DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration


AGENCY: United States Section, NAFTA Secretariat, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.


SUMMARY: The U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat received Requests for Panel Review filed on behalf of Resolute FP Canada Inc. and Resolute FP US Inc. (collectively, “Resolute”) on October 26, 2018, and filed on behalf of the Government of Quebec on October 29, 2018, pursuant to NAFTA Article 1904. Panel Review was requested of the U.S. International Trade Commission’s final injury determination involving imports of Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada. The final determination was published in the Federal Register on September 27, 2018 (83 FR 48863). The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned case number USA–CDA–2018–1904–07 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul E. Morris, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Room 2061, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of Article 1904 of NAFTA provides a dispute settlement mechanism involving trade remedy determinations issued by the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Mexico. Following a Request for Panel Review, a Binational Panel is composed to review the trade remedy determination being challenged and issue a binding Panel Decision. There are established NAFTA Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews, which were adopted by the three governments for panels requested pursuant to Article 1904(2) of NAFTA which requires Requests for Panel Review to be published in accordance with Rule 35. For the complete Rules, please see https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Home/Texts-of-the-Agreement/Rules-of-Procedure/Article-1904. The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or Interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is November 26, 2018);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is December 10, 2018); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including challenges to the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and to the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

DATED: November 2, 2018.

Paul E. Morris,
U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Certain Uncoated Paper From Indonesia: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the sole producer/exporter subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise below normal value. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Blaine Wiltsie or Jacob Garten, 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) 482–6345 or (202) 482–3342, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain uncoated paper (uncoated paper) from Indonesia. The notice of initiation of this administrative review was published on May 2, 2018.1 This review only covers APRIL,2 a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise. The period of review is March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018. The deadline for the preliminary results of this administrative review is December 3, 2018.3

We preliminarily determine that APRIL made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this review, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on any of APRIL’s entries.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the order is certain uncoated paper from Indonesia. The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) categories 4802.56.1000, 4802.56.2000, 4802.56.3000, 4802.56.4000, 4802.56.6000, 4802.56.7020, 4802.56.7040, 4802.57.1000, 4802.57.2000, 4802.57.3000, and 4802.57.4000. Some imports of subject merchandise may also be classified under 4802.62.1000, 4802.62.2000, 4802.62.3000, 4802.62.5000, 4802.62.6020, 4802.62.6040, 4802.69.1000, 4802.69.2000, 4802.69.3000, 4811.90.8050 and 4811.90.9080. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.4


2 Commerce initiated this review on PT Angreah Kertas Utama, PT Kau Andalan Kertas, and APRIL Fine Paper Macao Offshore Limited (collectively, APRIL). However, during the course of the prior review, Commerce determined to collapse, and treat as a single entity, APRIL and two affiliated parties, PT Sateri Viscose International and A P Fine Paper Trading (Hong Kong) Limited. See Certain Uncoated Paper from Indonesia: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2017, 83 FR 15129 (April 9, 2018), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 4–6, unchanged in Certain Uncoated Paper from Indonesia: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2017, 83 FR 39410 (August 9, 2018). This collapsed entity is hereinafter collectively referred to as APRIL.

3 See 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1). On August 9, 2018, Domtar Corporation and P.H. Glatfelter Company (the petitioners) requested that the preliminary results be expedited.

4 For a complete description of the scope of the order, see Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2017–2018 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Uncoated Paper from Indonesia” (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), issued...
Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce has primarily relied upon facts otherwise available with adverse inferences (AFA) for APRIL, because this respondent did not timely respond to all sections of Commerce’s initial antidumping duty questionnaire. For a complete explanation of the methodology and analysis underlying the preliminary application of AFA, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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 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 Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an Appendix to this notice.

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the weighted-average dumping margin exists for APRIL for the period March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018, as follows:

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

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective 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 APRIL will be that established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent segment for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 2.10 percent, the all-others rate made effective by the LTFV investigation. These deposit requirements, when

Disclosure and Public Comment

Normally, Commerce discloses the calculations performed in connection with its preliminary results to interested parties within five days after the date of publication of the preliminary results of review in the Federal Register. However, there are no calculations to disclose here because, in accordance with section 776 of the Act, Commerce preliminarily applied AFA to APRIL, the sole company subject to this review, and based the AFA rate on the highest petition rate in this proceeding. Interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. 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. Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS. 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, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed export subsidy of 0.01 percent related to the Exemption from Import Income Tax Withholding for Companies in Bonded Zone Locations Program. See Certain Uncounted Paper from Indonesia: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2016, 83 FR 52383 (October 17, 2018), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Section V(3), showing an

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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 and/or countervailing 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 and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: November 1, 2018.

Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–580–891; A–412–826]
Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Initiation and Expedited Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating, and issuing expedited preliminary results of, a changed circumstances review (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and the United Kingdom.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 21, 2018, Commerce published the AD orders on wire rod from Korea and the United Kingdom.1 On September 17, 2018, six members of the domestic industry, including the petitioners from the underlying investigations (Nucor Corporation, Optimus Steel LLC (formerly, Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc), Keystone Consolidates Industries, Inc, and Charter Steel) requested that Commerce initiate a CCR to revoke, in part, the AD orders on wire rod from Korea and the United Kingdom as to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod effective May 21, 2018.2

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these orders 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 or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorus, 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 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 also may 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 orders is dispositive.3

Initiation and Expedited Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.216(d), Commerce will conduct a CCR of an antidumping or countervailing duty order when it receives information which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant such a review. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i) provide that Commerce may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part. In addition, in the event Commerce determines that expedited action is warranted, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits Commerce to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

For the reasons discussed below and in the accompanying proprietary memorandum, we find that such sufficient information exists to warrant a CCR.4 Further, Commerce does not require any additional information to make a preliminary finding. For this reason, as permitted by 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii), Commerce finds that expedited action is warranted and is conducting this review on an expedited basis by publishing preliminary results.

1 See Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy, the Republic of Korea, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Antidumping Duty Orders and Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determinations for Spain and the Republic of Turkey, 83 FR 23417 (May 21, 2018) (Orders).
3 For a description of the domestic industry’s proposed exclusion language, see Attachment 1.
4 See Memorandum, “Analysis of Industry Support for Changed Circumstances Review: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice.