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### Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is unfinished and finished butt-weld pipe fittings. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

### Merchandise Subject to the Covered Merchandise Inquiry

The products subject to this inquiry are rough and unfinished fittings originating in China and processed into butt-weld pipe fittings through two production scenarios in Vietnam.

### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this inquiry are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties and addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see the Appendix to this notice.

### Final Determination

We determine, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.227(e)(2), that rough fittings originating from China that undergo the second and third stages of production in Vietnam are not subject to the scope of the *Order*. Additionally, we find that unfinished fittings from China that undergo the third stage of production in Vietnam are subject to the scope of the *Order*. In reaching this determination, we relied on information placed on the record by Norca and the petitioners. For further discussion, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

### Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

As stated above, Commerce has made an affirmative finding that unfinished fittings originating from China that undergo the third stage of production in Vietnam, which were the subject of this referral from CBP, are subject to the scope of the *Order*. This affirmative in-scope finding applies on a country-wide

basis, regardless of the producer, exporter, or importer, to all products from the same country with the same relevant physical characteristics as the products at issue. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.227(l)(3), for these products, Commerce will direct CBP to: (1) continue the suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and apply the applicable cash deposit rate; (2) suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties, at the applicable rate, for each unliquidated entry of the product not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 26, 2022, the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this covered merchandise inquiry in the **Federal Register**; and (3) suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties, at the applicable rate, for each unliquidated entry of the product not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption prior to September 26, 2022, but after November 4, 2021.<sup>5</sup>

### Customs and Border Protection Notification

In accordance with section 517(b)(4)(B) of the Act, we will notify CBP of the final results of this covered merchandise inquiry. Commerce will direct CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of unfinished fittings from China that undergo the third stage of production in Vietnam entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

### Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition 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 the proceeding. 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

<sup>5</sup> See *Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Covered Merchandise Referral and Initiation of Covered Merchandise Inquiry*, 87 FR 58310 (September 26, 2022).

### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 517 of the Act and 19 CFR 351.227(e)(2).

Dated: September 29, 2023.

**Lisa W. Wang,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Order*
- IV. Description of Merchandise Subject to this Inquiry
- V. Discussion of the Issues
  - Comment 1: Whether Commerce Erred in Determining That Merchandise in Scenario 1 is Within the Scope of the *Order*
  - Comment 2: Whether Commerce Erred in Determining That Merchandise in Scenario 2 is Not Subject to the Scope of the *Order*
- VI. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### The 47th Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

**AGENCY:** The Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA and the Department of Interior (DOI) will hold the 47th meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). NOAA and DOI will be accepting oral and written comments.

**DATES:** NOAA and DOI will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) at the Westin Frenchman's Reef Hotel, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas 00802, U.S. Virgin Islands. Written comments must be received before 8 a.m. ET on October 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

*Oral Comments:* NOAA and DOI will accept oral comments at the meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

*Email:* Please direct written comments to Michael Lameier, NOAA, USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact,

EAPA Inv. 7335: Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, via email at [michael.lameier@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.lameier@noaa.gov). In the subject heading of your email, please include “Written comments for the 47th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting”.

The oral and written comments NOAA and DOI receive are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Lameier, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, (410) 267-5673, [michael.lameier@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.lameier@noaa.gov), or Liza Johnson, DOI USCRTF Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, (202) 255-9843, [Liza\\_M\\_Johnson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Liza_M_Johnson@ios.doi.gov), or visit the USCRTF website at <https://www.coralreef.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and Territorial governments, and non-governmental partners. Registration is requested to participate in the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public oral comment from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website within two months of occurrence. For more information about the meeting, registering for the meeting, and submitting public comments, visit <https://www.coralreef.gov>. During the oral comment period, commenters are encouraged to address the meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 6451 *et seq.*; E.O. 13089, 63 FR 32701.

**Nicole R. LeBoeuf,**

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023—10:00 a.m. (See **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED** for each meeting).

**PLACE:** Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD.

**STATUS:** Commission Meetings—Open to the Public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Decisional Matter (postponed from October 4, 2023):* Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Safety Standard for Infant Rockers and Infant/Toddler Rockers.

*Decisional Matter:* Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Safety Standard for Residential Gas Furnaces and Boilers.

*Briefing Matter:* FY 2024 Operating Plan.

A live webcast of the meetings can be viewed at the following link: <https://cpsc.webex.com/weblink/register/rcba2daff690fcdabc61d969fd800c6446>.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Alberta E. Mills, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, 301-504-7479 (Office) or 240-863-8938 (Cell).

Dated: October 4, 2023.

**Alberta E. Mills,**

*Commission Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement With the Republic of India

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a new Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement with the Republic of India. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Indian Ministry of Defence or Armed Forces.

**DATES:** Comments must be received November 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by email to [gregory.d.snyder.civ@mail.mil](mailto:gregory.d.snyder.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Greg Snyder, telephone +1-571-217-4920.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has concluded Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Agreements with 28 qualifying countries, as defined in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of an RDP Agreement is to promote rationalization, standardization, interchangeability, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These Agreements provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP Agreements generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the Agreement, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 4862 and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 4863 do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes a new RDP Agreement with the Republic of India and DoD executes