

Commissioner of Customs: November 20, 2019.

Docket Number: 19–014. Applicant: University of Chicago Argonne LLC, Operator of Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439–4873. Instrument: Q2 magnets. Manufacturer: SigmaPhi, France. Intended Use: According to the applicant, the instrument is a component of a 4th generation synchrotron accelerator, *i.e.*, the Advanced Photon Source Upgrade (APSU) which will be used to study ultra-bright, high-energy x-ray beams to more than 5000 (and growing) scientists from across the United States. APSU provides x-ray beams of a broad parameters that allow scientists to collect data in unprecedented detail and in amazingly short time frames. The research results our users achieved through APS constantly make real and positive impact on our technologies, health, economy, and fundamental understandings of the materials that make up our world. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: November 2, 2017.

Dated: December 3, 2019.

Gregory W. Campbell,

Director, Subsidies Enforcement, Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–583–865]

Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From Taiwan: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that carbon and alloy steel threaded rod (steel threaded rod) from Taiwan is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The final estimated weighted-average dumping margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the “Final Determination” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable December 9, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicholas Czajkowski or William Langley, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1395 or (202) 482–3861, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 25, 2019, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* of this LTFV investigation in which Commerce found that steel threaded rod from Taiwan was sold at LTFV.¹ We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. We received no comments from interested parties.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are steel threaded rod from Taiwan. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* the appendix to this notice.

Scope Comments

On July 22, 2019, we issued a Preliminary Scope Memorandum.² The scope case briefs were due on August 28, 2019.³ We received no scope case briefs from interested parties. Therefore, Commerce has made no changes to the scope of this investigation since the *Preliminary Determination*.

Verification

Because each of the mandatory respondents in this investigation (*i.e.*, Quintain Steel Co. Ltd. (Quintain Steel), Top Forever Screws Co. Ltd. (Top Forever), Fastenal Asia Pacific Ltd. TW Repres (Fastenal), QST International Corporation (QST), and Ta Chen Steel Pipe Ltd. (Ta Chen)) did not provide the information requested by Commerce, and Commerce determined that each of the examined respondents have been uncooperative, we did not conduct verification.⁴

¹ *See Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 84 FR 50382 (September 25, 2019) (*Preliminary Determination*).

² *See* Memorandum “Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People’s Republic of China: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations,” dated July 22, 2019 (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

³ The scope case briefs were due 30 days after the publication of *Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 84 FR 36578 (July 29, 2019). *See* Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum at 3.

⁴ *See Preliminary Determination*, 84 FR at 50382.

Analysis of Comments Received

As stated above, we did not receive comments in response to the *Preliminary Determination*. For the final determination, Commerce made no changes to the *Preliminary Determination*.

Use of Adverse Facts Available

We continue to find, as stated in the *Preliminary Determination*, that the mandatory respondents Quintain, Top Forever, Fastenal, QST, and Ta Chen withheld requested information, failed to provide information by the specified deadlines, and significantly impeded the proceeding, pursuant to section 776(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).⁵ Further, we continue to find that Quintain Steel, Top Forever, Fastenal, QST, and Ta Chen failed to cooperate to the best of their abilities to comply with our requests for information, and accordingly, we continue to apply an adverse inference when selecting from among the facts otherwise available to determine the relevant dumping margins, in accordance with section 776(b) of the Act.⁶ We further continue to select the only dumping margin alleged in the Petition⁷ as the rate applicable to Quintain Steel, Top Forever, Fastenal, QST, and Ta Chen.⁸

As discussed in the *Preliminary Determination*, we continue to assign the single dumping margin alleged in the Petition⁹ as the all-others rate applicable to all exporters and/or producers not individually examined.¹⁰

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter or producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Quintain Steel Co. Ltd	32.26
Top Forever Screws Co. Ltd	32.26

⁵ *See* Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan,” dated September 18, 2019 (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *See* Petitioner’s Letter, “Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People’s Republic of China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand,” dated February 21, 2019 (Petition).

⁸ *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Others Rate

⁹ *See* Petition.

¹⁰ For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce’s analysis, *see* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Exporter or producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Fastenal Asia Pacific Ltd. TW Repres	32.26
QST International Corporation	32.26
Ta Chen Steel Pipe Ltd	32.26
All Others	32.26

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all unliquidated entries of subject merchandise which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 25, 2019, which is the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require cash deposits equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins indicated in the table above as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this final determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will be 32.26 percent, the all-others weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation and cash deposit instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with a final determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final determination in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce applied adverse facts available (AFA) to the individually examined companies in this investigation, in accordance with section 776 of the Act, and the applied AFA rate is based solely on the Petition, there are no calculations to disclose.

International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because the final determination in this proceeding is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) of steel threaded rod from Taiwan no later than 45 days after our final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated, and all cash deposits will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Administrative Protective Orders (APOs)

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). 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 the terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 352.210(c).

Dated: December 3, 2019.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by the scope of the investigation is carbon and alloy steel threaded rod. Steel threaded rod is certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon or alloy steel, having a solid, circular cross section of any diameter, in any straight length. Steel threaded rod is normally drawn, cold-rolled, threaded, and straightened, or it may be hot-rolled. In addition, the steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to the investigation are

non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total actual length. A variety of finishes or coatings, such as plain oil finish as a temporary rust protectant, zinc coating (*i.e.*, galvanized, whether by electroplating or hot-dipping), paint, and other similar finishes and coatings, may be applied to the merchandise.

Steel threaded rod is normally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications ASTM A36, ASTM A193 B7/B7m, ASTM A193 B16, ASTM A307, ASTM A329 L7/L7M, ASTM A320 L43, ASTM A354 BC and BD, ASTM A449, ASTM F1554–36, ASTM F1554–55, ASTM F1554 Grade 105, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) specification ASME B18.31.3, and American Petroleum Institute (API) specification API 20E. All steel threaded rod meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of the investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, assembled, or packaged in a third country, including by cutting, chamfering, coating, or painting the threaded rod, by attaching the threaded rod to, or packaging it with, another product, or any other finishing, assembly, or packaging operation that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the threaded rod.

Carbon and alloy steel threaded rod are also included in the scope of the investigation whether or not imported attached to, or in conjunction with, other parts and accessories such as nuts and washers. If carbon and alloy steel threaded rod are imported attached to, or in conjunction with, such non-subject merchandise, only the threaded rod is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (1) Threaded rod, bar, or studs which are threaded only on one or both ends and the threading covers 25 percent or less of the total actual length; and (2) stainless steel threaded rod, defined as steel threaded rod containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements.

Excluded from the scope of the antidumping investigation on steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China is any merchandise covered by the existing antidumping order on Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China. See Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order, 74 FR 17154 (April 14, 2009).

Specifically excluded from the scope of the investigation is threaded rod that is imported as part of a package of hardware in conjunction with a ready-to-assemble piece of furniture.

Steel threaded rod is currently classifiable under subheadings 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, and 7318.15.5090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheading 7318.15.2095 and 7318.19.0000 of the HTSUS. The HTSUS

subheadings 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

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES) Please

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Maureen O'Reilly, Management Analyst, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20889-1710, (or via the internet at PRAComments@doc.gov). 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, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Joshua D. Kneifel, (301) 975-6857 or joshua.kneifel@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

For more than 25 years, the Engineering Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has developed and automated an approach for measuring the life-cycle environmental and economic performance of building products. Known as BEES (Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability), the tool reduces complex, science-based technical content (e.g., over 1000 material and

energy flows from raw material extraction through product disposal) to decision-enabling results and delivers them in a visually intuitive graphical format. BEES Please is a voluntary program to collect data from product manufacturers so that the environmental performance of their products may be evaluated scientifically using BEES. NIST will publish in BEES Online (<http://ws680.nist.gov/bees>) an aggregated version of the data collected from manufacturers that protects data confidentiality, subject to manufacturer's review and approval. BEES measures environmental performance using the environmental life-cycle assessment approach specified in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14040 series of standards. All stages in the life of a product are analyzed: Raw material acquisition, manufacture, transportation, installation, use, and recycling and waste management. Economic performance is measured using the ASTM International standard life-cycle cost method (E 917), which covers the costs of initial investment, replacement, operation, maintenance and repair, and disposal.

II. Method of Collection

Data on materials use, energy consumption, waste, and environmental releases will be collected using an electronic, MS Excel-based questionnaire. An electronic, MS Word-based User Manual accompanies the questionnaire to help in its completion.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0036.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Renewal (of a current information collection) with changes.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 62 hours and 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,875.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

NIST invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Office, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 22686

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to the Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo (Bill Zeigler, Responsible Party), 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513, to import up to three bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for public display.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/permit-application-import-3-bottlenose-dolphins-file-no-22686-chicago-zoological-society> or upon written request to the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427-8401; fax: (301) 713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore and Courtney Smith; phone: (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 19, 2019, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 10044) that a request for a public display permit had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).