

we did not receive any comments on the *Preliminary Results*. Therefore, we continue to determine that Baosteel had no reviewable transactions of subject merchandise during the POR. Consistent with our “automatic assessment” clarification, the Department will issue appropriate instructions to CBP based on our final results.<sup>5</sup>

#### Assessment

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of review. The Department announced a refinement to its assessment practice in NME cases.<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to this refinement in practice, for entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales databases submitted by companies individually examined during this review, the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the NME-wide rate. In addition, if the Department determines that an exporter under review had no shipments of the subject merchandise, any suspended entries that entered under that exporter’s case number (*i.e.*, at that exporter’s rate) will be liquidated at the NME-wide rate.<sup>7</sup>

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed above that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (2) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate of 90.83 percent; and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporters that supplied that non-PRC

exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notifications

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), this notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (“APO”) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing this administrative review and notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 4, 2014.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–570–966]

#### Drill Pipe From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2013

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on drill pipe from the People’s Republic of China (PRC). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. We preliminarily determine that Shanxi Yida Special

Steel Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned affiliates received countervailable subsidies during the POR.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 13, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–4793.

#### Scope of the Order

The scope of the order consists of steel drill pipe and steel drill collars, whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) categories: 7304.22.0030, 7304.22.0045, 7304.22.0060, 7304.23.3000, 7304.23.6030, 7304.23.6045, 7304.23.6060, 8431.43.8040 and may also enter under 8431.43.8060, 8431.43.4000, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.49.0015, 7304.49.0060, 7304.59.8020, 7304.59.8025, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, and 7304.59.8055. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive.

A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Drill Pipe from the People’s Republic of China” (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with this notice, and hereby adopted by 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 (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> and in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce

<sup>5</sup> See *Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011) (“*Assessment Practice Refinement*”); see also the “Assessment” section of this notice, below.

<sup>6</sup> See *Assessment Practice Refinement*, 76 FR 65694.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*, 76 FR at 65694.

building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided in the Appendix to this notice.

### Methodology

The Department conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For the program 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. *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.

In making the preliminary findings, we relied, in part, on facts available and, because the Government of the PRC did not act to the best of its ability to respond to the Department's requests for information, we applied an adverse inference in selecting from among the facts otherwise available. *See* sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

For a full description of the methodology underlying the Department's conclusions, *see* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine a net countervailable subsidy rate of 3.57 percent *ad valorem* for Shanxi Yida Special Steel Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned affiliates Shanxi Yida Special Steel Group Co., Ltd. and Shanxi Yida Petroleum Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (collectively, the Yida Group), for the period January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013.

### Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to 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>1</sup> Interested parties may submit written arguments (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 the case briefs.<sup>2</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) Statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Interested parties, who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, 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.<sup>3</sup> Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing, which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.<sup>4</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing.

Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using IA ACCESS and that electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the due date.

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

### Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), upon issuance of the final results, the Department 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.

### Cash Deposit Requirements

Also in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, the Department intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount shown above for

the reviewed company should the final results remain the same as these preliminary results. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

These preliminary results of administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: November 4, 2014.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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

1. Summary
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    - Preferential Loans for State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)
    - Preferential Loans for Key Projects and Technologies
    - Preferential Lending To Drill Pipe Producers and Exporters Classified as Honorable Enterprises
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    - Two Free, Three Half Tax Exemption for Foreign Invested Enterprises (FIEs) Exemption From City Construction Tax and Education Tax for FIEs
    - Local Income Tax Exemption and Reduction Programs for Productive FIEs Income Tax Reductions for Export-Oriented FIEs
    - Preferential Tax Programs for FIEs Recognized as High or New Technology Enterprises
    - Reduction In or Exemption From Fixed Assets Investment Orientation Regulatory Tax
    - Deed Tax Exemption for SOEs Undergoing Mergers or Restructuring
    - Income Tax Credits for Domestically-Owned Companies Purchasing Domestically-Produced Equipment

<sup>1</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>2</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

<sup>3</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>4</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

- Import Tariff and Value-Added Tax (VAT) Exemptions for FIEs and Certain Domestic Enterprises Using Imported Equipment in Encouraged Industries
- Export Incentive Payments Characterized as “VAT Rebates”
- VAT Rebates to Welfare Enterprises
- Provision of Green Tubes for LTAR
- Provision of Steel Rounds for LTAR
- Provision of Hot-Rolled Steel for LTAR
- Provision of Coking Coal for LTAR
- Provision of Land-Use Rights Within Designated Geographical Areas for LTAR
- Provision of Land to SOEs for LTAR
- Provision of Electricity at LTAR To Drill Pipe Producers Located in Jiangsu Province
- Provision of Water at LTAR To Drill Pipe Producers Located in Jiangsu Province
- Technology To Improve Trade R&D Fund
- Outstanding Growth Private Enterprise and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
- Development in Jiangyin Fund
- GOC and Sub-Central Government Grants, Loans, and Other Incentives for Development of Famous Brands and China World Top Brands
- Scientific Innovation Award
- Development Fund Grant
- State Key Technology Project Fund
- Export Assistance Grants
- Programs To Rebate Antidumping Legal Fees
- Grants and Tax Benefits to Loss-Making SOEs at National and Local Level
- Subsidies Provided To Drill Pipe Producers Located in Economic and Technological Development Zones (ETDZs) in Tianjin Binhai New Area
- Subsidies Provided To Drill Pipe Producers Located in ETDZs in Tianjin Economic and Technological Development Areas
- Subsidies Provided To Drill Pipe Producers Located in High-Tech Industrial Development Zones

## 8. Conclusion

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–580–877, C–489–823]

#### Welded Line Pipe From the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Turkey: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 13, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**The Petitions**

On October 16, 2014, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of welded line pipe from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) filed in proper form on behalf of American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Energex (a division of JMC Steel Group), Maverick Tube Corporation, Northwest Pipe Company, Stupp Corporation (a division of Stupp Bros., Inc.), Tex-Tube Company, TMK IPSCO, and Welspun Tubular LLC USA (collectively, the petitioners). The CVD petitions were accompanied by two antidumping duty (AD) petitions.<sup>1</sup> The petitioners are domestic producers of welded line pipe.<sup>2</sup>

On October 21, 2014, the Department requested information and clarification for certain areas of the Petitions.<sup>3</sup> The petitioners filed responses to these requests on October 24, 2014, and October 29, 2014.<sup>4</sup> On October 27 and October 31, 2014, we received submissions from United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel), a domestic producer of welded line pipe, in support of the Petitions.

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that the

Government of Korea (GOK) and the Government of Turkey (GOT) are providing countervailable subsidies (within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act) to imports of welded line pipe from Korea and Turkey, respectively, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, an industry in the United States. Also, consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act, the Petitions are accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioners supporting their allegations.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed the Petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioners are interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. The Department also finds that the petitioners demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the CVD investigations that the petitioners are requesting.<sup>5</sup>

**Periods of Investigation**

The period of the investigation for both Korea and Turkey is January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013.

**Scope of the Investigations**

The product covered by these investigations is welded line pipe from Korea and Turkey. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, see the “Scope of the Investigations” in Appendix I of this notice.

**Comments on Scope of the Investigations**

During our review of the Petitions, the Department issued questions to, and received responses from, the petitioners pertaining to the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petitions would be an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.<sup>6</sup>

As discussed in the preamble to the Department’s regulations,<sup>7</sup> we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (scope). The period for scope comments is intended to provide the Department with ample opportunity to consider all comments and to consult with parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination. If scope comments include factual information (see 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21)), all such factual information should be limited to public information. All such comments must be filed by 5:00 p.m. Eastern

<sup>5</sup> See the “Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions” section below.

<sup>6</sup> See General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire; see also General Issues Supplement.

<sup>7</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>1</sup> See Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Welded API Line Pipe from South Korea and Turkey, dated October 16, 2014 (the Petitions).

<sup>2</sup> See Volume I of the Petitions, at 2–3.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from the Department to the petitioners entitled “Re: Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Turkey: Supplemental Questions,” dated October 21, 2014 (General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire), Letter from the Department to the petitioners entitled “Re: Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Supplemental Questions,” dated October 21, 2014, and Letter from the Department to the petitioners entitled “Re: Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Turkey: Supplemental Questions,” dated October 21, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> See “Welded API Line Pipe from Korea and Turkey: Response to Supplemental Questions,” dated October 24, 2014 (General Issues Supplement), “Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Response to the Department’s Supplemental Questions,” dated October 24, 2014, “Welded API Line Pipe from Turkey: Response to Supplemental Questions,” dated October 24, 2014, and “Welded API Line Pipe from Korea and Turkey: Submission of CSI Letter of Support with 2013 Production and Revised Scope Language,” dated October 29, 2014 (Second General Issues Supplement).