

affirmative determination with respect to all other soil pipe fittings. Because the ITC made different injury determinations for separate domestic like products, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on entries of all cast iron soil pipe fittings (subject merchandise) other than drain bodies (excluded merchandise).

Drain Bodies

The ITC found that drain bodies are a separate domestic like product. The Final ITC Report describes typical drain bodies as having only one side that connects to a pipe or fitting.³ Further, drain bodies are not classified as either hubless or hub and spigot.⁴ Drain bodies may be painted in a different manner than other cast iron soil pipe fittings, which are coated in asphaltic material, black paint, or epoxy.⁵ Drain bodies often require assembly with attachments (cast iron and non-cast iron) such as stainless steel strainers, grates, and bolts to be a drain fixture ready for use.⁶ In addition, the purpose of a drain body is to collect and carry away liquid or water, including wastewater, while the purpose of other cast iron soil pipe fittings is to connect pipe and fittings.⁷

Because the ITC made a negative determination of material injury with respect to drain bodies, Commerce will direct CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation for entries of drain bodies from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, and refund any cash deposits with respect to these entries.

All Soil Pipe Fittings Other Than Drain Bodies

Because the ITC determined that imports of all cast iron soil pipe fittings other than drain bodies from China are materially injuring a U.S. industry, all unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from China, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, are subject to the assessment of countervailing duties.

As a result of the ITC's final determination, in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act, Commerce will direct CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after

December 19, 2017, the date on which Commerce published its preliminary countervailing duty determination in the **Federal Register**,⁸ and before April 18, 2018, the effective date on which Commerce instructed CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation in accordance with section 703(d) of the Act. Section 703(d) of the Act states that the suspension of liquidation pursuant to a preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months. Therefore, entries of subject merchandise from China made on or after April 18, 2018, and prior to the date of publication of the ITC's final determination in the **Federal Register** are not liable for the assessment of countervailing duties due to Commerce's discontinuation of the suspension of liquidation.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 706 of the Act, Commerce will direct CBP to reinstitute the suspension of liquidation of subject merchandise (*i.e.*, all soil pipe fittings other than drain bodies) from China, effective the date of publication of the ITC's notice of final determination in the **Federal Register**, and to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce pursuant to section 706(a)(1) of the Act, countervailing duties for each entry of the subject merchandise in an amount based on the net countervailable subsidy rates for the subject merchandise. On or after the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determination in the **Federal Register**, we will instruct CBP to require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this merchandise, cash deposits for each entry of subject merchandise equal to the rates noted below. These instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice. The all others rate applies to all producers or exporters not specifically listed, as appropriate.

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Shanxi Xuanshi Industrial Group Co., Ltd	34.87
Wor-Biz International Trading Co., Ltd. (Anhui)	7.37
Shijiazhuang Chengmei Import & Export Co., Ltd	133.94
All-Others	23.28

⁸ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 82 FR 60178 (December 19, 2017) (*Preliminary Determination*).

Notifications to Interested Parties

This notice constitutes the countervailing duty order with respect to soil pipe fittings from China pursuant to section 706(a) of the Act. Interested parties may visit <https://enforcement.trade.gov/stats/iastats1.html> or contact Commerce's Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce Building, for copies of an updated list of countervailing duty orders currently in effect.

This order is issued and published in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: August 28, 2018.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Cast Iron Soil Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that cast iron soil pipe from the People's Republic of China (China) was sold to the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) during the period of investigation (POI), July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

DATES: Applicable August 31, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Javier Barrientos, 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) 482-2243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on February 23, 2018.¹ On June 22,

¹ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation*, 83 FR 8053 (February 23, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

³ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from China*, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-583 and 731-TA-1381 (Final), Publication 4812, August 2018 (Final ITC Report) at I-14 and I-15.

⁴ *Id.* at I-15.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now August 24, 2018.²

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics included 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 <https://access.trade.gov>, and 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 the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is cast iron soil pipe from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,⁴ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (scope).⁵ For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this investigation, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Memorandum.⁶ Commerce is not preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Export price was calculated in accordance with sections

772(a) of the Act. Because China is a non-market economy within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, normal value was calculated in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, we have preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, for Sibio International Ltd., and the China-wide entity. For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce's preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Combination Rates

In the *Initiation Notice*,⁷ Commerce stated that it would calculate producer/exporter combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in this investigation. Policy Bulletin 05.1 describes this practice.⁸

Preliminary Determination

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

Producer	Exporter	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin & cash deposit rate (percent) ⁹
HengTong Casting	HengTong Casting	302.61
Wu'an Yongtian Casting Co., Ltd	Dalian Lino F.T.Z. Co., Ltd	302.61
Yangcheng County Huawang Universal Spun Cast Pipe Foundry	Dalian Lino F.T.Z. Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Dalian Metal I/E Co., Ltd	302.61
Wu'an Yongtian Casting Co., Ltd	Dalian Metal I/E Co., Ltd	302.61
Zezhou Golden Autumn Foundry Co., Ltd	Dalian Metal I/E Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Dinggin Hardware (Dalian) Co., Ltd	302.61
Wu'an Kerui xin Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd	Dinggin Hardware (Dalian) Co., Ltd	302.61
Wu'an Yongtian Casting Co., Ltd	Dinggin Hardware (Dalian) Co., Ltd	302.61
Wuan City Feixiang Metal Product Co., Ltd	Dinggin Hardware (Dalian) Co., Ltd	302.61
DingXiang County YuTai Casting-Forging Co., Ltd	Hebei Metals & Engineering Products Trading Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Hebei Metals & Engineering Products Trading Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Kingway Pipe Co., Ltd	302.61
Zezhou Golden Autumn Foundry Co., Ltd	Kingway Pipe Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Shanxi Chen Xin Da Castings & Forgings Co., Ltd	302.61
Shanxi Xuanshi Industrial Group Co., Ltd	Shanxi Xuanshi Industrial Group Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Shanxi Zhongrui Tianyue Trading Co., Ltd	302.61
Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd	Terrifour (Dalian) Trading Co., Ltd	302.61
Shanxi Chengda Special Forging Co., Ltd	Terrifour (Dalian) Trading Co., Ltd	302.61
Wuan City Feixiang Metal Product Co., Ltd	Wuan City Feixiang Metal Product Co., Ltd	302.61
Zezhou Golden Autumn Foundry Co., Ltd	Zezhou Golden Autumn Foundry Co., Ltd	302.61
CHINA-WIDE ENTITY		302.61

² See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe from People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 83 FR 29098 (June 22, 2018).

³ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁴ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁵ See *Initiation Notice*, 83 FR at 8054.

⁶ See Commerce Memorandum, "Cast Iron Soil Pipe from People's Republic of China: Preliminary Scope Comment Decision Memorandum," dated concurrently with this memorandum (Preliminary Scope Memorandum).

⁷ See *Initiation Notice*, 83 FR at 8056-8057.

⁸ See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy Bulletin 05.1), available on Commerce's website at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation 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**, as discussed below. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the weighted-average amount by which normal value exceeds U.S. price, as indicated in the chart above as follows: (1) For the producer/exporter combinations listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin listed for that combination in the table; (2) for all combinations of Chinese producers/exporters of merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for their own separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for the China-wide entity; and (3) for all third-country exporters of merchandise under consideration not listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Chinese producer/exporter combination (or the China-wide entity) that supplied that third-country exporter.

To determine the cash deposit rate, Commerce normally adjusts the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the amount of domestic subsidy pass-through and export subsidies determined in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where Commerce makes a preliminary affirmative determination for domestic subsidy pass-through or export subsidies, Commerce offsets the calculated estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate rate(s). In this case, we have not made a preliminary affirmative determination for domestic subsidy pass-through or export subsidies. Therefore, we are not adjusting the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for these subsidies.

These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

⁹ For cash deposit purposes, we normally adjust for export subsidies found in companion CVD proceedings. However, we preliminarily found no export subsidies in the companion CVD proceeding. See PDM at X.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication 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 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 final 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.¹⁰ 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.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2), Commerce requires that requests by respondents for postponement of a final antidumping determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On August 2, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210 (e), HengTong requested that Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.¹¹ In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because (1) the preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce's final determination will publish no later than 135 days after the publication of this preliminary determination notice.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of the subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

¹¹ See HengTong Letter, "Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures Request," dated August 2, 2018.

Dated: August 24, 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 I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is cast iron soil pipe, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications, and regardless of wall thickness, length, diameter, surface finish, end finish, or stenciling. The scope of this investigation includes, but is not limited to, both hubless and hub and spigot cast iron soil pipe. Cast iron soil pipe is nonmalleable iron pipe of various designs and sizes. Cast iron soil pipe is generally distinguished from other types of nonmalleable cast iron pipe by the manner in which it is connected to cast iron soil pipe fittings.

Cast iron soil pipe is classified into two major types—hubless and hub and spigot. Hubless cast iron soil pipe is manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (CISPI) specification 301 and/or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification A888, including any revisions to those specifications. Hub and spigot pipe has one or more hubs into which the spigot (plain end) of a fitting is inserted. All pipe meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of this investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

The subject imports are currently classified in subheading 7303.00.0030 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): Cast iron soil pipe. The HTSUS subheading and specifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From the People’s Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending its final determination of sales at less than fair value (LTFV) as a result of ministerial errors. In addition, based on affirmative final determinations by Commerce and the International Trade Commission (the ITC), Commerce is issuing an antidumping duty order on cast iron soil pipe fittings (soil pipe fittings) from the People’s Republic of China (China).

DATES: Applicable August 31, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Balbontin at (202) 482–4474 or Michael Bowen at (202) 482–0768, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 17, 2018, Commerce published its affirmative final determination in the LTFV investigation of soil pipe fittings from China on July 17, 2018.¹ On July 11, 2018, Commerce received ministerial error allegations. See the “Amendment to Final Determination” section below for further discussion.

On August 22, 2018, the ITC notified Commerce of its final determination, pursuant to 735(d) of the Act, that an industry in the United States is materially injured within the meaning of section 735(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, by reason of LTFV imports of soil pipe fittings from China, and of its determination that critical circumstances do not exist with respect

to imports of soil pipe fittings from China.²

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the scope of this order is cast iron soil pipe fittings, finished and unfinished, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications, and regardless of size. Cast iron soil pipe fittings are nonmalleable iron castings of various designs and sizes, including, but not limited to, bends, tees, wyes, traps, drains (other than drain bodies), and other common or special fittings, with or without side inlets.

Cast iron soil pipe fittings are classified into two major types—hubless and hub and spigot. Hubless cast iron soil pipe fittings are manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (CISPI) specification 301 and/or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification A888. Hub and spigot pipe fittings have hubs into which the spigot (plain end) of the pipe or fitting is inserted. Cast iron soil pipe fittings are generally distinguished from other types of nonmalleable cast iron fittings by the manner in which they are connected to cast iron soil pipe and other fittings.

Excluded from the scope are all drain bodies. Drain bodies are normally classified in subheading 7326.90.86.88 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

The cast iron soil pipe fittings subject to the scope of this order are normally classified in subheading 7307.11.0045 of the HTSUS: Cast fittings of nonmalleable cast iron for cast iron soil pipe. They may also be entered under HTSUS 7324.29.0000 and 7307.92.3010. The HTSUS subheadings and specifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Amendment to Final Determination

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e), Commerce is amending the *Final Determination* to correct certain ministerial errors.³ Based on these corrections, Shanxi Xuanshi Industrial Group Co., Ltd.’s (Xuanshi) estimated weighted-average dumping margin increases from 27.18 percent to 84.13

² See ITC Notification Letter to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, referencing ITC Investigation Nos. 701–TA–583 and 731–TA–1381 (August 20, 2018).

³ See Memorandum, “Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation on Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China: Ministerial Error Allegations in the Final Determination,” dated August 9, 2018.

¹ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Determination of Critical Circumstances*, in Part, 83 FR 33205 (July 17, 2018) (*Final Determination*).