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Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=279>, click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

Agenda: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 12:00 p.m. EST

- Rollcall
- Project Planning: Collateral Consequences
- Update from Committee Workgroups
- Next Steps
- Other Business
- Open Comment
- Adjourn

Dated: December 18, 2017.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-861]

Certain Uncoated Groundwood Paper From Canada: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable December 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Tatarska at 202-482-1562, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 29, 2017, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a less-than-fair value (LTFV) investigation of imports of certain uncoated groundwood paper from Canada.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than January 16, 2018.

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or

more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. The Department will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On December 5, 2017, North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC or the petitioner) submitted a timely request that we postpone the preliminary determination in this LTFV investigation. In its request, the petitioner cited the need to collect from the respondents supplemental information to address the serious issues raised in the petitioner's deficiency comments.² In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and the Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, we are postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which the investigation was initiated). As a result, the Department will issue its preliminary determination no later than March 7, 2018. Pursuant to section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: December 15, 2017.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-475-836]

Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy: Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

² See Letter from the petitioner, "Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada: Petitioners' Request for Postponement of Preliminary Determination," (December 5, 2017).

¹ See *Certain Uncoated Groundwood Paper From Canada: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 82 FR 41599 (September 1, 2017).

SUMMARY: On October 31, 2017, the Department published its preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from Italy in the **Federal Register**. The Department is amending this preliminary determination to correct two significant ministerial errors.

DATES: Applicable December 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Cho, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 31, 2017, the Department published the *Preliminary Determination* in the antidumping duty investigation of wire rod from Italy.¹ On October 31, 2017, Ferriere Nord S.p.A. (Ferriere Nord), a producer and exporter of subject merchandise, timely filed ministerial error allegations concerning the *Preliminary Determination* and requested, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(c)(1), that the Department correct the alleged ministerial errors. No additional parties submitted comments.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is wire rod from the Italy. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see the Appendix.

Significant Ministerial Error

A ministerial error is defined in 19 CFR 351.224(f) as “an error in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of unintentional error which the Secretary considers ministerial.” Further, 19 CFR 351.224(e) provides that the Department “will analyze any comments received and, if appropriate, correct any significant ministerial error by amending the preliminary determination.” A significant ministerial error is defined as a ministerial error, the correction of which, singly or in combination with other errors, would result in: (1) A change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the

original (erroneous) preliminary determination; or (2) a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or *de minimis* and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than *de minimis* or vice versa.²

Ministerial Error Allegation

Ferriere Nord timely alleged that the Department made certain significant ministerial errors regarding the calculation of U.S. gross unit price and of general and administrative expenses.³ No other party alleged errors in the Department’s *Preliminary Determination* or commented on Ferriere Nord’s allegations of error. After analyzing Ferriere Nord’s allegations of error regarding the U.S. gross unit price used to calculate its margin in the *Preliminary Determination*, we determine that we made certain significant ministerial errors in the *Preliminary Determination* with respect to our treatment of gross unit prices in both the U.S. and home markets.⁴ However, after analyzing Ferriere Nord’s allegations of error regarding the general and administrative expenses used to calculate its margin in the *Preliminary Determination*, we determine that we did not make a ministerial error. Rather, our calculation of general and administrative expenses was methodological in nature. For a detailed discussion of Ferriere Nord’s ministerial error allegations, as well as the Department’s analysis of these alleged errors, see the Ministerial Error Memorandum.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(g)(1), the Department’s errors in the calculation of Ferriere Nord’s gross unit prices are significant because their correction results in a change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the original preliminary determination (*i.e.*, a change from a weighted-average dumping margin of 22.06 percent to 12.58 percent). Therefore, we are correcting these errors and amending our *Preliminary Determination* accordingly.⁵

Amended Preliminary Determination

We are amending the *Preliminary Determination* to reflect the correction of significant ministerial errors made in

the margin calculation for Ferriere Nord in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e). In the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department preliminarily assigned a rate based on entirely on facts available, with an adverse inference (AFA), to Ferriera Valsider, S.p.A. (Ferriera Valsider), the other respondent selected for individual examination. Specifically, in the *Preliminary Determination*, we applied Ferriere Nord’s calculated margin to Ferriera Valsider (*i.e.*, 22.06 percent). The preliminary assigned rate in the *Preliminary Determination* for Ferriere Nord is no longer the highest rate. As a result of the change in Ferriere Nord’s margin for these amended preliminary determination, we are amending the facts available rate for Ferriera Valsider and assigning the corroborated rate of 18.89 percent⁶ to Ferriere Valsider, which is the sole rate identified in the petition.

As discussed in the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department assigned the rate calculated for Ferriere Nord to all-other producers and exporters.⁷ Thus, we are also amending the “all-others” rate to account for the change in Ferriere Nord’s margin.

As a result of the correction of the ministerial error, the revised weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/ manufacturer	Weighted- average dumping margin (percent)
Ferriere Nord S.p.A./Acciaierie di Verona S.p.A. ⁸	12.58
Ferriera Valsider S.p.A	18.89
All Others	12.58

Amended Cash Deposits and Suspension of Liquidation

The collection of cash deposits and suspension of liquidation will be revised according to the rates established in this amended preliminary determination, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Because these amended rates result in reduced cash deposit rates, they will be effective retroactively to October 31, 2017, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination*.

⁶ See Ministerial Error Memorandum; see also the Corroboration Memorandum dated concurrent with this notice; AD Investigation Initiation Checklist: Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy (April 17, 2017).

⁷ See *Preliminary Determination*, 82 FR at 50382.

⁸ For the purposes of the *Preliminary Determination*, we collapsed Ferriere Nord and Acciaierie di Verona S.p.A. as a single entity.

¹ See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 82 FR 50381 (October 31, 2017) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying decision memorandum.

² See 19 CFR 351.224(g)(1) and (2).

³ See Ferriere Nord’s October 31, 2017, Submission (Ferriere Nord’s Allegation).

⁴ See Memorandum entitled, “Antidumping Duty Investigation on Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy: Ministerial Error Memorandum,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Ministerial Error Memorandum).

⁵ See Ministerial Error Memorandum.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we intend to notify the International Trade Commission of our amended preliminary determination.

Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties in this proceeding within five days after public announcement of the amended preliminary determination, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224.

This amended preliminary determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Dated: December 15, 2017.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation are certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high-nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (*i.e.*, products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.1 percent of more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorous, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium). All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

The products under investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3011, 7213.91.3015, 7213.91.3020, 7213.91.3093, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7227.20.0030, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6010, 7227.90.6020, 7227.90.6030, and 7227.90.6035 of the HTSUS. Products entered under subheadings 7213.99.0090 and 7227.90.6090 of the HTSUS may also be included in this scope if they meet the physical description of subject merchandise above. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these proceedings is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF862

Endangered Species; File No. 21367

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Christopher Marshall, Ph.D., Texas A&M University at Galveston, 200 Seawolf Parkway, Galveston, TX 77553, has applied in due form for a permit to take Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before January 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21367 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and

exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to study Kemp's ridley, green, hawksbill and loggerhead sea turtles in the western Gulf of Mexico and along the Texas coast. The purpose of the work is to characterize the movement, habitat use, foraging ecology, and health of sea turtles using these areas. Up to 55 Kemp's ridley, 55 green, 10 hawksbill, and 55 loggerhead sea turtles annually would be captured by hand, dip net, tangle net or cast net. Upon capture, researchers would examine; photograph; apply a temporary carapace mark; collect morphometric data; scute, blood and tissue biopsy; and flipper and passive integrated transponder tag each turtle before release. A subset of animals for each species except hawksbills would also receive either (1) a satellite tag and a separate acoustic transmitter or (2) a 3D dive profile-video tag. The permit would be valid for up to five years from the date of issuance.

Dated: December 18, 2017.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period for the San Francisco Bay, California National Estuarine Research Reserve management plan revision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty (30) day public comment period for the revised management plan for San Francisco Bay, California National Estuarine Research Reserve management plan revision.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must periodically update their management plan for a National Estuarine Research Reserve. The San Francisco Bay Reserve