DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of these sunset reviews, the Department of Commerce (the Department) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on stainless steel sheet and strip (SSSS) in coils from Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Sunset Reviews” section of this notice.

DATES: Effective November 7, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2016, the Department published the notice of initiation of the sunset reviews of the AD Orders \(^1\) on SSSS in coils from Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), and Taiwan, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).\(^2\) On July 15, 2016, AK Steel Corporation, Allegheny Ludlum, LLC d/b/a ATI Flat Rolled Products, North American Stainless, and Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC (collectively, Petitioners or domestic interested parties), notified the Department of their intent to participate within the 15-day period specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). Each of the domestic parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act stating that they are each producers in the United States of a domestic like product.

On July 29, 2016, the Department received complete substantive responses to the Notice of Initiation from domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). We received no substantive responses from respondent interested parties with respect to the orders on SSSS in coils from Japan, Korea, or Taiwan, nor was a hearing requested. As a result, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department conducted expedited (120-day) sunset reviews of the AD Orders on SSSS in coils from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these AD orders is SSSS in coils. The merchandise subject to these orders is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings: 7219.13.00.31, 7219.13.00.51, 7219.13.00.71, 7219.13.00.81, 7219.14.00.30, 7219.14.00.50, 7214.00.00, 7219.32.00.25, 7219.32.00.35, 7219.32.00.60, 7219.32.00.38, 7219.32.00.42, 7219.32.00.44, 7219.33.00.25, 7219.33.00.30, 7219.33.00.35, 7219.33.00.36, 7219.33.00.38, 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, 7219.35.00.40, 7219.90.00.10, 7219.90.00.20, 7219.90.00.25, 7219.90.00.30, 7219.90.00.40, 7220.12.10, 7220.12.20, 7220.20.10, 7220.20.15, 7220.20.20, 7220.20.25, 7220.20.30, 7220.20.40, 7220.20.50, 7220.20.60, 7220.20.70, 7220.20.80, 7220.20.90, 7220.90.00.00, 7220.90.00.01, 7220.90.00.02, 7220.90.00.03, 7220.90.00.04, and 7220.90.00.05. (Prior to 2001, U.S. imports under HTS statistical reporting numbers 7219.13.00.31, 7219.13.00.51, 7219.13.00.71, 7219.13.00.81 were entered under HTS statistical reporting numbers 7219.13.00.30, 7219.13.00.30, 7219.13.00.70, 7219.13.00.80.) Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department’s written description of the merchandise subject to these orders is dispositive.

The Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice, provides a full description of the scope of the Orders.\(^4\)

Analysis of Comments Received

A complete discussion of all issues raised in these reviews is provided in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum. The issues discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail if the Orders were revoked. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at http://access.trade.gov and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Reviews

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, the Department determines that revocation of the AD Orders on SSSS in coils from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping up to the following weighted-average margin percentages:

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Weighted-average margin (percent)</th>
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<td>Japan</td>
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<td>Korea</td>
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<td>Taiwan</td>
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3 See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan; 64 FR 40565 (July 27, 1999) (collectively, Orders).

4 See the Department’s memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Third Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan, Korea, and Taiwan,” dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

\(^1\) See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan; 64 FR 40565 (July 27, 1999) (collectively, Orders).

\(^2\) See Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review, 81 FR 43185 (July 1, 2016) (Notice of Initiation).

\(^3\) See Petitioners’ July 15, 2016, submissions “Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan—Petitioners’ Notice of Intent to Participate;” “Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Korea—Petitioners’ Notice of Intent to Participate;” and “Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Taiwan—Petitioners’ Notice of Intent to Participate.”

\(^4\) See the Department’s memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Third Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan, Korea, and Taiwan,” dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).
Notification to Interested Parties of Administrative Protective Orders

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (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 the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective orders is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing the results of the reviews and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 1, 2016.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From South Africa: 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 plate in coils (SSPC) from South Africa 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 on SSPC from South Africa 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 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 product covered by these orders is certain stainless steel plate in coils. Stainless steel is an 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 plate products are flat-rolled products, 254 mm or over in width and 4.75 mm or more in thickness, in coils, and annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled. The subject plate may also be further processed (e.g., cold-rolled, polished, etc.) provided that it maintains the specified dimensions of plate following such processing. Excluded from the scope of these orders are the following: (1) Plate not in coils, (2) plate that is not annealed or otherwise heat treated and pickled or otherwise descaled, (3) sheet and strip, and (4) flat bars.

The merchandise subject to this review is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) at subheadings: 7219.11.00.30, 7219.11.00.60, 7219.12.00.06, 7219.12.00.21, 7219.12.00.26, 7219.12.00.51, 7219.12.00.56, 7219.12.00.66, 7219.12.00.71, 7219.12.00.81, 7219.31.00.10, 7219.90.00.10, 7219.90.00.20, 7219.90.00.25, 7219.90.00.60, 7219.90.00.80, 7220.11.00.00, 7220.20.10.10, 7220.20.10.15, 7220.20.10.60, 7220.20.10.65, 7220.20.20.00, 7220.20.30.00, 7220.20.40.00, 7220.20.50.00, 7220.20.60.00, 7220.20.60.05, 7220.20.60.10, 7220.20.60.15, 7220.20.60.60, 7220.20.60.80, 7220.90.00.10, 7220.90.00.15, 7220.90.00.60, and 7220.90.00.80.

Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to these orders is dispositive.

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). ACCESS is available to registered users at https://access.trade.gov and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Review

Pursuant to sections 752(b)(1) and (3) of the Act, we determine that revocation of the Order on stainless steel plate in coils from South Africa would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a net countervailable subsidy at the rates listed below:


See Notice of Amended Final Determinations: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium and

See Initiation of Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review, 81 FR 43183 (July 1, 2016).

3 See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance regarding: “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from South Africa,” dated concurrently with and adopted by this Notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

4 Id.