the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 18’s 2,000-acre activation limit.

Andrew McGilvray, 
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–67–2018]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 158—
Jackson, Mississippi: Authorization of Production Activity; Calsonic Kansei North America (Automotive Parts), Canton, Mississippi

On October 25, 2018, Calsonic Kansei North America submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Site 21 of FTZ 158, in Canton, Mississippi. The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (83 FR 55142–55143, November 2, 2018). On April 3, 2019, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board’s decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[C–570–096]
Aluminum Wire and Cable From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that producers and/or exporters subject to this investigation received countervailable subsidies. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable April 8, 2019.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on October 18, 2018.1 On November 27, 2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation, and reset the deadline to February 19, 2019.2 Subsequently, 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, 2019.3 Accordingly, the revised deadline for the preliminary determination decision is now April 1, 2019.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.4 A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II 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/frm/. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are aluminum wire and cable. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the Preamble to Commerce’s regulations,5 the Initiation Notice set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (i.e., scope).6 Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the Initiation Notice, as well as to certain questions posed by Commerce with regard to the scope language. For a summary of the product coverage comments submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Commerce is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the Initiation Notice. See revised scope in Appendix I.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, i.e., a financial contribution by an “authority” that confers a benefit on the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.7 For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

In making these findings, Commerce relied, in part, on facts available.

Footnotes:

1 See Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation, 83 FR 52805 (October 18, 2018) (Initiation Notice).
3 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.
4 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).
5 See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).
6 See Initiation Notice.
7 See sections 771(1)(B) and (I) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(B) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.
Further, because one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce’s requests for information, an adverse inference was drawn, where appropriate, in selecting from among the facts otherwise available. For further information, see “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), and based on the petitioners’ request, we are aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion AD investigation of aluminum wire and cable from China. Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than August 12, 2019, unless postponed.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d)(1)(A)(i) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and de minimis rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce calculated individual estimated countervailable subsidy rates for Shanghai Silin Special Equipment Co., Ltd. (Silin), and Changfeng Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. (Changfeng) that are not zero, de minimis, or based entirely on the facts otherwise available. Commerce calculated the all-others’ rate using a simple average of the individual estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents.10

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.12 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. 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 intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

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

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. If Commerce’s final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after Commerce’s final determination.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(f) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[A–580–891; A–412–826]

Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is revoking, in part, the antidumping duty (AD) orders on carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and the United Kingdom as to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 21, 2018, Commerce published the AD orders on wire rod from Korea and the United Kingdom.1 On September 17, 2018, six members of the domestic industry, including the petitioners from the underlying investigations (Nucor Corporation, Optimus Steel LLC (formerly, Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc), Keystone Consolidates Industries, Inc., and Charter Steel) requested that Commerce initiate a changed circumstances review (CCR) to revoke, in part, the AD orders on wire rod from Korea and the United Kingdom as to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod effective May 21, 2018.2

On November 7, 2018, Commerce initiated this CCR and published the notice of preliminary results, determining that the producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the Orders pertain lacked interest in the relief provided by the Orders with respect to grade 1078 and higher tire cord wire rod.3 On December 21, 2018, Commerce solicited interested party comments on the appropriateness of end-use certifications as a condition of entry and solicited input from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).4 The parties to these proceedings submitted comments on January 29, 2019, and February 19, 2019.5 Subsequently, on March 25, 2019, we placed CBP’s input on the records of these proceedings.6 On March 25 and 27, 2019, the parties to these proceedings submitted timely comments regarding CBP’s input on end-use certifications.7