DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of the Census

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Annual Wholesale Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce’s Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) publishes this notice to announce that the Director of the Census Bureau has determined the need to conduct the 2015 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS). The AWTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Wholesale Trade sector as defined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Through this survey, the Census Bureau will collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, purchases, total operating expenses, year-end inventories held both inside and outside the United States, commissions, total operating revenue, and gross selling value, for three components of wholesale activity: Wholesale distributors; manufacturers’ sales branches and offices; and agents, brokers, and electronic markets. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand.

The data collected in this survey will be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the quinquennial economic census, which was most recently conducted in 2012. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: January 5, 2016.

John H. Thompson,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[8–59–2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 29—Louisville, Kentucky; Authorization of Production Activity; Custom Quality Services (Liquor Kitting), Louisville, Kentucky

On September 2, 2015, the Louisville & Jefferson County Riverport Authority, granted the FTZ 29, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of
Custom Quality Services, within Site 1, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (80 FR 55086, September 14, 2015). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 31, 2015.
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign Trade Zones Board

A notification of proposed production activity; CNH Industrial America, LLC; Subzone 133E, (Agricultural and Construction Equipment, Subassemblies and Kits), Burlington and West Burlington, Iowa

On September 2, 2015, CNH Industrial America, LLC, operator of Subzone 133E, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facilities within Subzone 133E, in Burlington and West Burlington, Iowa.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (80 FR 54519, September 10, 2015). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notice is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 31, 2015.
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration


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

SUMMARY: On September 10, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from India. We received no comments or requests for a hearing. Therefore, for the final results, we continue to find that Ispat Industries Ltd. (Ispat), JSW Steel Ltd. (JSW), JSW Ispat Steel Ltd. (JSW Ispat), and Tata Steel Ltd. (Tata) had no shipments of the subject merchandise, and, therefore, no reviewable transactions, during the period of review (POR).

DATES: Effective Date: January 11, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George McMahon or Eric Greynolds, AD/CVD Operations Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1167 and (202) 482–6071, respectively.

Background

On September 10, 2015, the Department published the Preliminary Results. The POR is December 1, 2013, through November 30, 2014. We invited interested parties to comment on the Preliminary Results. We received no comments from any party. The Department conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

For purposes of this order, the products covered are certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products of a rectangular shape, of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal and whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers), regardless of thickness, and in straight lengths of a thickness of less than 4.75 mm and of a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness. Universal mill plate (i.e., flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm, but not exceeding 1250 mm, and of a thickness of not less than 4.0 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm is not included within the scope of this order.

Specifically included in the scope of this order are vacuum-degasued, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (IF)) steels, high-strength etc.