

Commerce issued a 30-day extension for its decision on whether or not to initiate a changed circumstances review, citing the complexities of the request.<sup>8</sup>

### Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings that are under 14 inches in outside diameter (based on nominal pipe size), whether finished or unfinished. For a full description of the scope of the order, *see* the Appendix to this notice.

### Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce will conduct a changed circumstances review upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party of, an antidumping duty order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. In its request for initiation, the petitioners provided information indicating that since the issuance of the *Order*, there has been a change in the trading patterns and activities of Enlin, Vinox, and E N Corporation. The petitioners assert that the information provided demonstrates that the *Order* is being evaded. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(d), based on the information provided by the petitioners regarding new trading patterns and possible evasion of the *Order*, Commerce finds that changed circumstances sufficient to warrant the initiation of a changed circumstances review exist. Therefore, we are initiating a changed circumstances administrative review, pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(b) and (d) to determine whether action is necessary to maintain the integrity of the *Order*. Commerce intends to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty changed circumstances review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4) and 351.221(c)(3)(i), which will set forth Commerce's preliminary factual and legal conclusions. Commerce will issue its final results of review in accordance with the time limits set forth in 19 CFR 351.216(e).

from the Philippines—Petitioners' Rebuttal to Respondents' Opposition to Changed Circumstances Review Request," dated June 26, 2018.

<sup>8</sup> See Commerce's Letter, "Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the Philippines: Extension of Time for Changed Circumstances Review Initiation Decision," dated July 5, 2018.

We are issuing this notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216.

Dated: August 6, 2018.

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### Appendix

#### Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings. Certain stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings are under 14 inches in outside diameter (based on nominal pipe size), whether finished or unfinished. The products encompass all grades of stainless steel and "commodity" and "specialty" fittings. Specifically excluded from the definition are threaded, grooved, and bolted fittings, and fittings made from any material other than stainless steel.

The fittings subject to the order are generally designated under specification ASTM A403/A403M, the standard specification for Wrought Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Fittings, or its foreign equivalents (*e.g.*, DIN or JIS specifications). This specification covers two general classes of fittings, WP and CR, of wrought austenitic stainless steel fittings of seamless and welded construction covered by the latest revision of ANSI B16.9, ANSI B16.11, and ANSI B16.28. Pipe fittings manufactured to specification ASTM A774, or its foreign equivalents, are also covered by the order.

The order does not apply to cast fittings. Cast austenitic stainless steel pipe fittings are covered by specifications A351/A351M, A743/743M, and A744/A744M.

The stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings subject to the order are currently classifiable under subheading 7307.23.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–489–825]

### Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an

administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWR pipes and tubes) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) for the period of review December 28, 2015, through April 25, 2016, and September 12, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Commerce preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to Ozdemir Boru Profil San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti. (Ozdemir), the sole producer/exporter of HWR pipes and tubes from Turkey subject to this review.

**DATES:** Applicable August 14, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Smith or Janae Martin, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1766 or (202) 482–0238, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On November 13, 2017, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the CVD order on HWR pipes and tubes from Turkey.<sup>1</sup> On June 1, 2018, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results to August 6, 2018.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included 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

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 52268 (November 13, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Turkey: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015–2016," dated June 1, 2018; *see also* Memorandum for The Record from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "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.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results: Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Turkey," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

### Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order is HWR pipes and tubes. 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)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>4</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b)(4)(i), we calculated a countervailable subsidy rate for Ozdemir, the sole respondent in this review. We preliminarily determine that the following subsidy rate exists for Ozdemir for the period December 28, 2015, through April 25, 2016, and September 12, 2016, through December 31, 2016:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Ozdemir Boru Profil San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti. ....	1.18

### Assessment Rate

Consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

<sup>4</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

### Cash Deposit Rate

Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated for Ozdemir with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Disclosure and Public Comment

We will disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of these preliminary results.<sup>5</sup> Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.<sup>7</sup>

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.<sup>8</sup> Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date of the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined.<sup>9</sup> Issues addressed during the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.<sup>10</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date,

<sup>5</sup> See 19 CFR 224(b).

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and 351.309(d)(2).

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

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

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

time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: August 6, 2018.

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### Appendix

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

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- II. Background
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- IV. Subsidies Valuation Information
- V. Benchmarks and Interest Rates
- VI. Analysis of Programs
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–570–985]

#### Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016–2017

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain exporters for which this review was requested did make sales of subject merchandise at prices below normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable August 14, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aleksandras Nakutis or Eli Lovely, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement