DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[C–570–046]

Countervailing Duty Investigation of 1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid From the People’s Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination

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


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 20, 2016, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) initiated the countervailing duty investigation of 1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid (“HEDP”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”).

Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than June 24, 2016.

Postponement of Due Date for the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits the Department to postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which it initiated the investigation, if, among other reasons, the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement, or the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and determines that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated.

Currently, while the Department has not yet chosen mandatory respondents, we determine that, thus far, the parties concerned are cooperating because each has made an entry of appearance in this investigation.

Also, the Department must analyze four complicated alleged subsidy programs for each respondent, including companies that are cross-own with each respondent, and likely issue multiple supplemental questionnaires. For all these reasons, the Department finds this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated within the meaning of section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, and is hereby fully postponing the preliminary countervailing duty determination by 130 days.

Therefore, pursuant to the discretion afforded to the Department under section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are postponing the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than August 29, 2016.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: June 6, 2016.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–583–850]

Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014–2015

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Taiwan. The period of review (POR) is July 18, 2014, through August 31, 2015.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order is certain OCTG. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20, 7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40, 7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60, 7304.29.10.70, 7304.29.20.00, 7304.29.31.10, 7304.29.31.20, 7304.29.31.30, 7304.29.31.40, 7304.29.31.50, 7304.29.31.60, 7304.29.31.70, 7304.29.41.00, 7304.29.41.10, 7304.29.41.20, 7304.29.41.30, 7304.29.41.40, 7304.29.41.50, 7304.29.41.60, 7304.29.41.70, 7304.29.41.80, 7304.29.50.00, 7304.29.50.10, 7304.29.50.20, 7304.29.50.30, 7304.29.50.40, 7304.29.50.50, 7304.29.50.60, 7304.29.50.70, 7304.29.50.80, 7304.29.60.00, 7304.29.60.10, 7304.29.70.00, 7304.29.70.10, 7304.29.70.20, 7304.29.80.00, 7304.29.80.10, 7304.29.80.20, 7304.29.80.30, 7304.29.80.40.

The Department invites interested parties to comment on the preliminary results of this review. Comments must be received by May 31, 2016.


Notice of Clarification:

Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from Taiwan: Scope of Order

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

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the description of the scope of an order on certain oil country tubular goods from Taiwan. The scope of the order is effective May 28, 2016. However, because this date falls on a Sunday, the due date is the next business day, August 22, 2016.

Effective Date: May 28, 2016.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the Scope

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Taiwan. The period of review (POR) is July 18, 2014, through August 31, 2015.

The Department preliminarily determines that the sole producer/exporter subject to the review, Tension Steel Industries Co., Ltd. (Tension Steel), did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Effective Date: May 28, 2016.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the Scope

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Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs. Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument, and (3) a table of authorities.3

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department’s electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.4 Requests should contain: (1) The party’s name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, the Department shall determine and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. If Tension Steel’s weighted-average dumping margin is above de minimis in the final results of this review, we will calculate an importer-specific assessment rate on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the importer’s examined sales and the total entered value of the sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If Tension Steel’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or de minimis in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the Final Modification for Reviews, i.e., “[w]here the weighted-average margin of dumping for the exporter is determined to be zero or de minimis, no antidumping duties will be assessed.”5 For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Tension Steel for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

We intend to issue liquidation instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of this review for all shipments of OCTG Taiwan entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Tension Steel will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 2.34 percent,6 the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary 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.

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of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

The Department is issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: June 7, 2016.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: President Barack Obama directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish the President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa by Executive Order No. 13675 dated August 5, 2014. The Council was established by Charter on November 4, 2014, to advise the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, on strengthening commercial engagement between the United States and Africa, with a focus on advancing the President’s Doing Business in Africa Campaign as described in the U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa of 2014. The Council is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa. Statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) June 27, 2016 by either of the following methods:

a. Electronic Submissions

Submit statements electronically to dbia@trade.gov.

b. Paper Submissions

Send paper statements to Tricia Van Orden, Executive Secretary, President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, via email: dbia@trade.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa: Meeting of the President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (Council) will hold a meeting to deliberate on recommendations related to strengthening commercial engagement between the United States and Africa. Topics may include: The U.S. Government Power Africa initiative and energy infrastructure, the upcoming U.S.-Africa Business Forum, vocational and skills training, transportation infrastructure, and initiating tax treaties with African countries. The final agenda will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the Council’s Web site at http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.

DATES: June 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. (EDT)

ADDRESSES: The President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the Internet at http://whitehouse.gov/live.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tricia Van Orden, Executive Secretary, President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Aluminum Extrusions From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Intent To Rescind, in Part; 2014

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

SUMMARY: In response to multiple requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on aluminum extrusions from the People’s Republic of China (PRC). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. We preliminarily determine that the companies selected for individual examination (the mandatory respondents)—Jangho 1 and