

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On August 14, 2018, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of the administrative review.¹ Commerce gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results*.² No interested parties submitted comments. Commerce has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are shipments of certain heavy walled rectangular welded steel pipes and tubes of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a nominal wall thickness of not less than 4 mm. The merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-500, grade B specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

Included products are those in which: (1) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements below exceed the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 2.50 percent of manganese, or
- 3.30 percent of silicon, or
- 1.50 percent of copper, or
- 1.50 percent of aluminum, or
- 1.25 percent of chromium, or
- 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
- 0.40 percent of lead, or
- 2.0 percent of nickel, or
- 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
- 0.80 percent of molybdenum, or
- 0.10 percent of niobium (also called columbium), or
- 0.30 percent of vanadium, or
- 0.30 percent of zirconium.

The subject merchandise is currently provided for in item 7306.61.1000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS 7306.61.3000. While the HTSUS subheadings and ASTM specification are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

As no parties submitted comments on the *Preliminary Results*, we made no

¹ See *Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*; 2016, 83 FR 40228 (August 14, 2018) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See *Preliminary Results*, 83 FR at 40228.

changes in the final results of this review.

Final Results of Administrative Review

In accordance with section 777A(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5), we determine the following countervailable subsidy rate during the period December 28, 2015, through April 25, 2016, and September 12, 2016, through December 31, 2016:³

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Ozdemir Boru Profil San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti	1.18

Assessment Rates

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirement

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties, in the amount shown above, on shipments of subject merchandise by Ozdemir entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of these final results. For all non-reviewed firms, we 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. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations

³ As we have made no changes to this rate since the *Preliminary Results*, no additional disclosure of calculations under 19 CFR 351.224(b) is necessary for these final results.

and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These final results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: November 15, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Request for Comments and Notice of Roundtable on Energy, Information and Communication Technology, and Infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific Region**

AGENCY: Global Markets, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for public comments and notice of a roundtable discussion on energy, information and communication technology (ICT), and infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific region.

SUMMARY: As part of the commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, the Global Markets unit of the International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce (GM) seeks individual comments from industry on government programs to inform the catalyzation of U.S. private sector participation in commercial opportunities in the Indo-Pacific region in energy, ICT and infrastructure. Through this notice, GM announces a request for written public comments and announces a roundtable to facilitate a discussion with industry representatives and U.S. government staff. This notice serves as an initial step in improving GM's understanding of private sector interests and programmatic and policy needs in energy, ICT, and infrastructure sectors in the Indo-Pacific region. This notice further sets forth topics for discussion and comment.

DATES:

Event: The roundtable will be held on December 12, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Written Comments: To be ensured of consideration, written public comments must be received on or before January 4, 2019. Comments should not include any business confidential information.

Event Registration: GM will evaluate registrations based on the submitted information (see below) and inform applicants of selection decisions, which will be made on a rolling basis until 15 participants have been selected for each breakout session.

ADDRESSES:

Event: The roundtable will be held at the Department of Commerce, Room 1414, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Comments: Written comments should be sent by electronic mail addressed to IndoPacificOutreach@trade.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 2846, Washington, DC. Although comments may be submitted by mail, the GM prefers to receive comments via the internet.

For alternatives to online or mail submissions, please contact Stephanie Smedile, Indo-Pacific Commercial Coordinator, GM, at (202) 482-0333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

IndoPacificOutreach@trade.gov or Stephanie Smedile, Indo-Pacific Commercial Coordinator, GM, at (202) 482-0333

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 30, 2018 the Trump Administration announced new economic initiatives in the Indo-Pacific region to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific region (See, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trumps-administration-advancing-free-open-indo-pacific/>). This request for comment and event notification seeks public comment on priorities and strategies to enhance commercial engagement in each of the three initiatives announced. The initiatives and topics for public comment are as follows:

(1) Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership (DCCP)—a new global initiative to promote access to an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure internet, with an initial focus on the Indo-Pacific region. Through this program, the United States will support communications infrastructure development through public-private partnerships, promote regulatory and policy reforms, promote exports of U.S. information and communications technology (ICT) goods and services, and build the cybersecurity capacity of our partners to address shared threats.

(2) Infrastructure Transaction and Assistance Network (ITAN)—The ITAN will prioritize support for strategically important infrastructure and catalyze

opportunities for U.S. business; establish a new Indo-Pacific Transaction Advisory Fund to provide independent legal support for negotiations; and coordinate capacity-building programs to improve partner countries' project evaluation processes, regulatory and procurement environments, and project preparation and financing capabilities.

(3) Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy, or Asia EDGE, is a U.S. whole of government effort to grow sustainable and secure energy markets throughout the Indo-Pacific. Asia EDGE seeks to strengthen energy security, increase energy diversification and trade, and expand energy access across the Indo-Pacific.

The Department seeks input at the December 12th roundtable on the following topics:

- What are the principal U.S. and/or foreign policy and regulatory barriers to growing sales and exports to the Indo-Pacific region? How would you prioritize these barriers for USG engagement?
- What are the principal barriers (U.S. and/or foreign) to investment in infrastructure (ICT networks, energy, transportation, other) in countries in the Indo-Pacific?
- Have you worked with USG agencies—such as State, Commerce, USTDA, EXIM, OPIC, USAID—in doing business in the Indo-Pacific? What is your assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. government tools to promote U.S. businesses in this sector?
- What proactive solutions or actions could the U.S. government pursue that would have an impact on catalyzing U.S. private sector participation in commercial opportunities in the Indo-Pacific region?

Event: The December 12 roundtable hosted by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia will provide an overview of the President's vision for the Indo-Pacific region and will include three break-out sessions—one for each initiative—during which participants will provide insights and feedback related to the energy, ICT, and infrastructure sectors in the Indo-Pacific region. Due to limited space, the event is closed to press and observers. Industry participation is limited to 15 qualifying industry representatives per break-out session (energy, ICT, and infrastructure).

Selection

To attend, participants should submit the below information to IndoPacificOutreach@trade.gov by December 5, 2018. GM will evaluate

registrations based on the submitted information on a rolling basis until 15 participants have been selected for each break-out session and inform applicants of selection decisions.

Applicants are encouraged to send representatives at a sufficiently senior level to be knowledgeable about their organization's capabilities, interests and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. Please see the following hyperlink for a definition of the Indo-Pacific region: <http://www.pacom.mil/About-USINDOPACOM/USPACOM-Area-of-Responsibility/>.

Registrations should include the following information in their registration email:

- Name of attendee and short bio.
- Organization and brief organization description.
- The initiative discussion in which the registrant prefers to participate (DCCP, ITAN, or Asia EDGE). Registrants cannot register for all three as the break-outs happen concurrently. Registrants may indicate a second choice if the preferred choice is filled.
- A statement self-certifying how the organization meets each of the following criteria:

1. Is not majority owned or controlled by a foreign government entity (or foreign government entities).
2. Its existing products or services are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have demonstrable U.S. content as a percentage of the value of the finished product or service AND/OR it is a major investor in projects in the Indo-Pacific in which companies with such products may compete.
3. It has already exported from the United States to or invested in the Indo-Pacific region.

4. In the case of a trade association, academic or research institution, the applicant will only be representing companies during the Roundtable that satisfy each of the criteria above.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the company's (or in the case of another organization, represented companies' or constituents') existing products or services to energy, ICT, and infrastructure commercial opportunities in the Indo-Pacific.
- Suitability of the company's (or in the case of another organization, represented companies' or constituents') experience pursuing commercial opportunities in the Indo-Pacific.

• Suitability of the representative's position and biography to be able to engage in the conversation.

Anthony Diaz,

Program Analyst, SelectUSA, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Submission of Conservation Efforts to Make Listings Unnecessary Under the Endangered Species Act.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0466.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 2,500 hours to complete each agreement or plan that has the intention of making listing unnecessary; 320 hours to conduct monitoring for successful agreements; and 80 hours to prepare a report for successful agreements.

Burden Hours: 2,900.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

On March 28, 2003, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Services) announced a final policy on the criteria the Services will use to evaluate conservation efforts by states and other non-Federal entities (68 FR 15100). The Services take these efforts into account when making decisions on whether to list a species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The efforts usually involve the development of a conservation plan or agreement, procedures for monitoring the effectiveness of the plan or agreement, and an annual report.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; State, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at *reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: November 16, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Patents for Humanity Program"

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

Title: Patents for Humanity Program.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0066.

Form Number(s):

- PTO/PFH/001
- PTO/PFH/002
- PTO/SB/431

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 55 responses per year.

Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately four hours to complete the humanitarian program application. Those selected as winners (about 5 to 10 per year) may additionally require one hour to complete a petition to extend their acceleration certificate redemption beyond 12 months, if needed. These estimated times include gathering the necessary information, preparing the application and any supplemental materials, and submitting the completed request to USPTO.

Burden Hours: 205 hours per year.

Cost Burden: \$0 per year.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO has developed two application forms that applicants can use to apply for participation in the Patents for Humanity Program. One application covers the humanitarian uses of technologies or products and the other

application covers humanitarian research. In addition, there is a form that allows applicants to provide their contact information which the USPTO uses to notify applicants that they have been selected for an award. These applications may be up to five pages long and can be supplemented with additional supporting materials. The applications must be submitted electronically through the competition website.

Applicants who are ultimately awarded a Humanitarian Award Certificate may wish to extend the redemption period of that certificate. In the event that an applicant wishes to extend that time period, they must complete a Petition to Extend the Redemption Period of the Humanitarian Awards Certificate. The petition is a one-page document which allows the applicant to request a 12-month extension of their certificate's redemption period based on criteria outlined on the form (e.g., lack of a suitable matter, a pending matter is not yet ripe for certificate redemption, etc.).

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: *Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*.

Once submitted, the request will be publically available in electronic format through *www.reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* *InformationCollection@uspto.gov*. Include "0651-0066 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 21, 2018 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Marcie Lovett,

Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

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