

Dated: October 7, 2026.

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*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Antidumping and Countervailing Duty
Operations.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Japan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2023–2024

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain producers/exporters of hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from Japan sold subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value during the period of review (POR) October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

DATES: Applicable October 14, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jun Jack Zhao or Myrna Lobo, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1396 or (202) 482–2371, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 3, 2016, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty (AD) order on hot-

rolled steel from Japan.¹ On April 10, 2026, Commerce published the **Preliminary Results** of this review in the **Federal Register** and invited interested parties to comment.²

For a complete summary of the events that have occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for these final results, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ Commerce conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order⁴

The merchandise covered by the Order is hot-rolled steel from Japan. For a complete description of the scope of the Order, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

We addressed all issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice. The Issues and 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 Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/frnotices>.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our review and analysis of the comments received from parties, we made certain changes to the preliminary margin calculations for Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC). For a detailed discussion of these changes, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Review-Specific Rate for Non-Examined Companies

The Act does not address the establishment of a rate to apply to companies not selected for individual examination when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. However, Commerce's regulation at 19 CFR 351.109(g) states that Commerce

will determine the rate for non-selected companies by following the process set forth in 19 CFR 351.109(f)(1)–(2), which generally parallels the process for determining the all-others rate in an investigation under section 735(c)(5) of the Act. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.109(f) state that for companies not investigated, in general, we will determine an all-others rate by weight averaging the AD rates established for each of the companies individually investigated, excluding zero and *de minimis* rates or any rates based entirely on facts available. Where the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for each of the individually examined companies is zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts available, section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act provides that Commerce may use “any reasonable method to establish the estimated all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated, including averaging the estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined for the exporters and producers individually investigated.”

In this review, we calculated estimated weighted-average dumping margins of zero percent for Tokyo Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Tokyo Steel) and 13.96 percent for NSC. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act states that “[t]he estimated all-others rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776.” Consistent with section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, we assigned the companies not selected for individual examination in this review a weighted-average dumping margin based on the rate of 13.96 percent calculated for Tokyo Steel. The companies not selected for individual examination are listed in Appendix II.

Final Results of Review

Commerce determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024:

¹ See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determinations for Australia, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Turkey and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 67962 (October 3, 2016) (Order).

² See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Preliminary Results and Rescission, In Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2023–2024*, 91 FR 18410 (April 10, 2026) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

³ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the

Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan; 2023–2024,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁴ See Order.

Producer/exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Nippon Steel Corporation/Nippon Steel Nisshin Co., Ltd./Nippon Steel Trading Corporation ⁵	13.96
Tokyo Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	0.00
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JFE Steel Corporation; JFE Shoji Trade Corporation; JFE Shoji Corporation	13.96
Honda Trading Corporation	13.96
Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc	13.96
Tetsusho Kayaba Corporation	13.96
Toyo Corporation	13.96

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed for these final results of review within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Assessment Rates

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. 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).

Where the respondent reported reliable entered values, we calculated importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* rates by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales to each importer (or customer) and dividing this amount by the total entered value of the sales to each importer (or customer).⁶ Where Commerce calculated a weighted-average dumping margin by dividing the total amount of dumping for reviewed sales to that party by the total sales

quantity associated with those transactions, Commerce will direct CBP to assess importer- (or customer-) specific assessment rates based on the resulting per-unit rates.⁷ Where an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* or per-unit rate is greater than *de minimis* (*i.e.*, 0.50 percent), Commerce will instruct CBP to collect the appropriate duties at the time of liquidation.⁸ Where an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* or per-unit rate is zero or *de minimis*, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.⁹

Consistent with Commerce's assessment practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by NSC or Tokyo Steel for which the producer did not know that its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate (*i.e.*, 5.58 percent¹⁰) if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹¹

For the companies which were not selected for individual review, we will assign an assessment rate based on the review-specific rate, calculated as noted in the "Review-Specific Rate for Non-Examined Companies" section, above. 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.¹²

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of 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 for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rates for the companies listed in these final results will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margins established in the final results of this review; (2) for merchandise exported by producers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment in which the company was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 5.58 percent,¹³ the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final 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 POR. 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.

⁵ Commerce found in a changed circumstances review that NSC, Nippon Steel Nisshin Co., Ltd., and Nippon Steel Trading Corporation are affiliated companies that should be treated as a single entity and as the successor-in-interest to Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation, Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd., and Nippon Steel & Sumikin Bussan Corporation, respectively. See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 84 FR 46713 (September 5, 2019). Because there is no information on the record of this administrative review that would lead us to revisit this determination, we are continuing to treat these companies as part of a single entity for the purposes of this administrative review.

⁶ See section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act; see also 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

¹⁰ See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 81 FR 53409 (August 12, 2016) (LTFV Final Determination).

¹¹ For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

¹² See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

¹³ See LTFV Final Determination.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h) and 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: October 7, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public hybrid meeting of its Scallop Joint Committee and Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the

exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/join/register/5jK8fLFITWGhb1tBAjL51g>.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at Fairfield Inn & Suites/Waypoint Event Center, 185 MacArthur Dr., New Bedford, MA 02740; Phone (774) 634–2000.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

The Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to discuss 2027 & 2028 (Default) Specifications and provide input on the range of potential access area and days-at-sea allocations for the 2027 and 2028 fishing years. This action will set specifications including Acceptable Biological Catch/Annual Catch Limits, days-at-sea, access area allocations, total allowable landings for the Northern Gulf of Maine management area, targets for General Category incidental catch, General Category access area trips, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2027 and default specifications for fishing year 2028. They will also discuss the draft 2027 Priorities and provide feedback for Council consideration at the December 2026 Council meeting. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 9, 2026.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. E.T. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted to the Council's calendar prior to the meeting at <https://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; <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: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will meet via webinar to discuss 2027 recreational management measures for all three species. Last year, 2-year recreational measures were adopted for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass for 2026–2027, with the intent to review 2027 measures in 2026. The objectives of this meeting are for the Monitoring Committee to 1) Review recent