

in accordance with section 772(c)(1)(C) of the Act.

Final Results of the Review

Commerce determines that, for the period of December 1, 2015, through

November 30, 2016, the following dumping margin exists:

Exporter/producer	Dumping margin (percent)	Rate adjusted for export subsidies (percent)
Pidilite Industries Limited	66.59	49.57

Assessment Rates

Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review.⁹ For entries of the subject merchandise from Pidilite, we will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties at the adjusted rate of 49.57 percent.

We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Pidilite will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which the company was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the less-than-fair value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding for the manufacturer of subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 27.48 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.¹⁰ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

⁹ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b).

¹⁰ See *Order*.

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 the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Administrative Protective Order

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), this notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under the APO, 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 terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

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).

Dated: April 6, 2018.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Rubber Bands From Thailand and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable April 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shanah Lee at (202) 482–6386 (Thailand) and Kristen Johnson at (202) 482–4793 (the People's Republic of China), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 20, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on rubber bands from Thailand and the People's Republic of China.¹ Currently, the preliminary determinations of these investigations are due no later than April 26, 2018.

¹ See *Rubber Bands from Thailand, the People's Republic of China, and Sri Lanka: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 83 FR 8429 (February 27, 2018). Pursuant to section 703(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, the countervailing duty investigation on rubber bands from Sri Lanka was terminated following the International Trade Commission's determination that imports of rubber bands from Sri Lanka that are alleged to be sold at less than fair value and subsidized by the government of Sri Lanka are negligible. See *Rubber Bands from China, Sri Lanka, and Thailand: Determinations*, 83 FR 12594 (March 22, 2018).

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if a petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), a petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reason for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.²

On March 27, 2018, Alliance Rubber Co. (the petitioner) submitted a timely request, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e), to postpone fully the preliminary determinations.³ The petitioner stated that the purpose of its request is to provide Commerce with adequate time to analyze fully ‘questionnaire responses to determine the extent to which countervailable subsidies are used by the respondents.’⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner stated the reason for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determinations and the record does not present any compelling reasons to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations to July 2, 2018.⁵ In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

² See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

³ See Letter from the petitioner, ‘Petitioner’s Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determinations,’ dated March 27, 2018.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

⁵ The actual deadline is June 30, 2018, which is a Saturday. Commerce’s practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

Dated: April 6, 2018.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Countervailing Duty Investigation of Stainless Steel Flanges From the People’s Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers/exporters of stainless steel flanges from the People’s Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

DATES: Applicable April 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Justin Neuman or Jerry Huang, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–0486 or (202) 482–4047, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Preliminary Determination in this investigation was published on January 23, 2018.¹ Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. As a result, the revised deadline for the final determination of this investigation is now April 4, 2018.² We invited interested parties to comment on the Preliminary Determination. However, we received

¹ See *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Stainless Steel Flanges from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination*, 83 FR 3124 (January 23, 2018) (*Preliminary Determination*).

² See Memorandum, ‘Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government’ (Tolling Memorandum), dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days.

no comments from any interested parties.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are stainless steel flanges from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see the Appendix to this notice.

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

As noted above, we received no comments pertaining to the Preliminary Determination. As stated in the Preliminary Determination, we found that the mandatory respondents in these investigations, Bothwell (Jiangyan) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd.; Hydro Fluids Controls Limited; Jiangyin Shengda Brite Line Kasugai Flange Co., Ltd.; and Qingdao I-Flow Co., Ltd.; did not cooperate to the best of their abilities and, accordingly, we determined it appropriate to apply facts otherwise available with adverse inferences, in accordance with section 776(a)–(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ For the purposes of the final determination, Commerce has made no changes to the Preliminary Determination.

All-Others Rate

As discussed in the Preliminary Determination, Commerce based the selection of the ‘All-Others’ rate on the countervailable subsidy rate established for the mandatory respondents in accordance with section 705(c)(5)(A)(ii) of the Act.⁴ We made no changes to the selection of this rate for this final determination.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Bothwell (Jiangyan) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd	174.73
Hydro-Fluids Controls Limited	174.73
Jiangyin Shengda Brite Line Kasugai Flange Co., Ltd	174.73
Qingdao I-Flow Co., Ltd	174.73
All-Others	174.73

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our Preliminary Determination and pursuant to section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce directed U.S. Customs and

³ See *Preliminary Determination*, 83 FR at 3124–3125.

⁴ *Id.*, 83 FR at 3125.