

merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

The products under these orders 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

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-953]

#### Narrow Woven Ribbons With Woven Selvage From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2015

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Yama Ribbons and Bows Co., Ltd (Yama), an exporter/producer of narrow woven ribbons with woven selvage (ribbons) from the People's Republic of China (China), received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

**DATES:** Applicable March 14, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terre Keaton Stefanova, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1280.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review in the **Federal Register** on September 7, 2017.<sup>1</sup> We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. On October 24, 2017, we received a timely

<sup>1</sup> See *Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvage from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*; 2015, 82 FR 42296 (September 7, 2017) (*Preliminary Results*).

case brief from Yama.<sup>2</sup> On October 31, 2017, we received timely rebuttal comments from Berwick Offray LLC (the petitioner).<sup>3</sup> On November 28, 2017, Commerce postponed the final results of review until March 6, 2018. Based on an analysis of the comments received, Commerce has made no changes to the subsidy rate determined for the respondent. The final subsidy rate is listed below in the "Final Results of Administrative Review" section.

Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. The revised deadline for the final determination of this investigation is now March 9, 2018.<sup>4</sup>

##### Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order are narrow woven ribbons with woven selvage from China. A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice.<sup>5</sup>

##### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in interested parties' briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum accompanying this notice. A list of the issues raised by interested parties and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is provided in the Appendix to this notice. 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 <https://access.trade.gov> and 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 at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Issues and

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Yama, "Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvage from the People's Republic of China: Case Brief," dated October 24, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from the petitioner, "Rebuttal Brief of Petitioner Berwick Offray LLC," dated October 31, 2017.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by three days.

<sup>5</sup> A full description of the scope of the order is contained in Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of 2015 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvage from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

##### Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on the comments received from the interested parties, we made no changes to our subsidy rate calculation. For a discussion of these issues, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

##### Methodology

Commerce conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, we find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution from a government or public entity that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>6</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying all of Commerce's conclusions, including any determination that relied upon the use of adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

##### Final Results of Administrative Review

In accordance with section 777A(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5), we determine the total net countervailable subsidy rate for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 to be:

Company	Subsidy rate (%)
Yama Ribbons and Bows Co., Ltd .....	23.37

##### Assessment Rates

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce intends to issue appropriate instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review. Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate shipments of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by the company listed above, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, at the *ad valorem* rate listed above.

##### Cash Deposit Requirements

Commerce intends also to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount shown above for Yama, on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of

<sup>6</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, Commerce will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. Accordingly, the cash deposit requirements that will be applied to companies covered by this order, but not examined in this administrative review, are those established in the most recently completed segment of the proceeding for each company. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

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

Dated: March 8, 2018.

#### 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—List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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#### XI. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Request for Nominations for Members To Serve on National Institute of Standards and Technology Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to eight existing Federal Advisory Committees: Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board; Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board; National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee; Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction; NIST Smart Grid Advisory Committee; and Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committees, in addition to nominations already received. Registered Federal lobbyists may not serve on NIST Federal Advisory Committees in an individual capacity.

**DATES:** Nominations for all committees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.

**ADDRESSES:** See below.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020. Nominations may also be submitted via fax to 301-975-4967. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current

membership list, and executive summary, may be found at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and Designated Federal Officer, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020; telephone 301-975-4781; fax 301-975-4967; or via email at [robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov](mailto:robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov).

#### Committee Information

The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board) was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(2)(B), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

#### Objectives and Duties

1. The Board shall review the work of the private sector contractor(s), which assists the Director of NIST in administering the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award). The Board will make such suggestions for the improvement of the Award process as it deems necessary.

2. The Board shall make an annual report on the results of Award activities to the Director of NIST, along with its recommendations for the improvement of the Award process.

3. The Board will function solely as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

4. The Board will report to the Director of NIST.

#### Membership

1. The Board will consist of at least five and approximately 12 members selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, and for their preeminence in the field of organizational performance excellence. There will be a balanced representation from U.S. service, manufacturing, nonprofit, education, and health care industries. The Board will include members familiar with the quality, performance improvement operations, and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, nonprofits, health care providers, and educational institutions.

2. Board members will be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce for three-year terms and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. All terms will commence on March 1 and end on