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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-552-816]

Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Results of and Intent To Rescind, in Part, Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2024-2025

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of welded stainless steel pressure pipe (stainless pressure pipe) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) were made at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Additionally, Commerce intends to preliminarily rescind the review, in part, with respect to seven companies. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

DATES: Applicable October 13, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luke Caruso, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 22, 2025, based on a timely request for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on stainless pressure pipe from Vietnam¹ covering the following eight exporters of subject merchandise: (1) Sonha International Corporation (Sonha International); (2) Sonha SSP Vietnam Sole Member Co. Limited (Sonha SSP); (3) Mejonson Industrial Vietnam Co., Ltd. (Mejonson); (4) Vinlong Stainless Steel (Vietnam) Co., Ltd. (Vinlong); (5) Vinasteel Production Joint Stock Company (Vinasteel); (6) Quang Thuong Vietnam Stainless Steel Company Limited (Quang Thuong); (7) Công ty TNHH Thép không gỉ Quảng Thương Việt Nam (Cong Ty); (8) and the Vietnam-wide Entity.² On January 15, 2026,³ Felker Brothers Corporation and Primus Pipe & Tube, Inc. (collectively, the petitioners) withdrew their review requests for all exporters except for Mejonson, Vinasteel, and the Vietnam-wide entity.⁴ On March 19, 2026, Commerce selected the Vietnam-wide entity as the sole mandatory respondent in this review.⁵

On June 4, 2026, we extended the preliminary results of this review by 113 days, until September 30, 2026.⁶ On September 24, we further extended the preliminary results of this review by seven days, until no later than October 7, 2026.⁷

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁸ A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix 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), which is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/fnotices>.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the scope of the *Order* is stainless pressure pipe from Vietnam. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an

administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested a review withdraws its request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation.⁹ As noted above, the petitioners withdrew their review requests and no other party requested an administrative review of Sonha International; Sonha SSP; Vinlong; Quang Thuong; and Cong Ty. Therefore, we are rescinding this administrative review with respect to these companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of an AD order where it concludes that there were no suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR.¹⁰ Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the AD assessment rate for the review period.¹¹ Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry that Commerce can instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate at the calculated AD assessment rate for the review period.¹² According to the CBP data, there were no suspended entries of subject merchandise for either Mejonson or Vinasteel.¹³ In the absence

of any suspended entries of subject merchandise from either Mejonson or Vinasteel, we are preliminarily rescinding this administrative review with respect to both Mejonson and Vinasteel, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce has preliminarily assigned a weighted average dumping margin to the Vietnam-wide entity based upon total facts otherwise available with adverse inferences. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary results of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

The Vietnam-Wide Entity

Commerce's policy regarding conditional review of the Vietnam-wide entity applies to this administrative review.¹⁴ Under this policy, the Vietnam-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the entity. The petitioners¹⁵ requested a review of the Vietnam-wide entity in the instant review; therefore, the Vietnam-wide entity is under review.

Preliminary Results of Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exist for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Vietnam-wide Entity	90.80

Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with its preliminary results within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of preliminary results in the *Federal Register*, in accordance with 19

¹ See *Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 79 FR 42289 (July 21, 2014) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 90 FR 41043 (August 22, 2025).

³ See Petitioners' Letter, "Partial Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated January 15, 2026.

⁴ Due to extenuating circumstances in the instant review, *i.e.*, interested parties were not given sufficient time to review the *Preliminary Results* of the prior segment of this proceeding and thereby inform their withdrawal of review requests with respect to the firms that had been requested in both segments of the instant proceeding, Commerce determined to accept the petitioners' untimely filed withdrawal of review request; see also Commerce's memorandum, "Acceptance of Late Filing Due to Extenuating Circumstances", dated March 19, 2026.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Respondent Identification Memorandum," dated March 19, 2026.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review," dated June 04, 2026.

⁷ See Memorandum, "Second Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review," dated September 24, 2026.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; 2024–2025," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

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¹⁰ See, *e.g.*, *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to Length Plate from the Federal Republic of Germany: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review; 2020–2021*, 88 FR 4154 (January 24, 2023).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

¹² See, *e.g.*, *Shanghai Sunbeauty Trading Co. v. United States*, 380 F.Supp.3d 1328, 1337 (CIT 2019), at 12 (referring to section 751(a) of the Act, the U.S. Court of International Trade held that "[w]hile the statute does not explicitly require that an entry be suspended as a prerequisite for establishing entitlement to a review, it does explicitly state the determined rate will be used as the liquidation rate for the reviewed entries. This result can only obtain if the liquidation of entries has been suspended"; see also *Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2018–2019*, 86 FR 36102 (July 8, 2021), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 4; and *Solid Fertilizer Grade Ammonium Nitrate from the Russian Federation: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 77 FR 65532 (October 29, 2012) (noting that "for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry to be liquidated at the newly calculated assessment rate").

¹³ See Memorandum, "Release of Customs Data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection," dated September 22, 2025.

¹⁴ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

¹⁵ See Petitioners' Letter, "Request for Administrative Review", dated July 31, 2024.

CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce preliminarily applied a weighted-average dumping margin based on total adverse facts available (AFA) to the individually examined entity in this administrative review, in accordance with section 776 of the Act, and assigned an AFA rate equal to the highest margin alleged in the underlying petition, as listed in the *Investigation Initiation*,¹⁶ there are no calculations to disclose.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice.¹⁷ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁸ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹⁹

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2)(iii) and (d)(2)(iii), we request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.²⁰ Further, we request that interested parties limit their public, executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public, executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public, executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).²¹

¹⁶ See *Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 78 FR 35253, 35257 (June 12, 2013) (*Investigation Initiation*).

¹⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309.

¹⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (APO and Service Procedures).

¹⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

²⁰ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

²¹ See APO and Service Procedures.

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 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants, and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing.²²

Application of Facts Available With an Adverse Inference

If Commerce continues to base the Vietnam-wide entity's weighted-average dumping margin upon total facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, in the final results of this review, then Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties at the rate determined in the final results of review for the Vietnam-wide entity.

However, if the Vietnam-wide entity's final weighted-average dumping margin is not based on total facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, Commerce intends to calculate the entity rate by dividing the total amount of dumping for reviewed sales to U.S. customers by the total quantity of sales by the Vietnam-wide entity. Commerce will calculate an estimated *ad valorem* entity-wide assessment rate to determine whether the per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*; however, it will instruct CBP to apply the per-unit assessment rate.²³

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review.

For the *Final Results*, if we continue to rescind this review with respect to the companies listed above for which the review is being preliminary rescinded, then Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit rate for estimated

antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue rescission instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the *Final Results* in the **Federal Register**.

The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for shipments of the subject merchandise from Vietnam entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for the companies listed above, which have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then zero cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese exporters not listed above that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate; (3) for all Vietnamese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the existing rate for the Vietnam-wide entity of 90.80 percent; and (4) for all non-Vietnamese exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Vietnamese exporter that supplied that non-Vietnamese 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) 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

²² See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

²³ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

presumption that reimbursement of antidumping 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: October 6, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. Preliminary Partial Rescission of Administrative Review
- V. Discussion of the Methodology
- VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904; Binational Panel Review: Notice of Panel Decision

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

ACTION: Notice of panel decision.

SUMMARY: On October 5, 2026, the Binational Panel issued its Decision on the Second Redetermination on Remand in the matter of Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination (Secretariat File Number: USA–CDA–2017–1904–02). The Binational Panel affirmed the U.S. Department of Commerce's Second Redetermination on Remand.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vidya Desai, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Room 2061, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–2311.

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 provide judicial review of the trade remedy determination being challenged and then issue a binding Panel Decision. There are established *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. The notice of this Binational Panel's Decision is being published pursuant to Rule 70. For the complete Rules, please see https://can-mex-usa-sec.org/secretariat/agreement-acuerdo-nafta-alena-tlcan/rules-regles-reglas/article-article-articulo_1904.aspx?lang=eng.

Dated: October 8, 2026.

Vidya Desai,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XG039]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. E.T. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will take place over webinar using the Webex platform with a telephone-only connection option. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/ssc>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: <https://www.mafmc.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During this meeting, the SSC will make multi-year acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for Longfin Squid. The SSC will make ABC

recommendations for the 2027–2029 fishing years using information from the recently completed research track and management track stock assessment reviews. The SSC may take up any other business as necessary.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's website (<https://www.mafmc.org>) prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: October 8, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No: 260930–0006]

XRIN 0648–XA107

Deep Seabed Mining: Notice of Receipt of Application for Deep Seabed Mining Exploration License and Announcement of Public Comment Period and Virtual Public Hearing

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for deep seabed mining exploration license; request for comments; notice of virtual public hearing.

SUMMARY: NOAA has received an application for a license to conduct seabed mining exploration activities that is fully compliant with the applicable information requirements of the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act (DSHMRA or the Act) and the Act's implementing regulations. As part of the application review process, NOAA will hold one virtual public hearing on Eco Minerals, Inc.'s (Eco) application and will accept written comments on the application submitted electronically via the instructions below.

DATES: Comments on the application must be received by December 14, 2026. The virtual public hearing is scheduled