

United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.<sup>7</sup>

### Methodology

The Department is conducting this CVD investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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/login.aspx> 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 on the Internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

### Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine the countervailable subsidy rate to be:

| Company                                | Subsidy rate                                    |
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| OCTAL SAOC-FZC and OCTAL Holding SAOC. | 0.28 percent ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>8</sup> |

Consistent with section 703(b)(4)(A) of the Act, we have disregarded *de minimis* rates and preliminarily determine that countervailable subsidies are not being provided with respect to the manufacture, production or exportation of the subject merchandise in Oman. Consistent with section 703(d) of the Act, the Department has not calculated an all-others rate because it has not reached an affirmative

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance regarding "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Negative Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from the Sultanate of Oman," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum). For a list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, see the Appendix to this notice.

<sup>8</sup> In accordance with section 703(b)(4) of the Act, we are disregarding *de minimis* subsidies for the purposes of this preliminary determination.

preliminarily determination. Because the estimated subsidy rate for the examined company is *de minimis*, we will not direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise from Oman.

### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, we intend to verify the information submitted by the respondents prior to making our final determination.

### International Trade Commission

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. In accordance with section 705(b)(3) of the Act, if our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 75 days after we make our final determination.

### Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement.<sup>9</sup> Interested parties may submit case and rebuttal briefs,<sup>10</sup> and request a hearing.<sup>11</sup> For a schedule of the deadlines for filing case briefs, rebuttal briefs, and hearing requests, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: August 7, 2015.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Alignment
- IV. Scope Comments
- V. Scope of the Investigation

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c) and (d).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.510.

- VI. Injury Test
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-984]

#### Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2014

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on drawn stainless steel sinks (sinks) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the period of review (POR) January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, based on the timely withdrawal of requests for review.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 14, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lana Nigro, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1779.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 1, 2015, the Department published the notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on sinks from the PRC for the POR January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.<sup>1</sup> On April 28, 2015, Guangdong Yingao Utensils Co., Ltd. (Yingao), B&R Industries Limited (B&R), Guangdong New Shichu Import and Export Co., Ltd. (New Shichu), and Guangdong Dongyuan Kitchenware Industrial Co., Ltd. (Dongyuan) requested an administrative review of their POR sales.<sup>2</sup> On April 29,

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 80 FR 17392 (April 1, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Yingao, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Request

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2015, Zhongshan Superte Kitchenware Co., Ltd. (Superte) requested an administrative review of its POR sales.<sup>3</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), the Department published a notice initiating an administrative review of Yingao, B&R, New Shichu, Dongyuan, and Superte on May 26, 2015.<sup>4</sup> Yingao, New Shichu and Dongyuan withdrew their requests for an administrative review on June 24, 2015.<sup>5</sup> B&R withdrew its request for an administrative review on July 27, 2015.<sup>6</sup> Superte withdrew its request for administrative review on July 28, 2015.<sup>7</sup>

#### Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party or parties that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of the requested review. As noted above, all parties withdrew their requests for review within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation. No other parties requested an administrative review of the order. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding this review in its entirety.

#### Assessment

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of sinks from the

for Administrative Review" dated April 28, 2015; letter from B&R, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Request for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review" dated April 28, 2015; letter from New Shichu, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review" dated April 28, 2015; letter from Dongyuan, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review" dated April 28, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from Superte, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from China: Administrative Review Request" dated April 29, 2015.

<sup>4</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 80 FR 30041 (May 26, 2015).

<sup>5</sup> See Letter from Yingao, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Withdraw Request for Annual Administrative Review" dated June 24, 2015; letter from New Shichu, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Withdraw Request for Annual Administrative Review" dated June 24, 2015; letter from Dongyuan, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Withdraw Request for Annual Administrative Review" dated June 24, 2015.

<sup>6</sup> See Letter from B&R, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China: Withdrawal of Request for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review" dated July 27, 2015.

<sup>7</sup> See Letter from Superte, "Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from China: Withdrawal of Administrative Review Request" dated July 28, 2015.

PRC. Countervailing duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice of rescission of administrative review.

#### Notifications

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under an 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: August 7, 2015.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-025]

#### Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary 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 (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin from the People's Republic of China (the PRC). We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Effective Date: August 14, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yasmin Nair or Ilissa Shefferman, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade

Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202.482.3813 or 202.482.4684, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is PET resin. The merchandise subject to this investigation is properly classified under subheading 3907.60.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.<sup>1</sup>

##### Methodology

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty (CVD) investigation in accordance with section 701 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 financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>2</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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://trade.gov/enforcement>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

The Department notes that, in making this preliminary determination, we

<sup>1</sup> For a complete description of the Scope of the Order, *see* 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 the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>2</sup> *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.