (Accuride) and Maxion Wheels USA LLC (Maxion) (domestic interested parties), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a country-wide circumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of certain steel wheels from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duties (CVD) orders on certain steel wheels from the People's Republic of China (China).

DATES: Applicable March 19, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Cloyd, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 14, 2026, pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.226(i), Accuride and Maxion (domestic interested parties) filed a circumvention inquiry request alleging that certain steel wheels finished in Vietnam, using hot-rolled steel (HRS) produced in China, and subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States are circumventing the AD and CVD *Orders* on certain steel wheels from China¹ and, accordingly, should be included within the scope of the *Orders*.² On January 26, 2026, NCC Vietnam Company, Ltd. (NCC Vietnam) submitted adequacy comments alleging the legal requirements to initiate a circumvention inquiry have not been met.³ On February 2, 2026, domestic interested parties submitted rebuttal

¹ See *Certain Steel Wheels from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 24098 (May 24, 2019) (*Orders*).

² See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Request for Circumvention Ruling (Vietnam)" dated January 14, 2026 (Circumvention Inquiry Request).

³ See NCC Vietnam's Letter, "Comments on Accuride and Maxion Circumvention Inquiry Request," dated January 26, 2026.

comments.⁴ On February 9, 2026, we issued a supplemental questionnaire to domestic interested parties to clarify the period of inquiry and period of comparison.⁵ The domestic interested parties responded on February 12, 2026.⁶

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise subject to the *Orders* is certain on-the-road steel wheels, discs, and rims for tubeless tires, with a nominal rim diameter of 22.5 inches and 24.5 inches, regardless of width. Imports of the subject merchandise are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 8708.70.4530, 8708.70.4560, 8708.70.6030, 8708.70.6060, and 8716.90.5059. Merchandise meeting the scope description may also enter under the following HTSUS subheadings: 4011.20.1015, 4011.20.5020, and 8708.99.4850. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the *Orders* is dispositive. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the Initiation Checklist.⁷

Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry

The circumvention inquiry covers certain steel wheels finished in Vietnam using HRS produced in China and subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States.

Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry

Section 351.226(d) of Commerce's regulations states that if Commerce determines that a request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c), then Commerce "will accept the request and initiate a circumvention inquiry." Section 351.226(c)(1) of Commerce's regulations, in turn, requires that each request for a circumvention inquiry allege "that the elements necessary for a circumvention determination under section 781 of the Act exist" and be "accompanied by information

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Response to Comments on the Adequacy of the Request for a Circumvention Inquiry," dated February 2, 2026.

⁵ See Commerce's Letter, "Request for Circumvention Inquiry (Vietnam) Supplemental Questionnaire" dated February 9, 2026.

⁶ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Response to Supplemental Questionnaire" dated February 12, 2026.

⁷ See Checklist, "Vietnam Assembly Circumvention Initiation Checklist," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Initiation Checklist).

reasonably available to the interested party supporting these allegations.” Domestic interested parties allege circumvention pursuant to section 781(b) of the Act (merchandise completed or assembled in other foreign countries).

Section 781(b)(1) of the Act provides that Commerce may find circumvention of an order when merchandise of the same class or kind subject to the order is completed or assembled in a foreign country other than the country to which the order applies. In conducting a circumvention inquiry, under section 781(b)(1) of the Act, Commerce relies on the following criteria: (A) merchandise imported into the United States is of the same class or kind as any merchandise produced in a foreign country that is the subject of an AD or CVD order; (B) before importation into the United States, such imported merchandise is completed or assembled in another foreign country from merchandise which is subject to the order or is produced in the foreign country that is subject to the order; (C) the process of assembly or completion in the foreign country referred to in section (B) is minor or insignificant; (D) the value of the merchandise produced in the foreign country to which the AD or CVD order applies is a significant portion of the total value of the merchandise exported to the United States; and (E) the administering authority determines that action is appropriate to prevent evasion of such order.

In determining whether the process of assembly or completion in a foreign country is minor or insignificant under section 781(b)(1)(C) of the Act, section 781(b)(2) of the Act directs Commerce to consider: (A) the level of investment in the foreign country; (B) the level of research and development in the foreign country; (C) the nature of the production process in the foreign country; (D) the extent of production facilities in the foreign country; and (E) whether or not the value of processing performed in the foreign country represents a small proportion of the value of the merchandise imported into the United States. However, no single factor, by itself, controls Commerce’s determination of whether the process of assembly or completion in a foreign country is minor or insignificant.⁸ Accordingly, it is Commerce’s practice to evaluate each of these five factors as they exist in the foreign country, depending on the totality of the

circumstances of the particular circumvention inquiry.⁹

In addition, section 781(b)(3) of the Act sets forth additional factors to consider in determining whether to include merchandise assembled or completed in a foreign country within the scope of an AD or CVD order. Specifically, Commerce shall take into account such factors as: (A) the pattern of trade, including sourcing patterns; (B) whether the manufacturer or exporter of the merchandise that was shipped to the foreign country is affiliated with the person who, in the foreign country, uses the merchandise to complete or assemble the merchandise which is subsequently imported into the United States; and (C) whether imports of the merchandise into the foreign country have increased after the initiation of the investigation that resulted in the issuance of such order.

Analysis

Based on our analysis of the domestic interested parties’ circumvention inquiry request and supplemental questionnaire response, we determine that the Domestic Interested Parties have satisfied the criteria under 19 CFR 351.226(c), and thus, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(iii), we have accepted the request and are initiating the requested circumvention inquiry of the *Orders*. For a full discussion of the basis for our decision to initiate the requested circumvention inquiry, see the Initiation Checklist. The Initiation Checklist is available on ACCESS. ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>.

As explained in the Initiation Checklist, the information provided by Domestic Interested Parties warrants initiating this circumvention inquiry on a country-wide basis. Commerce has taken this approach in prior circumvention inquiries, where the facts warranted initiation on a country-wide basis.¹⁰

⁹ See *Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People’s Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 65626 (December 21, 2018), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at 4.

¹⁰ See, e.g., *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 74150 (October 30, 2023); see also *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 43275 (July 7, 2023); *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 83 FR 37785 (August 2, 2018); *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 82 FR 40556,

As such, Commerce intends to issue questionnaires to solicit information from producers and exporters in Vietnam concerning their shipments to the United States and the origin of hot-rolled steel manufactured in China and finished into “steel wheels” (*i.e.*, the merchandise subject to the *Orders*).

Respondent Selection

Commerce intends to base respondent selection on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data. Commerce intends to place the CBP data on the record within five days of the publication of this initiation notice, which will be available on Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. Comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection should be submitted within seven days after placement of the CBP data on the record of the inquiry.

Commerce intends to establish a schedule for questionnaire responses after respondent selection. A company’s failure to completely respond to Commerce’s requests for information may result in the application of partial or total facts available, pursuant to section 776(a) of the Act, which may include adverse inferences, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce intends to notify CBP of this initiation and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to this circumvention inquiry that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the *Orders* and to apply the cash deposit rates that would be applicable if the products were determined to be covered by the scope of the *Orders*. Should Commerce issue affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determinations, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)–(4). In the event that Commerce issues an affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determination that the products are circumventing the *Orders*, Commerce will instruct CBP to continue the

40560 (August 25, 2017) (stating at initiation that Commerce would evaluate the extent to which a country-wide finding applicable to all exports might be warranted); and *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 81 FR 79454, 79458 (November 14, 2016) (stating at initiation that Commerce would evaluate the extent to which a country-wide finding applicable to all exports might be warranted).

⁸ See Statement of Administrative Action Accompanying the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, H.R. Doc. 103–316, Vol. 1 (1994), at 893.

suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and to apply the applicable cash deposit rate.

Commerce will also instruct CBP to begin the suspension of liquidation and application of cash deposits for any unliquidated entries not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the circumvention inquiries pursuant to paragraphs (l)(2)(ii) and (l)(3)(ii). In addition, pursuant to paragraphs (l)(2)(iii)(A) and (l)(3)(iii)(A), Commerce may instruct CBP to begin the suspension of liquidation and application of cash deposits for any unliquidated entries not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, prior to the date of initiation of the circumvention inquiries, but not for such entries prior to November 4, 2021, the effective date of these provisions in the *Final Rule*.¹¹ These rules will not affect CBP's authority to take any additional action with respect to the suspension of liquidation or related measures for these entries, as stated in 19 CFR 351.226(l)(5).

Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that domestic interested parties' request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of this circumvention inquiry to determine whether steel wheels finished in Vietnam using HRS produced in China, and subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States, are circumventing the *Orders*. In addition, we have included a description of the products that are the subject to this inquiry and an explanation of Commerce's decision to initiate this inquiry as provided in the accompanying Initiation Checklist.¹² In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), Commerce intends to issue its preliminary circumvention determination no later than 150 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**. Furthermore, in accordance with section 781(f) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(e)(2), unless the circumvention inquiries are rescinded, in whole or in part, or the deadline for the final circumvention deadlines is

¹¹ See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300, 52345 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*).

¹² See Initiation Checklist at 4, 6.

extended, Commerce intends to issue its final determinations within 300 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the circumvention inquiries in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(iii).

Dated: March 16, 2026.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2024-2025

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod (threaded rod) from the People's Republic of China (China) was sold in the United States at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Additionally, Commerce is rescinding this review with respect to two exporters that had no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

DATES: Applicable March 19, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Hansen, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 9, 2020, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty (AD) order on threaded rod from China.¹ On May 20, 2025, based on timely requests for

¹ See *Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 85 FR 19929 (April 9, 2020) (*Order*).

review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the *Order* covering seven companies: Cooper & Turner (Ningbo) International Trading Co., Ltd. (Cooper); EC International (Nantong) Co., Ltd.; IFI & Morgan Ltd. (IFI); Ningbo Dingtuo Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. (Dingtuo); Ningbo Dongxin High-Strength Nut Co., Ltd. (Dongxin); Ningbo Jinding Fastening Piece Co., Ltd. (Jinding); and Zhejiang Junyue Standard Part Co., Ltd. (Junyue).²

On November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown,³ and, 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 On March 6, 2026, Commerce extended the time limit for these preliminary results, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).⁵ Accordingly, the deadline for these preliminary results is now March 16, 2026.

For a complete description of events that occurred since the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶ A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public 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>.

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 90 FR 21459 (May 20, 2025).

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, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated March 6, 2026.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China; 2024-2025," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).