determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Content

NFE’s Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

1. Add the following companies as new Members of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(l) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(l)), for Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation relating to apples (A):
   a. Legacy Fruit Packers LLC—Wapato, WA
   b. Ron Lefore d/b/a LeFore Apple Packers—Milton-Freewater, OR

2. Remove the following companies as Members of the Certificate:
   a. Garrett Ranches Packing—Wildor, ID
   b. Ron Lefore d/b/a LeFore Apple Farms—Milton-Freewater, OR

3. Change the product listing for the following existing Members:
   a. From pears (P) to apples and pears (A,P) for Underwood Fruit & Warehouse Co.—Bingen, WA
   b. Ron Lefore d/b/a LeFore Apple Packers—Milton-Freewater, OR

4. Update the city listing for the following existing Members:
   a. Remove Brewster, WA from Custom Apple Packers, Inc.
   b. Change location of L&M Companies from Selah to Union Gap, WA

NFE’s amendment of its Export Trade Certificate of Review results in the following membership list:

1. Allan Bros., Naches, WA
2. AltaFresh L.L.C. dba Chelan Fresh Marketing, Chelan, WA
3. Apple House Warehouse & Storage, Inc., Brewster, WA
4. Apple King, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
5. Auvil Fruit Co., Inc., Orono, WA
7. Blue Bird, Inc., Peshastin, WA
8. Blue Star Growers, Inc., Cashmere, WA
9. Borton & Sons, Inc., Yakima, WA
10. Brewster Heights Packing & Orchards, LP, Brewster, WA
11. Broetje Orchards LLC, Prescott, WA
12. C.M. Holtzinger Fruit Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
13. Chelan Fruit Cooperative, Chelan, WA
14. Chiawana, Inc. dba Columbia Reach Pack, Yakima, WA
15. Columbia Fruit Packers, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
16. Columbia Fruit Packers/Airport Division, Wenatchee, WA
17. Columbia Marketing International Corp., Wenatchee, WA
18. Columbia Valley Fruit, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
19. Congdon Packing Co. L.L.C., Yakima, WA
20. Conrad & Adams Fruit L.L.C., Grandview, WA
21. Cowiche Growers, Inc., Cowiche, WA
22. CPC International Apple Company, Tieton, WA
23. Crane & Crane, Inc., Brewster, WA
24. Custom Apple Packers, Inc., Quincy, and Wenatchee, WA
25. Diamond Fruit Growers, Odell, OR
26. Domex Superfresh Growers LLC, Yakima, WA
27. Douglas Fruit Company, Inc., Pasco, WA
28. Dovex Export Company, Wenatchee, WA
29. Duckwall Fruit, Odell, OR
30. E. Brown & Sons, Inc., Milton-Freewater, OR
31. Evans Fruit Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
32. E.W. Brandt & Sons, Inc., Parker, WA
33. Frosty Packing Co., LLC, Yakima, WA
34. G&G Orchards, Inc., Yakima, WA
35. Gilbert Orchards, Inc., Yakima, WA
36. Gold Digger Apples, Inc., Oroville, WA
37. Hansen Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
38. Henggeler Packing Co., Inc., Fruitland, ID
39. Highland Fruit Growers, Inc., Yakima, WA
40. HoneyBear Growers, Inc., Brewster, WA
41. Honey Bear Tree Fruit Co., LLC, Wenatchee, WA
42. Hood River Cherry Company, Hood River, OR
43. Ice Lakes LLC, East Wenatchee, WA
44. JackAss Mt. Ranch, Pasco, WA
45. Jenkins Bros Cold Storage & Packing Royal City, WA
46. Kershaw Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Yakima, WA
47. L&M Companies, Union Gap, WA
48. Larson Fruit Co., Selah, WA
49. Legacy Fruit Packers LLC, Wapato, WA
50. Manson Growers Cooperative, Manson, WA
51. Matson Fruit Company, Selah, WA
52. McDougall & Sons, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
53. Monson Fruit Co., Selah, WA
54. Morgan’s of Washington dba Diamond Fruit, Quincy, WA
55. Naumes, Inc., Medford, OR
56. Northern Fruit Company, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
57. Olympic Fruit Co., Moxee, WA
58. Oneonta Trading Corp., Wenatchee, WA
59. Orchard View Farms, Inc., The Dalles, OR
60. Pacific Coast Cherry Packers, LLC, Yakima, WA
61. Peshastin Hi-Up Growers, Peshastin, WA
62. Philippi Fruit Company, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
63. Piepel Premium Fruit Packing LLC, East Wenatchee, WA
64. Polehn Farm’s Inc., The Dalles, OR
65. Price Cold Storage & Packing Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
66. Pride Packing Company, Wapato, WA
67. Quincy Fresh Fruit Co., Quincy, WA
68. Rainier Fruit Company, Selah, WA
69. Roche Fruit, Ltd., Yakima, WA
70. Sage Fruit Company, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
71. Smith & Nelson, Inc., Tonasket, WA
72. Stadelman Fruit, L.L.C., Milton-Freewater, OR, and Zillah, WA
73. Stemilt Growers, LLC, Wenatchee, WA
74. Strand Apples, Inc., Cowiche, WA
75. Symms Fruit Ranch, Inc., Caldwell, ID
76. The Dalles Fruit Company, LLC, Dallesport, WA
77. Underwood Fruit & Warehouse Co., Bingen, WA
78. Valsicoff Fruit Co., Inc., Wapato, WA
79. Valley Fruit III L.L.C., Wapato, WA
80. Washington Cherry Growers, Peshastin, WA
81. Washington Fruit & Produce Co., Yakima, WA
82. Western Sweet Cherry Group, LLC, Yakima, WA
83. Western Traders LLC, E. Wenatchee, WA
84. Whitby Farms, Inc. dba: Farm Boy Fruit Snacks LLC, Mesa, WA
85. Yakima Fresh, Yakima, WA
86. Yakima Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Yakima, WA
87. Zirkle Fruit Company, Selah, WA

The effective date of the amendment is July 25, 2016, the date on which NFE’s application to amend was deemed submitted.

Dated: October 26, 2016.

Joseph E. Flynn,
Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
C–580–835
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils (sheet and strip) from the Republic of Korea is inconsistent with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).
Korea (Korea) would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the levels indicated in the Final Results of Review section of this notice.

DATES: Effective November 7, 2016.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2016, the Department initiated this third sunset review of the CVD order 1 on sheet and strip from Korea pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department received a notice of intent to participate from Allegheny Ludlum, LLC d/b/a ATI Flat Rolled Products (ATI) and Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC (Outokumpu) (together, domestic interested parties), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as domestic producers of sheet and strip in the United States.

The Department received an adequate substantive response from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). However, the Department did not receive a substantive response from any government or respondent interested party to this proceeding. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department conducted an expedited review of the CVD order.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the CVD order consists of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Korea. Stainless steel is alloy steel containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements. The subject sheet and strip is a flat-rolled product in coils that is greater than 9.5 mm in width and less than 0.475 mm in thickness, and that is annealed or otherwise descaled. The subject sheet and strip may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, aluminized, coated, etc.) provided that it maintains the specific dimensions of sheet and strip following such processing.

The merchandise subject to the order is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) at subheadings: 7219.13.00.30, 7219.13.00.50, 7219.13.00.70, 7219.13.00.80, 7219.14.00.30, 7219.14.00.65, 7219.14.00.90, 7219.32.00.05, 7219.32.00.20, 7219.32.00.25, 7219.32.00.35, 7219.32.00.36, 7219.32.00.38, 7219.32.00.42, 7219.32.00.44, 7219.33.00.05, 7219.33.00.20, 7219.33.00.25, 7219.33.00.35, 7219.33.00.36, 7219.33.00.42, 7219.33.00.44, 7219.34.00.05, 7219.34.00.20, 7219.34.00.25, 7219.34.00.30, 7219.34.00.35, 7219.35.00.05, 7219.35.00.15, 7219.35.00.30, 7219.35.00.35, 7219.90.00.10, 7219.90.00.20, 7219.90.00.25, 7219.90.00.30, 7219.90.00.35, 7220.12.10.00, 7220.12.50.00, 7220.20.10.10, 7220.20.10.15, 7220.20.10.60, 7220.20.10.80, 7220.20.60.05, 7220.20.60.10, 7220.20.60.15, 7220.20.60.60, 7220.20.60.80, 7220.20.70.05, 7220.20.70.10, 7220.20.70.15, 7220.20.70.60, 7220.20.70.80, 7220.20.80.00, 7220.20.90.30, 7220.20.90.60, 7220.20.90.10, 7220.20.90.00.15, 7220.90.00.60.00, and 7220.90.00.80.

Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department’s written description of the merchandise subject to the order is dispositive.

Excluded from the scope of the order are the following: (1) Sheet and strip that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled, (2) sheet and strip that is cut to length, (3) plate (i.e., flat-rolled stainless steel products of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more), (4) flat wire (i.e., cold-rolled sections, with a prepared edge, rectangular in shape, of a width of not more than 9.5 mm), and (5) razor blade steel. Razor blade steel is a flat-rolled product of stainless steel, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced), in coils, of a width of not more than 23 mm and a thickness of 0.266 mm or less, containing, by weight, 12.5 to 14.5 percent chromium, and certified at the time of entry to be used in the manufacture of razor blades. See Chapter 72 of the HTS, “Additional U.S. Note” (d).

In response to comments by interested parties, the Department determined that certain specialty stainless steel products are also excluded from the scope of the order. These excluded products are described below.

Flapper valve steel is defined as stainless steel strip in coils containing, by weight, between 0.37 and 0.43 percent carbon, between 1.15 and 1.35 percent molybdenum, and between 0.20 and 0.80 percent manganese. This steel also contains, by weight, phosphorus of 0.025 percent or less, silicon of between 0.20 and 0.50 percent, and sulfur of 0.020 percent or less. The product is manufactured by means of vacuum arc remelting, with inclusion controls for sulphide of no more than 0.04 percent and for oxide of no more than 0.05 percent. Flapper valve steel has a tensile strength of between 210 and 300 ksi, yield strength of between 170 and 270 ksi, plus or minus 8 ksi, and a hardness (HV) of between 460 and 590. Flapper valve steel is most commonly used to produce specialty flapper valves in compressors.

Also excluded is a product referred to as suspension foil, a specialty steel product used in the manufacture of suspension assemblies for computer disk drives. Suspension foil is described as 302/304 grade or 202 grade stainless steel of a thickness between 14 and 127 microns, with a thickness tolerance of plus-or-minus 2.01 microns, and surface glossiness of 200 to 700 percent Gs. Suspension foil must be supplied in coil widths of not more than 407 mm, and with a mass of 225 kg or less. Roll marks may only be visible on one side, with no scratches of measurable depth. The material must exhibit residual stresses of 2 mm maximum deflection, and flatness of 1.6 mm over 685 mm length.

Certain stainless steel foil for automotive catalytic converters is also excluded from the scope of the order. This stainless steel strip in coils is a specialty foil with a thickness of between 20 and 110 microns used to produce a metallic substrate with a honeycomb structure for use in automotive catalytic converters. The steel contains, by weight, carbon of no more than 0.030 percent, silicon of no more than 1.0 percent, manganese of no more than 1.0 percent, chromium of between 19 and 22 percent, aluminum of no less than 5.0 percent, phosphorus of no more than 0.045 percent, sulfur of no more than 0.03 percent, lanthanum of less than 0.002 or greater than 0.05 percent, and total rare earth elements of more than 0.06 percent, with the balance iron.

Permanent magnet iron-chromium cobalt alloy stainless strip is also excluded from the scope of the order. This ductile stainless steel strip...
contains, by weight, 26 to 30 percent chromium, and 7 to 10 percent cobalt, with the remainder of iron, in widths 228.6 mm or less, and a thickness between 0.127 and 1.270 mm. It exhibits magnetic remanence between 9,000 and 12,000 gauss, and a coercivity of between 50 and 300 oersteds. This product is most commonly used in electronic sensors and is currently available under proprietary trade names such as “Arnokrome III.”

Certain electrical resistance alloy steel is also excluded from the scope of the order. This product is defined as a non-magnetic stainless steel manufactured to American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification B344 and containing, by weight, 36 percent nickel, 18 percent chromium, and 46 percent iron, and is most notable for its resistance to high temperature corrosion. It has a melting point of 1390 degrees Celsius and displays a creep rupture limit of 4 kilograms per square millimeter at 1000 degrees Celsius. This steel is most commonly used in the production of heating ribbons for circuit breakers and industrial furnaces, and in rheostats for railway locomotives. The product is currently available under proprietary trade names such as “Gilphy 36.”

Certain martensitic precipitation-hardenable stainless steel is also excluded from the scope of the order. This high-strength, ductile stainless steel product is designated under the Unified Numbering System (UNS) as S45500-grade steel, and contains, by weight, 11 to 13 percent chromium, and 7 to 10 percent nickel. Carbon, manganese, silicon and molybdenum each comprise, by weight, 0.05 percent or less, with phosphorus and sulfur each comprising, by weight, 0.03 percent or less. This steel has copper, niobium, and titanium added to achieve aging, and will exhibit yield strengths as high as 1700 Mpa and ultimate tensile strengths as high as 1750 Mpa after aging, with elongation percentages of 3 percent or less in 50 mm. It is generally provided in thicknesses between 0.635 and 0.767 mm, and in widths of 25.4 mm. This product is most commonly used in the manufacture of television tubes and is currently available under proprietary trade names such as “Durphynox 17.”

Finally, three specialty stainless steels typically used in certain industrial blades and surgical and medical instruments are also excluded from the scope of the order. These include stainless steel strip in coils used in the production of textile cutting tools (e.g., carpet knives). This steel is similar to AISI grade 420 but containing, by weight, 0.5 to 0.7 percent of molybdenum. The steel also contains, by weight, carbon of between 1.0 and 1.1 percent, sulfur of 0.020 percent or less, and includes between 0.20 and 0.30 percent copper and between 0.20 and 0.50 percent cobalt. This steel is sold under proprietary names such as “G4N Mo.” The second excluded stainless steel strip in coils is similar to AISI 420–J2 and contains, by weight, carbon of between 0.62 and 0.70 percent, silicon of between 0.20 and 0.50 percent, manganese of between 0.45 and 0.80 percent, phosphorus of no more than 0.025 percent and sulfur of no more than 0.020 percent. This steel has a carbide density on average of 100 carbide particles per 100 square microns. An example of this product is “GIN 5.” This steel is supplied with a hardness of more than Hv 500 guaranteed after customer processing, and is supplied as, for example, “GIN 5.”

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is dated concurrently with and adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail if the Order were revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this expedited sunset review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file electronically via the Enforcement and Compliance Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

The Department is issuing and publishing these final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(ii)(c)(2).

Dated: October 31, 2016.

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Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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