

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 notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 12, 2016.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Smart Grid Solutions Toolkit

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce announces the development of a toolkit to promote the deployment of U.S. smart grid technologies and services to be launched in FY2017. Through this Notice, the Department of Commerce seeks broad input from all interested stakeholders regarding the most frequently requested “use cases” by electric utilities for inclusion in a web-based *U.S. Smart Grid Solutions Toolkit*. The *U.S. Smart Grid Solutions Toolkit* (“Toolkit”) is intended to be used by foreign energy officials and foreign end-users of smart grid technologies. The Toolkit will outline U.S. approaches to a series of electric utility use cases and highlight participating U.S. vendors of relevant U.S. smart grid technologies and services. The Toolkit will support the President’s National Export Initiative by fostering export opportunities for the U.S. energy industry.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on October 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments by be submitted by email to Victoria.Gunderson@trade.gov. Comments submitted by email should be machine-readable and should not be copy protected. Written comments should include contact information for the submitter including name, email, and phone number. Written comments also may be submitted by mail to Victoria Gunderson, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401

Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victoria Gunderson, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; phone 202-482-7890; fax 202-482-5665; email Victoria.Gunderson@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The development of the *U.S. Smart Grid Solutions Toolkit* requires the identification of three elements: (1) The most frequently requested use cases by global electric utilities; (2) a framework logic to outline the structure of the U.S. smart grid industry; and (3) U.S. vendors capable of supplying relevant goods and services to foreign buyers. At this stage of development of the Toolkit, and through this Notice, the Department of Commerce invites comment to identify the most commonly requested “use cases,” requested by electric utilities. Smart grid use cases should be limited to those applications that can be addressed by transmission, distribution, and energy storage related technologies and services. Examples of use cases include, but are not limited to, the following: Arbitrage, distribution upgrades due to wind/solar, curtailment minimization, frequency regulation, improved customer engagement, non-technical loss reduction, outage detection, and peak demand reduction.

Because input received will be publicly available upon request, businesses or individuals responding to this notice should not include any business confidential. Final selection of included use cases into the Toolkit will not be attributed.

A subsequent **Federal Register** notice will be issued at a later date for U.S. vendors capable of supplying relevant goods and services to foreign buyers to express interest and provide relevant information to be listed in the Toolkit.

Man Cho,

Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) preliminarily determines that imports of stainless steel sheet and strip (stainless sheet and strip) from the People’s Republic of China (PRC) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The estimated dumping margins are shown in the “Preliminary Determination” section of this notice. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Effective September 19, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Page at (202) 482-1398 or Lingjun Wang at (202) 482-2316, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on March 10, 2016.¹ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice.² A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized

¹ See *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Less Than Fair Value Investigation*, 81 FR 12711 (March 10, 2016) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See Memorandum from Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, entitled “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from the People’s Republic of China” (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).