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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-982]

#### Utility Scale Wind Towers from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2015

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding its administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on utility scale wind towers (wind towers) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

**DATES:** Effective July 25, 2016.

**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.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Department initiated an administrative review of the CVD order on wind towers from the PRC with respect to 50 companies for the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, based on a request by the petitioner, the Wind Tower Trade Coalition (WTTTC).<sup>1</sup> On July 6, 2016, WTTTC timely withdrew its request for an administrative review of all 50 companies.<sup>2</sup> No other party requested a review.

##### Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review in whole or in

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 81 FR 20324 (April 7, 2016) (*Initiation Notice*). In the *Initiation Notice*, we inadvertently listed only 45 companies; however, WTTTC requested a review of 50 companies. See Letter from WTTTC regarding "Request for Administrative Review" (February 23, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from the WTTTC regarding "Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review" (July 6, 2016).

part, if the party that requested a review withdraws its request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. In this case, WTTTC withdrew its request for review within the 90-day deadline, and no other party requested an administrative review of the CVD 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 CVDs on all entries of wind towers from the PRC during the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated CVDs 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 publication of this notice.

##### 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 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 which is subject to sanction.

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: July 18, 2016.

**Christian Marsh,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-037]

#### Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From the People's Republic of China: Amended Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

**SUMMARY:** On June 24, 2016, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the **Federal Register** the *Preliminary Determination* of the countervailing duty ("CVD") investigation on certain biaxial integral geogrid products ("geogrids") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). The Department is amending the *Preliminary Determination* of the investigation to correct three ministerial errors.

**DATES:** Effective June 24, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Palmer or Ryan Mullen, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-9068 or (202) 482-5260, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 24, 2016, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the *Preliminary Determination* of the CVD investigation of geogrids from the PRC.<sup>1</sup> On June 24, 2016, and June 27, 2016, respectively, Taian Modern Plastic Co., Ltd. ("Taian Modern") and BOSTD Geosynthetics Qingdao Ltd. ("BOSTD Qingdao") alleged that the Department made significant ministerial errors in the *Preliminary Determination*.<sup>2</sup>

##### Significant Ministerial Error

A ministerial error, as defined in section 751(h) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), includes "errors in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical errors resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other type of unintentional error which the administering authority considers ministerial."<sup>3</sup> With respect to preliminary determinations, 19 CFR 351.224(e) provides that the Department "will analyze any comments received and, if appropriate, correct any significant ministerial error by amending the preliminary determination . . ." A significant

<sup>1</sup> See *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Determination*, 81 FR 41292 (June 24, 2016) ("*Preliminary Determination*").

<sup>2</sup> On June 30, 2016 the Department received comments submitted by Tensar Corporation in reply to the ministerial allegations of Taian Modern and BOSTD Qingdao. However, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(c)(3), these reply comments were rejected from the record. See Letter from Catherine Bertrand, Program Manager, Office V, "Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrids Products from the People's Republic of China: Tensar Corporation's Ministerial Reply Comments" (July 5, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> See also 19 CFR 351.224(f).