

on February 22, 2017. Furthermore, section 737(b) of the Act states that definitive duties are to begin on the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination.

Therefore, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act and our practice, we will instruct CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to antidumping duties, unliquidated entries of geogrids from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption after February 22, 2017, the date the provisional measures expired, until and through the day preceding the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination in the **Federal Register**. Suspension of liquidation will resume on the date of publication of the ITC's final determination in the **Federal Register**.

#### Critical Circumstances

With regard to the ITC's negative critical circumstances determination on imports of geogrids from the PRC, we will instruct CBP to lift suspension and to refund any cash deposits made to secure the payment of estimated antidumping duties with respect to geogrids from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after May 24, 2016 (*i.e.*, 90 days prior to the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination*), but before August 22, 2016 (*i.e.*, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination*).

However, for the one respondent, BOSTD, where we found critical circumstances at the *Final Determination*, we will instruct CBP to lift suspension and to refund any cash deposits made to secure payment of estimated antidumping duties with respect to geogrids entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption by BOSTD on or after October 13, 2016 (*i.e.*, 90 days prior to the date of publication of the *Final Determination*), but before January 11, 2017 (*i.e.*, the date of publication of the *Final Determination*).

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice constitutes the antidumping duty order with respect to geogrids from the PRC pursuant to section 736(a) of the Act. Interested parties can find a list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/stats/iastats1.html>.

This order is issued and published in accordance with section 736(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: February 24, 2017.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix

The products covered by the scope are certain biaxial integral geogrid products. Biaxial integral geogrid products are a polymer grid or mesh material (whether or not finished, slit, cut-to-length, attached to woven or non-woven fabric or sheet material, or packaged) in which four-sided openings in the form of squares, rectangles, rhomboids, diamonds, or other four-sided figures predominate. The products covered have integral strands that have been stretched to induce molecular orientation into the material (as evidenced by the strands being thinner in width toward the middle between the junctions than at the junctions themselves) constituting the sides of the openings and integral junctions where the strands intersect. The scope includes products in which four-sided figures predominate whether or not they also contain additional strands intersecting the four-sided figures and whether or not the inside corners of the four-sided figures are rounded off or not sharp angles. As used herein, the term "integral" refers to strands and junctions that are homogenous with each other. The products covered have a tensile strength of greater than 5 kilonewtons per meter ("kN/m") according to American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") Standard Test Method D6637/D6637M in any direction and average overall flexural stiffness of more than 100,000 milligram-centimeter according to the ASTM D7748/D7748M Standard Test Method for Flexural Rigidity of Geogrids, Geotextiles and Related Products, or other equivalent test method standards.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, packaged, or otherwise further processed in a third country, including by trimming, slitting, coating, cutting, punching holes, stretching, attaching to woven or non-woven fabric or sheet material, or any other finishing, packaging, or other further processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the biaxial integral geogrid.

The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under the following subheading: 3926.90.9995. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 3920.20.0050 and 3925.90.0000. The HTSUS subheadings set forth above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-469-805]

#### Stainless Steel Bar From Spain: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2016

**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 stainless steel bar (SSB) from Spain. The period of review (POR) is March 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016. The review covers one producer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Gerdau Aceros Especiales Europa, S.L. (Gerdau). The Department preliminarily finds that subject merchandise has been sold in the United States at prices below normal value (NV) during the POR.

**DATES:** Effective March 3, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Mullen, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5260.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Scope of the Order

The product covered by this investigation is SSB from Spain. For a full description of the scope of the order, *see* Appendix I of this notice.

##### Methodology

The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>1</sup> A list of the topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized

<sup>1</sup> *See* Memorandum from James Maeder, Senior Director, Office I, for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Bar from Spain; 2015-2016" (Preliminary Decision Memorandum) dated concurrently with this notice.

Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>, and it is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is available at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Adverse Facts Available**

Because mandatory respondent Gerdau has failed to provide requested information, we preliminarily determine to apply adverse facts available (AFA) to this respondent, in accordance with sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.308. For further discussion, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Determination**

We preliminarily determine that, for the period of March 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016, the following weighted-average dumping margin exists:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Gerdau Aceros Especiales Europa, S.L .....	62.85

**Disclosure and Public Comment**

Normally, the Department discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with a preliminary determination within five days of the date of publication of the notice of preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because the Department preliminarily applied a dumping margin based on AFA, as described in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, there is nothing further to disclose. This meets our regulatory obligation. Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

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, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined.

All documents must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically-filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**Assessment Rates**

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. If Gerdau's weight-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.5 percent), we will calculate an importer-specific *ad valorem* antidumping duty assessment rate based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review when the importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is not zero or *de minimis*. If Gerdau's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review where applicable.

In accordance with the Department's "automatic assessment" practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Gerdau for which it did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

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

**Cash Deposit Requirements**

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Gerdau will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by producers or exporters not covered in this administrative 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 recently completed segment of this proceeding; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation, but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 25.77 percent, the all-others rate established in the investigation.<sup>5</sup> 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 of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and increase the subsequent assessment of the antidumping duties by the amount of the antidumping duties reimburses.

The preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

<sup>2</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii).

<sup>3</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

<sup>4</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>5</sup> See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Bar from Spain*, 59 FR 66931 (December 28, 1994).

Dated: February 24, 2017.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

## Appendix I

The merchandise subject to the order is SSB. The term SSB with respect to the order means articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons or other convex polygons. SSB includes cold-finished SSBs that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process. Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut-length flat-rolled products (*i.e.*, cut-length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (*i.e.*, cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

The SSB subject to the order is currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.10.00, 7222.11.00, 7222.19.00, 7222.20.00, 7222.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.<sup>6</sup>

## Appendix II—List of Topics

### Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

1. Summary
2. Background
3. Scope of the Order
4. Use of Facts Available and Adverse Inferences
6. Conclusion

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XF254**

### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a pre-assessment workshop to review proposed data and modeling approaches for *groundfish* stock assessments scheduled for assessment this year. The pre-assessment workshop is open to the public. The workshop will also be streamed online via Webinar to facilitate remote participation.

**DATES:** The pre-assessment workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., or when business for the day has been completed. The workshop will reconvene on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The pre-assessment workshop will be held in the large conference room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: 503-820-2280. Public listening stations will be available at the Pacific Council office, as well as the following locations:

National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Room 188, 110 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: 831-420-3947.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Main Conference Room, 2040 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365; telephone: 541-867-4741.

To attend the Webinar, visit: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/Webinar/join-Webinar>. Enter the Webinar ID, which is 848-202-715, and your name and email address (required). After logging into the Webinar, dial this TOLL number 1 + (213) 929-4232 (not a toll-free number), then enter the Attendee phone audio access code: 548-202-793, then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the Webinar). NOTE: We have disabled Mic/Speakers on GoToMeeting as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, at

[kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him, at 503-820-2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

**Council address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, Oregon 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: 541-867-0535; or Mr. John DeVore, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: 503-820-2280.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

The purpose of the pre-assessment workshop is to review proposed data inputs, modeling approaches, and any other pertinent information for new benchmark stock assessments for *lingcod*, *yelloweye rockfish*, *yellowtail rockfish*, and *blue/deacon rockfishes*. There may be limited discussion of assessments for Pacific *ocean perch* and California *scorpionfish*, which are scheduled benchmark assessments this year; however, these stock assessments will not be the focus of the workshop. The goal of the pre-assessment workshop is to promote dialogue about and a common understanding between assessment teams and data providers of the best data and analytical and modeling approaches for use in conducting the benchmark *groundfish* assessments scheduled for 2017. No management actions will be decided by the workshop participants.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the workshop agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this workshop. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent of the workshop participants to take final action to address the emergency.

Visitors who are foreign nationals (defined as a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States) will require additional security clearance to access the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science center facility. Foreign national visitors should contact Ms. Stacey Miller, at 541-867-0535 at least two weeks prior to the meeting date to initiate the security clearance process.

### Technical Information and System Requirements

PC-based attendees: Windows® 7, Vista, or XP operating system required.

<sup>6</sup> The HTSUS numbers provided in the scope changed since the publication of the order. See *Amended Final Determination and Antidumping Duty Order: Stainless Steel Bar from Spain*, 60 FR 11656 (March 2, 1995).