

payments. This includes following up on audit findings and questioned costs. The proposed changes are to revise some existing data elements and add data elements that would make the reports easier for Federal agencies, pass-through entities, and the public to use.

This is a reinstatement, with changes, of Form SF-SAC, OMB control number 0607-0518. Prior to the year 1997, the Census Bureau was responsible for the OMB clearance approval process using OMB control number 0607-0518. In 1997, OMB took over the approval process for the Form SF-SAC under OMB control number 0348-0057 (currently expiring June 30, 2019). The Census Bureau is now resuming responsibility for obtaining OMB clearance under the original OMB control number 0607-0518. The FAC will continue to collect Single Audit reports from prior audit years, going back to audit year 2013, to accommodate late submissions and revisions. Late submissions or revisions from prior years are to use the version of the Form SF-SAC applicable to that audit year. The FAC also plans to allow Non-Federal entities who did not meet the threshold requiring submission of a Single Audit report to voluntarily notify the FAC that they did not meet the reporting threshold. The FAC plans to put this information on their website.

The proposed changes are to include the following required elements of the reporting package on the data collection form: The text of the federal award audit findings, the text of the corrective action plan, and the notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA). There will be a checkbox for each finding text and corrective action plan (CAP) text entered asking the user if there are any charts or tables that could not be copied or pasted to analyze how often this occurs. Additionally, a new yes/no question has been added regarding whether the auditors communicated to the auditee, in a written document, any issues that were not audit findings. The inclusion of these items is to aid Federal agencies and pass-through entities in their review of their recipients/subrecipients. This will reduce their burden of manually searching the reporting package for this information. With these items now included on the form, the information can be viewed during the initial review of auditees instead of needing to access and search all reporting packages of all recipients/subrecipients. In the future, the FAC would like to develop a system-generated exportable Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs using these items, similar to the system-generated SEFA and Notes to the SEFA,

which will reduce burden for auditees and auditors.

Two additional items not mentioned in the pre-submission notice will be collected in the Web-based collection instrument, the Internet Data Entry System (IDES). These items will collect the date the auditor's report(s) were received by the auditee and what items were modified when a revision has been conducted. The date the auditor's report(s) was received was not included in the pre-submission notice as logistics were still being discussed about what instructions should accompany this field. This is the date the auditee received the full, complete report from the auditor. This inclusion is to help with the determination of whether the Form SF-SAC and Single Audit report were submitted on time. Collecting this date will allow for tracking of the 30-day deadline, as the FAC already collects the fiscal period ending date to track the nine-month deadline. The list of what items were modified when a revision has been conducted was not included in the pre-submission notice as it was not suggested to the FAC until a meeting with stakeholders that occurred after the pre-submission notice was submitted. Users will select which items changed from the previously submitted version using a preset list of options. Users will be able to check multiple options. This information will be publicly displayed on the FAC website.

The proposed revisions to the Form SF-SAC can be obtained by download from the FAC homepage at <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb> or by contacting the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at erd.fac@census.gov or 800-253-0696.

Affected Public: States, local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations (Non-Federal entities) and their auditors.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 31 U.S.C.

Section 7501 *et seq.* and 2 CFR part 200.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov.

Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Federal_Audit_Clearinghouse_Comments@OMB.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number OMB-2018-0007, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

www.regulations.gov. All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-580-884]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2016

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd. (Hyundai Steel), a producer/exporter of certain hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from the Republic of Korea (Korea), and POSCO, a producer/exporter of hot-rolled steel from Korea, received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR), August 12, 2016, through December 31, 2016. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable November 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Mullen or Carrie Bethea, 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) 482-5260 and (202) 482-1491, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 7, 2017, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on hot-

rolled steel from Korea.¹ On June 12, 2018, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review to no later than November 5, 2018.² For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included at the Appendix to this notice. The Preliminary 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). 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 certain hot-rolled steel flat products. 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-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁴ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Companies Not Selected for Individual Review

For the companies not selected for individual review, because the rates calculated for Hyundai Steel and POSCO were above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available, we applied a subsidy rate based on a weighted-average of the subsidy rates calculated for Hyundai Steel and POSCO using publicly-ranged sales data submitted by the respondents. This is consistent with the methodology that we would use in an investigation to establish the all-others rate, consistent with section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b)(4)(i), we calculated individual subsidy rates for Hyundai Steel and POSCO. For the POR, we preliminarily determine that the net subsidy rates for the producers/exporters under review to be as follows:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
POSCO	1.73
Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd	0.65
DCE Inc	1.21
Dong Chuel America Inc	1.21
Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd	1.21
Dongkuk Industries Co., Ltd	1.21
Hyewon Sni Corporation (H.S.I.)	1.21
Soon Hong Trading Co., Ltd	1.21
Sung-A Steel Co., Ltd	1.21

Assessment Rate

Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and 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. Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice.

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 above 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.⁵ Commerce will establish a deadline for interested parties to submit written comments (case briefs) and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) at a later date.⁶ 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.⁷

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.⁸ 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.⁹ Issues addressed during the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.¹⁰ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, 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

⁵ See 19 CFR 224(b).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and 351.309(d)(2).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.310.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 57705 (December 7, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See June 12, 2018 Memorandum re: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review—2016.

³ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁴ 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.

751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: October 30, 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.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 18–00002]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review for Alaska Groundfish Commission (“AGC”), Application Number 18–00002.

SUMMARY: The Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (“OTEA”) of the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, received an application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review (“Certificate”). This notice summarizes the application and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Flynn, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at etca@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001–21) (“the Act”) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations

implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2018). OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(a), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the application in the **Federal Register**, identifying the applicant and each member, and summarizing proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether a Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked as privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential.

An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 21028, Washington, DC 20230.

Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as “Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 18–00002.”

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Alaska Groundfish Commission, address c/o Mundt MacGregor L.L.P. (below).

Contact: Duncan R. McIntosh, Attorney at Law, Mundt MacGregor L.L.P., 271 Wyatt Way NE, Suite 106, Bainbridge Island, WA, 98110; (206) 319–1105.

Application No.: 18–00002.

Date Deemed Submitted: October 22, 2018.

Summary: AGC and its seven proposed Members (as defined in 15 CFR 352.2(l)) seek a Certificate to engage in the export conduct described below.

Applicant/Certificate Holder

- AGC

Proposed Members

- Ocean Peace, Inc., Seattle, WA
- M/V Savage, Inc., Seattle, WA
- AK Victory, Inc., Seattle, WA
- The Fishing Company of Alaska, Inc., Seattle, WA

- Alaska Warrior, Inc., Seattle, WA
- O’Hara Corporation, Rockland, ME
- O’Hara DISC, Inc., Rockland, ME

Export Products

- AGC and its Members propose to export the following six products, which are frozen-at-sea (*i.e.*, export product is frozen on the catcher-processor trawl vessel while at-sea), and in headed and gutted (*i.e.*, head and viscera are removed) and round (*i.e.*, whole) forms: Atka mackerel, Pacific Ocean perch, yellowfin sole, Pacific cod, flathead sole, and rock sole (collectively, the “Export Products”).

Export Conduct

- AGC and its Members propose to export to all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

- AGC and its Members seek certification for the following activities and exchanges of information.

1. Each Member will from time to time independently determine in its sole discretion (i) the quantity of Export Product that it makes available for sale in export markets, and (ii) whether any portion of such quantity will be sold independently by it, be sold in cooperation with some or all of the other Members, or be made available to AGC for sale in export markets. AGC may not require any Member to export any minimum quantity of Export Product.

2. AGC and/or its Members may enter into agreements to act in certain countries or markets as the Members’ exclusive or non-exclusive export intermediary for the quantity of Export Product dedicated by each Member for sale by AGC or any Member in that country or market. In any such agreement (i) AGC or the Member acting as the exclusive export intermediary may agree not to represent any other supplier of Export Product with respect to one or more export market, and (ii) Members may agree that they will export the quantity of Export Product dedicated for sale in such export markets only through AGC or the Member acting as exclusive export intermediary, and that they will not export Export Product otherwise, either directly or through any other export intermediary.

3. AGC and/or one or more of its Members may engage in joint bidding or selling arrangements for export markets