

For a complete description of the scope of the order, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213. For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary results of review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided in the Appendix to this notice.

### Separate Rates

The four companies for which a review was requested failed to provide separate rate applications or certifications.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, Commerce preliminarily determines that these four companies are part of the China-wide entity. Because no party requested a review of the China-wide entity, the entity is not under review, and the entity's dumping margin of 99.14 percent is not subject to change.<sup>7</sup> For additional information regarding this determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results and may submit case briefs and/or written comments, filed electronically using ACCESS, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii). Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, will be due five days after the due date for case briefs, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d). Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this review are requested to submit with each argument a statement of the issue, a summary of the argument not to exceed five pages, and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2).

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice.<sup>8</sup> Hearing requests should contain the following information: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues

raised in the case briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date of the hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.<sup>9</sup>

Unless extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any briefs received, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

### Assessment Rates

Upon issuing the final results of this review, Commerce will determine, and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.<sup>10</sup> Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of the final results of this review. We intend to instruct CBP to liquidate entries of subject merchandise exported by the China-wide entity, including the four companies for which a review was requested, at the China-wide rate. Additionally, pursuant to Commerce's practice in non-market economy (NME) cases, any suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR under case numbers for the companies for which a review was requested will be liquidated at the China-wide rate.<sup>11</sup>

### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this review for shipments of subject merchandise from China 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 previously investigated or reviewed China and non-China exporters 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; (2) for all Chinese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate for the China-wide entity, which is 99.14 percent; and (3) for all non-China exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the

cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the China exporter that supplied that non-China 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)(2) 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 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 results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: March 12, 2019.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- (1) Summary
- (2) Background
- (3) Scope of the Order
- (4) Discussion of the Methodology
  - a. Companies that Have Not Demonstrated Eligibility for Separate Rate Status
- (5) Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-580-891]

#### Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea: Initiation and Expedited Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating and issuing expedited preliminary results of a changed circumstances review (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) order on carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Korea (Korea).

**DATES:** Applicable March 15, 2019.

<sup>6</sup> The four companies are: (1) Baoshan Iron & Steel; (2) Hengyang Steel Tube Group International Trading Inc.; (3) Hubei Xinyegang Steel Co., Ltd.; and (4) Hubei Xin Yegang Special Tube.

<sup>7</sup> *See Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 75 FR 28551 (May 21, 2010).

<sup>8</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>9</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>10</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b).

<sup>11</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, *see* Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Dunne, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202-482-2328.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On May 21, 2018, Commerce published the AD order on wire rod from the Republic of Korea.<sup>1</sup> On October 8, 2018, members of the domestic industry including Nucor Corporation, Optimus Steel LLC Keystone Consolidates Industries, Inc., and Charter Steel requested that Commerce initiate a CCR to revoke, in part, the AD order on wire rod from Korea as to value spring quality (VSQ) wire rod.<sup>2</sup>

**Scope of the Order**

The products covered by this order are certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high-nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (*i.e.*, products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.1 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorous, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium). All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

The products under this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3011, 7213.91.3015, 7213.91.3020, 7213.91.3093; 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7227.20.0030,

7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6010, 7227.90.6020, 7227.90.6030, and 7227.90.6035 of the HTSUS. Products entered under subheadings 7213.99.0090 and 7227.90.6090 of the HTSUS also may be included in this scope if they meet the physical description of subject merchandise above. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.<sup>3</sup>

**Initiation and Expedited Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review**

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.216(d), Commerce will conduct a CCR of an antidumping or countervailing duty order when it receives information which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant such a review. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i) provide that Commerce may revoke an order (in whole or in part) if it determines that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have no further interest in the order, in whole or in part. In addition, in the event Commerce determines that expedited action is warranted, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits Commerce to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

For the reasons discussed below and in the accompanying proprietary memorandum, we find that such sufficient information exists to warrant a CCR.<sup>4</sup> Further, Commerce does not require any additional information to make a preliminary finding. For this reason, as permitted by 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii), Commerce finds that expedited action is warranted and is conducting this review on an expedited basis by publishing preliminary results in conjunction with a notice of initiation.

The six domestic producers filing the request assert that they account for “substantially all”<sup>5</sup> of the domestic

production of carbon and alloy steel wire rod.<sup>6</sup> Because there is no record information that contradicts this claim, in accordance with section 751(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(1)(i), we find that the six domestic producers comprise substantially all of the production of the domestic like product.

Because this CCR request was filed less than 24 months after the date of publication of notice of the final determination in the investigation, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.216(c), Commerce must determine whether good cause exists. We find that the six domestic producers’ affirmative statement of no interest in the order with respect to valve spring quality wire rod imported from Korea constitutes good cause for the conduct of this review.<sup>7</sup> Based on the expression of no interest by the six domestic producers and in the absence of any objection by any other interested parties, we preliminarily determine that substantially all of the domestic producers of the like product have no interest in the continued application of the antidumping duty order on wire rod from Korea with respect to valve spring quality wire rod. Accordingly, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty order as it relates to imports of valve spring quality wire rod from Korea. We intend to change the scope of the order on wire rod from Korea by adding the exclusion language provided in the Attachment to this **Federal Register** notice.

**Public Comment**

Interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>8</sup> Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the due date for case briefs.<sup>9</sup> All submissions must be filed electronically using Enforcement and Compliance’s AD and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is

2018; see also *Oil Country Tubular Goods from Mexico; Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 14213 (March 24, 1999).

<sup>6</sup> See CCR Request at 4–5.

<sup>7</sup> See *e.g.*, *Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke Order in Part*, 82 FR 821 (January 4, 2017) (finding that “Petitioners’ affirmative statement of no interest in the order . . . constitutes good case for the conduct of this review.”)

<sup>8</sup> Commerce is exercising its discretion under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) to alter the time limit for filing of case briefs.

<sup>9</sup> Commerce is exercising its discretion under 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1) to alter the time limit for filing of rebuttal briefs.

<sup>1</sup> See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy, the Republic of Korea, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Antidumping Duty Orders and Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determinations for Spain and the Republic of Turkey*, 83 FR 23417 (May 21, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> See letter from domestic industry re: “Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea Domestic Industry’s Request for Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review and Partial Revocation Request,” dated October 8, 2018 (CCR Request).

<sup>3</sup> For a description of the domestic industry’s proposed exclusion language, see the Attachment to this **Federal Register** notice.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, “Analysis of Industry Support for Changed Circumstances Review: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Korea,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice.

<sup>5</sup> In its administrative practice, Commerce has interpreted “substantially all” to mean at least 85 percent of the total production of the domestic like product covered by the order. See, *e.g.*, *Supercalendered Paper from Canada: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Revocation of Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 32268 (July 12,

available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov> and in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due dates set forth in this notice.

Any interested party may request a hearing within 14 days of publication of this notice. Hearing requests should contain the following information: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the 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, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 in a room to be determined.<sup>10</sup>

Unless extended, consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we intend to issue the final results of this CCR no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated or 45 days if all parties agree to the outcome of the review.

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: March 12, 2019.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### **Attachment—Proposed Revision to the Scope of the Korea Order**

Also excluded are valve spring quality (VSQ) steel products, which is defined as wire rod

(i) Measuring no more than 14 mm in cross-sectional diameter;

(ii) Containing by weight the following elements in the proportions shown:

(1) 0.51 percent to 0.68 percent, inclusive, of carbon,

(2) Not more than 0.020 percent of phosphorus,

(3) Not more than 0.020 percent of sulfur,

(4) Not more than 0.05 percent of copper,

(5) Not more than 70 ppm of nitrogen,

(6) 0.5 percent to 0.8 percent, inclusive, of manganese,

(7) Not more than 0.1 percent of nickel,

(8) 1.3 percent to 1.6 percent, inclusive, of silicon,

(9) Not more than 0.002 percent of titanium,

(10) Not more than 0.15 percent of vanadium, and

(11) Not more than 20ppm of oxygen of product; and

(iii) Having non-metallic inclusions not greater than 15 microns and meeting all of the following specific inclusions requirements using the Max-T method:

(1) No sulfide inclusions greater than 5 microns,

(2) No alumina inclusions greater than 10 microns,

(3) No silicate inclusions greater than 5 microns, and

(4) No oxide inclusions greater than 10 microns.

The size of an inclusion is its thickness perpendicular to the axis of rolling. Max-T method is used to measure the maximum thickness of all inclusions observed in a longitudinal cross-sectional sample with a minimum surface area of 60 mm<sup>2</sup>, taken at the bottom of each coil of every heat.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

**[A-427-818]**

#### **Low-Enriched Uranium From France: Final Results of Sunset Review and Revocation of Antidumping Duty Order**

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

**SUMMARY:** On November 1, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on low-enriched uranium (LEU) from France. Because no domestic interested party responded to the sunset review notice of initiation by the applicable deadline, Commerce is revoking the antidumping duty order on LEU from France.

**DATES:** Applicable March 15, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline Arrowsmith or Charlotte Baskin-Gerwitz, 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) 482-5255 or (202) 482-4880, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 13, 2002, Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of low-enriched uranium from France.<sup>1</sup> In

the first two sunset reviews, Commerce and the International Trade Commission (ITC) determined that continuation of the order was warranted.<sup>2</sup> On November 1, 2018, Commerce initiated the current sunset review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.218.<sup>3</sup>

We did not receive a notice of intent to participate from the domestic interested parties in this sunset review. As a result, in accordance with 19 CFE 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(A), Commerce has determined that no domestic interested party intends to participate in the sunset review. On November 28, 2018, Commerce notified the ITC in writing that we intend to revoke the antidumping duty order on low-enriched uranium from France.<sup>4</sup> Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.<sup>5</sup> If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the Revocation Order is now March 11, 2019.

#### **Scope of the Order**

The product covered by the order is all low-enriched uranium. Low-enriched uranium is enriched uranium hexafluoride (UF<sub>6</sub>) with a U<sup>235</sup> product assay of less than 20 percent that has not been converted into another chemical form, such as UO<sub>2</sub>, or fabricated into nuclear fuel assemblies, regardless of the means by which the LEU is produced (including low-enriched uranium produced through the down-blending of highly enriched uranium).

Certain merchandise is outside the scope of this order. Specifically, this order does not cover enriched uranium hexafluoride with a U<sup>235</sup> assay of 20

*Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 67 FR 6880 (February 13, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> See *Low Enriched Uranium from France; Continuation of Antidumping Order*, 73 FR 449 (January 3, 2008); *Low Enriched Uranium from France; Continuation of Antidumping Order*, 78 FR 77650 (December 24, 2013).

<sup>3</sup> See *Low Enriched Uranium from France; Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 83 FR 54915 (November 1, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>4</sup> See Department Letter re: Sunset Reviews Initiated on May 1, 2018, dated May 18, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> See memorandum to the Record from 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, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>1</sup> See *Low Enriched Uranium from France; Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less*