the hearing will be limited to those
raised in the respective case and
rebuttal briefs.
Commerce will issue the final results
of this administrative review, including
the results of its analysis of the issues
raised in any written briefs, not later
than 120 days after the date of
publication of this notice, pursuant to
section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.
Assessment Rates
Upon issuance of the final results,
Commerce will determine, and CBP
shall assess, antidumping duties on all
appropriate entries. Commerce intends
to issue assessment instructions to CBP
15 days after the date of publication of
the final results of review.
For any individually examined
respondent whose weighted average
dumping margin is above de minimis
(i.e., 0.50 percent) in the final results
of this review, Commerce will calculate
importer-specific assessment rates on
the basis of the ratio of the total amount
of dumping calculated for the importer’s
examined sales to the total entered
value of sales, in accordance with 19
CFR 351.212(b)(1). Where an importer-
(or customer-) specific ad valorem rate
is greater than de minimis, Commerce
will instruct CBP to collect the
appropriate duties at the time of
liquidation.9 Where either a
respondent’s weighted average dumping
margin is zero or de minimis, or an
importer- (or customer-) specific ad
valorem is zero or de minimis,
Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate
appropriate entries without regard to
antidumping duties.10
Cash Deposit Requirements
The following cash deposit
requirements will be effective upon
publication of the final results of this
administrative review for all shipments
of the subject merchandise from China
entered, or withdrawn from warehouse,
for consumption on or after the
publication date, as provided by section
751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For Baosteel,
Shanghai Meishan Iron & Steel, and
Union Steel China, which did not
qualify for separate rate, the cash
deposit rate will be China-wide rate of
90.83 percent; (2) for previously
investigated or reviewed China and non-
China exporters not listed above that
have separate rates, the cash deposit rate
will continue to be the exporter-specific
rate published for the most recent
period; (3) for all China exporters of
subject merchandise which have not
been found to be entitled to a separate
rate, the cash deposit rate will be China-
wide rate of 90.83 percent; and (4) for
all non-China exporters of subject
merchandise which have not received
their own rate, the cash deposit rate will
be the rate applicable to China
exporter(s) that supplied that non-China
exporter. These deposit requirements,
when imposed, shall remain in effect
until further notice.
Notification to Importers
This notice also 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
review period. Failure to comply with
this requirement could result in
Commerce’s presumption that
reimbursement of antidumping duties
occurred and the subsequent assessment
of double antidumping duties.
Commerce is issuing and publishing
these results in accordance with
sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the
Act.
Christian Marsh,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement
and Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[C–570–080]
Cast Iron Soil Pipe From the People’s
Republic of China: Preliminary
Affirmative Countervailing Duty
Determination and Alignment of Final
Determination With Final Antidumping
Duty Determination
AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance,
International Trade Administration,
Department of Commerce.
SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce
(Commerce) preliminarily determines
that countervailable subsidies are being
provided to producers and exporters of
cast iron soil pipe (soil pipe) from the
People’s Republic of China (China).
The period of investigation is January 1,
2017, through December 31, 2017.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Omar Qureshi or Annathea Cook, 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) 482–5307 or (202) 482–0250,
respectively.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background
This preliminary determination is
made in accordance with section 703(b)
of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended
(the Act). Commerce published the
notice of initiation of this investigation
on February 23, 2018.1 On April 9,
2018, Commerce postponed
Commerce’s preliminary determination of
this investigation and the revised deadline
is now June 25, 2018.2 For a complete
description of the events that followed
the initiation of this investigation, see
the Preliminary Decision
Memorandum.3 A list of topics
discussed in the Preliminary Decision
Memorandum is included as Appendix
II to this notice. The Preliminary
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 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 can be accessed
directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/
frn/. The signed and electronic versions
of the Preliminary Decision
Memorandum are identical in content.
Scope of the Investigation
The product covered by this
investigation is soil pipe from China.
For a complete description of the scope
of this investigation, see Appendix I.
Scope Comments
In accordance with the preamble to
Commerce’s regulations,4 the Initiation
Notice set aside a period of time for
parties to raise issues regarding product
coverage, (i.e., scope).5 No interested
party commented on the scope of the

1 See Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People’s
Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty
Investigation, 83 FR 8047 (February 23, 2018)
(Initiation Notice).
2 See Countervailing Duty Investigation of Cast
Iron Soil Pipe from the People’s Republic of China:
Postponement of Preliminary Determination, 83 FR
15129 (April 9, 2018).
3 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for
the Preliminary Affirmative Determination:
Countervailing Duty Investigation of Cast Iron Soil
Pipe from the People’s Republic of China,” dated
concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this
notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).
4 See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties,
Final Rule, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).
5 See Initiation Notice.

9 See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).
10 See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).
investigation as it appeared in the Initiation Notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, i.e., a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.6 Commerce notes that, in making these findings, it relied, in part, on facts available and, because it finds that one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce’s requests for information, it drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.7 For further information, see “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce is aligning the final countervailing duty (CVD) determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty (AD) investigation of soil pipe from China based on a request made by the petitioner.8 Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than November 7, 2018, unless postponed.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and de minimis rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

Commerce calculated an estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Yuncheng Jiangxian Economic Development Zone HengTong Casting Co. Ltd. (HengTong), the only individually examined exporter/producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated rate is not zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the estimated weighted-average rate calculated for HengTong is the rate assigned to all-other producers and exporters, pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

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<td>Yuncheng Jiangxian Economic Development Zone HengTong Casting Co. Ltd</td>
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<td>All-Others</td>
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Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.10

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation 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.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, 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, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce 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. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(f) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).


Christian Marsh.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is cast iron soil pipe, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications, and regardless of wall thickness, length, diameter, surface

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6 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.
7 See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.
9 As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has found Yuncheng Jiangxian Economic Development Zone HengTong Casting Co. Ltd. to be cross-owned with Quwo Hengtong Casting Limited Company.
10 See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).
finish, end finish, or stenciling. The scope of this investigation includes, but is not limited to, both hubless and hub and spigot cast iron soil pipe. Cast iron soil pipe is nonmalleable iron pipe of various designs and sizes. Cast iron soil pipe is generally distinguished from other types of nonmalleable cast iron pipe by the manner in which it is connected to cast iron soil pipe fittings.

Cast iron soil pipe is classified into two major types—hubless and hub and spigot. Hubless cast iron soil pipe is manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (CISPI) specification 301 and/or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification A888, including any revisions to those specifications. Hub and spigot pipe has one or more hubs into which the spigot (plain end) of a fitting is inserted. All pipe meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of this investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

The subject imports are currently classified in subheading 7303.00.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): Cast iron soil pipe. The HTSUS subheading and specifications are provided for convenience and custom purposes only; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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VI. Injury Test
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XII. Calculation of All-Others Rate
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XIV. Recommendation

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubbard or Sara Young, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Icon Films (File No. 22292) proposes to film killer whales (Orcinus Orca) and harbor seals (Phoca Vitulina) in the waters off Seward, AK. Filmmakers may approach up to 100 killer whales to film from boats, pole cameras, or an unmanned aircraft system. Fifty harbor seals may be approached and filmed from a boat. The goal of the project is to obtain footage of killer whales feeding on Chinook salmon for use in a documentary television show to air on Animal Planet in 2019. The permit would be valid until October 1, 2018.

The project would seek to determine the effectiveness of these traps, as applicable, for attracting and collecting invasive lionfish while avoiding impacts to non-target species, protected species, and habitats.