

Company	Subsidy rate
Shandong Haoyang New Engineering Materials Co., Ltd.* .....	152.50
Shandong Tongfa Glass Fiber Ltd.* .....	152.50
Shandong Xinyu Geosynthetics Ltd.* .....	152.50
Tai'an Haohua Plastics Co., Ltd.* .....	152.50
Taian Hengbang Engineering Material Co., Ltd.* .....	152.50
Taian Naite Geosynthetics Ltd.* .....	152.50
Taian Road Engineering Materials Co., Ltd.* .....	152.50
Tenax* .....	152.50
Hengshui Zhongtiejian Group Co.* .....	152.50
Qingdao Sunrise Dageng Import and Export Co., Ltd.* .....	152.50

### Provisional Measures

Section 733(d) of the Act states that instructions issued pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months. In the underlying investigation, the Department published the *Preliminary Determination* on June 24, 2016. Therefore, the four-month period beginning on the date of the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* ended on October 22, 2016. Furthermore, section 737(b) of the Act states that definitive duties are to begin on the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination.

Therefore, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act and our practice, we instructed CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to antidumping duties, unliquidated entries of geogrids from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption after October 22, 2016, the date the provisional measures expired, until and through the day preceding the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination in the **Federal Register**. Suspension of liquidation will resume on the date of publication of the ITC's final determination in the **Federal Register**.

### Critical Circumstances

With regard to the ITC's negative critical circumstances determination on imports of geogrids from the PRC, we will instruct CBP to lift suspension and to refund any cash deposits made to secure the payment of estimated countervailing duties with respect to geogrids from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 26, 2016 (*i.e.*, 90 days prior to the date of the publication of the CVD *Preliminary Determination*), but before June 24, 2016 (*i.e.*, the date of publication of the CVD *Preliminary Determination*).

### Notifications to Interested Parties

This notice constitutes the countervailing duty order with respect to geogrids from the PRC pursuant to

section 706(a) of the Act. Interested parties can find a list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/stats/iastats1.html>.

This order is issued and published in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: February 24, 2017.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

The products covered by the scope are certain biaxial integral geogrid products. Biaxial integral geogrid products are a polymer grid or mesh material (whether or not finished, slit, cut-to-length, attached to woven or non-woven fabric or sheet material, or packaged) in which four-sided openings in the form of squares, rectangles, rhomboids, diamonds, or other four-sided figures predominate. The products covered have integral strands that have been stretched to induce molecular orientation into the material (as evidenced by the strands being thinner in width toward the middle between the junctions than at the junctions themselves) constituting the sides of the openings and integral junctions where the strands intersect. The scope includes products in which four-sided figures predominate whether or not they also contain additional strands intersecting the four-sided figures and whether or not the inside corners of the four-sided figures are rounded off or not sharp angles. As used herein, the term "integral" refers to strands and junctions that are homogenous with each other. The products covered have a tensile strength of greater than 5 kilonewtons per meter (kN/m) according to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Test Method D6637/D6637M in any direction and average overall flexural stiffness of more than 100,000 milligram-centimeter according to the ASTM D7748/D7748M Standard Test Method for Flexural Rigidity of Geogrids, Geotextiles and Related Products, or other equivalent test method standards.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, packaged, or otherwise further processed in a third country, including by trimming, slitting, coating, cutting, punching holes, stretching, attaching to woven or non-woven fabric or sheet material, or any other finishing, packaging, or other further

processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the biaxial integral geogrid.

The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the following subheading: 3926.90.9995. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 3920.20.0050 and 3925.90.0000. The HTSUS subheadings set forth above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating the five-year reviews ("Sunset Reviews") of the antidumping and countervailing duty ("AD/CVD") order(s) listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notice of *Institution of Five-Year Review* which covers the same order(s).

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* March 1, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Department official identified in the *Initiation of Review* section below at AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. For information from the Commission contact Mary Messer, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission at (202) 205-3193.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Department's procedures for the conduct of Sunset Reviews are set forth in its *Procedures for Conducting Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) and 70 FR 62061 (October 28, 2005).

Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of Sunset Reviews is set forth in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings; Final*

*Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

**Initiation of Review**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(c), we are initiating Sunset Reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty order(s):

DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Product	Department contact
A-427-602 .....	731-TA-313 .....	France .....	Brass Sheet & Strip (4th Review) .....	Robert James (202) 482-0649.
A-428-602 .....	731-TA-317 .....	Germany .....	Brass Sheet & Strip (4th Review) .....	Robert James (202) 482-0649.
A-475-601 .....	731-TA-314 .....	Italy .....	Brass Sheet & Strip (4th Review) .....	Robert James (202) 482-0649.
A-588-704 .....	731-TA-379 .....	Japan .....	Brass Sheet & Strip (4th Review) .....	Robert James (202) 482-0649.
A-570-806 .....	731-TA-472 .....	PRC .....	Silicon Metal (4th Review) .....	Matthew Renkey (202) 482-2312.

**Filing Information**

As a courtesy, we are making information related to sunset proceedings, including copies of the pertinent statute and Department's regulations, the Department's schedule for Sunset Reviews, a listing of past revocations and continuations, and current service lists, available to the public on the Department's Web site at the following address: "<http://enforcement.trade.gov/sunset/>." All submissions in these Sunset Reviews must be filed in accordance with the Department's regulations regarding format, translation, and service of documents. These rules, including electronic filing requirements via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System ("ACCESS"), can be found at 19 CFR 351.303.<sup>1</sup>

This notice serves as a reminder that any party submitting factual information in an AD/CVD proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information.<sup>2</sup> Parties are hereby reminded that revised certification requirements are in effect for company/government officials as well as their representatives in these segments.<sup>3</sup> The formats for the revised certifications are provided at the end of the *Final Rule*. The Department intends to reject factual submissions if the submitting party does not comply with the revised certification requirements.

On April 10, 2013, the Department modified two regulations related to AD/CVD proceedings: The definition of

factual information (19 CFR 351.102(b)(21)), and the time limits for the submission of factual information (19 CFR 351.301).<sup>4</sup> Parties are advised to review the final rule, available at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/2013/1304frn/2013-08227.txt>, prior to submitting factual information in these segments. To the extent that other regulations govern the submission of factual information in a segment (such as 19 CFR 351.218), these time limits will continue to be applied. Parties are also advised to review the final rule concerning the extension of time limits for submissions in AD/CVD proceedings, available at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/2013/1309frn/2013-22853.txt>, prior to submitting factual information in these segments.<sup>5</sup>

**Letters of Appearance and Administrative Protective Orders**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103(d), the Department will maintain and make available a public service list for these proceedings. Parties wishing to participate in any of these five-year reviews must file letters of appearance as discussed at 19 CFR 351.103(d). To facilitate the timely preparation of the public service list, it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding submit an entry of appearance within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation.

Because deadlines in Sunset Reviews can be very short, we urge interested parties who want access to proprietary information under administrative protective order ("APO") to file an APO application immediately following publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation. The Department's regulations on submission

of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304-306.

**Information Required From Interested Parties**

Domestic interested parties, as defined in section 771(9)(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b), wishing to participate in a Sunset Review must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The required contents of the notice of intent to participate are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(ii). In accordance with the Department's regulations, if we do not receive a notice of intent to participate from at least one domestic interested party by the 15-day deadline, the Department will automatically revoke the order without further review.<sup>6</sup>

If we receive an order-specific notice of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, the Department's regulations provide that *all parties* wishing to participate in a Sunset Review must file complete substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response, on an order-specific basis, are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for respondent and domestic parties. Also, note that the Department's information requirements are distinct from the Commission's information requirements. Consult the Department's regulations for information regarding the Department's conduct of Sunset Reviews. Consult the Department's regulations at 19 CFR part 351 for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning

<sup>1</sup> See also *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> See section 782(b) of the Act.

<sup>3</sup> See *Certification of Factual Information To Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 42678 (July 17, 2013) ("Final Rule") (amending 19 CFR 351.303(g)).

<sup>4</sup> See *Definition of Factual Information and Time Limits for Submission of Factual Information: Final Rule*, 78 FR 21246 (April 10, 2013).

<sup>5</sup> See *Extension of Time Limits*, 78 FR 57790 (September 20, 2013).

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii).

antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: February 27, 2017.

**James Maeder,**

*Senior Director, Office for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-036]

#### Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order

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

**SUMMARY:** Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), the Department is issuing the antidumping duty order on certain biaxial integral geogrid products (geogrids) from the People's Republic of China (PRC).

**DATES:** Effective March 3, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Hancock at (202) 482-1394, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.210(c), on January 11, 2017, the Department published its affirmative final determination in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of geogrids from the PRC.<sup>1</sup> On February 24, 2017, the ITC notified the Department of its affirmative determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured within the meaning of section 735(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, by reason of the LTFV imports of geogrids from the PRC, and of its determination that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise from the PRC that are

subject to the Department's affirmative critical circumstances finding.<sup>2</sup>

#### Scope of the Order

The scope of this order covers geogrids from the PRC. For a complete description of the scope, *see* Appendix.

#### Antidumping Duty Order

On February 24, 2017, in accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, the ITC notified the Department of its final determination in this investigation, in which it found that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of geogrids from the PRC, and that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise that are subject to the Department's affirmative critical circumstances finding.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, in accordance with section 735(c)(2) of the Act, the Department is issuing this antidumping duty order. Because the ITC determined that imports of geogrids from the PRC are materially injuring a U.S. industry, unliquidated entries of such merchandise from the PRC, entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, are subject to the assessment of antidumping duties.

Therefore, in accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess, upon further instruction by the Department, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the normal value of the merchandise exceeds the export price (or constructed export price) of the merchandise, for all relevant entries of geogrids from the PRC. Antidumping duties will be assessed on unliquidated entries of geogrids entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 22, 2016, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination*,<sup>4</sup> but will not include entries occurring after the expiration of the provisional measures period and before publication of the ITC's final injury determination as further described below.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter to Ronald Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance, from Rhonda K. Schmittlein, Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, regarding geogrids from the PRC (February 24, 2016) (ITC Letter).

<sup>3</sup> See ITC Letter.

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, and Postponement of Final Determination*, 81 FR 56584 (August 22, 2016) (*Preliminary Determination*) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct CBP to reinstitute the suspension of liquidation of geogrids from the PRC. We will also instruct CBP to require cash deposits equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as indicated in the chart below, adjusted where appropriate for export subsidies and estimated domestic subsidy pass-through.<sup>5</sup> These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

Accordingly, effective on the date of publication of the ITC's final affirmative determinations, CBP will require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this subject merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins, adjusted where appropriate for export subsidies and estimated domestic subsidy pass-through.<sup>6</sup> The "PRC-wide" rate applies to all exporters of subject merchandise.

Exporter or producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit rate (percent)
PRC-Wide Entity <sup>7</sup>	372.81	372.81

#### Provisional Measures

Section 733(d) of the Act states that instructions issued pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months, except where exporters representing a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise request the Department to extend that four-month period to no more than six months. At the request of an exporter that accounted for a significant proportion of exports of geogrids from the PRC, we extended the four-month period to no more than six-months.<sup>8</sup> In the underlying investigation, the Department published the *Preliminary Determination* on August 22, 2016. Therefore, the six-month period beginning on the date of the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* ended

<sup>5</sup> See *Final Determination*, 82 FR at 3286 (describing the adjustments to the AD duty rate for the PRC-wide entity in more detail); *see also* sections 772(c)(1)(C) and 777A(f) of the Act, respectively.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 3286 (we did not make any adjustment to the cash deposit rates for export subsidy rates or domestic subsidy pass-through).

<sup>7</sup> As discussed in the *Final Determination*, the PRC-wide entity includes BOSTD Geosynthetics Qingdao Ltd. (BOSTD) and Taian Modern Plastic Co., Ltd. (Taian Modern).

<sup>8</sup> See *Preliminary Determination*, 81 FR at 56586.

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products from the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 82 FR 3284 (January 11, 2017) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.