

these requests, on November 11, 2018, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of an administrative review covering the period September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018.³ On December 17, 2018, Xiongying submitted a timely request to withdraw its request for administrative review.⁴ On February 4, 2019, Triangle submitted a timely request to withdraw its request for administrative review.⁵ On March 19, 2019, Jinhaoyang submitted a timely request to withdraw its request for administrative review.⁶

Additionally, Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.⁷ If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. In this case, the original deadline for parties to withdraw requests for administrative review was February 13, 2019. Therefore, the revised deadline to withdraw a review request was March 25, 2019. The revised deadline for the preliminary results in this review is now Friday, July 12, 2019.

Partial Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in part, if a party who requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the

Zhongwei's letter, "Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review," dated October 1, 2018; and Super Grip's letter, "Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires People's Republic of China Request for Administrative Review," dated October 1, 2018 (Super Grip, a U.S. importer, requested a review of Zhongwei).

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR 45888 (November 11, 2018).

⁴ See Xiongying's letter, "Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from the People's Republic of China: Withdrawal of Request for Review," dated December 17, 2018.

⁵ See Triangle Tyre's letter, "New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from the People's Republic of China -Withdrawal of Triangle Tyre Request for Administrative Review," dated February 4, 2019.

⁶ See Jinhaoyang's letter, "Jinhaoyang's Withdrawal of Request for AD Administrative Review Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from China (A-570-912)," dated March 19, 2019.

⁷ See memorandum to the Record from 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, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

notice of initiation of the requested review. Xiongying, Triangle, and Jinhaoyang timely withdrew their requests for an administrative review, and no other party requested a review of these companies. Accordingly, we are rescinding this review, in part, with respect to these companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). The review will continue with respect to Honghua Tyre, Zhongwei, and Super Grip.

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of OTR tires at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, if appropriate.

Notification to Importers

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 and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of the antidumping and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an 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, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/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.

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

Dated: April 2, 2019.

James Maeder,

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-094]

Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Dumping Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of refillable stainless steel kegs (kegs) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of investigation (POI) January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable April 5, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas Czajkowski or Robert Brown at (202) 482-1395 or (202) 482-3702, respectively, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on October 16, 2018.¹ On December 4, 2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination in this investigation to February 19, 2019.²

¹ See *Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 83 FR 52192 (October 16, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See *Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 83 FR 62560 (December 4, 2018). In accordance with Commerce's practice, where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal

Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.³ Accordingly, the revised deadline for the preliminary determination is March 29, 2019.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ A list of topics discussed 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 <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://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are kegs from China. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I to this notice.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,⁵ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product

coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁶ Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.⁷ Commerce is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the initiation notice.⁸ See the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines 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.⁹ In making these findings, Commerce relied, in part, on facts available, and because one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce's requests for information, Commerce drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.¹⁰ For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), and based on the petitioner's request,¹¹ Commerce is aligning the final countervailing duty determination in

this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty investigation of refillable stainless steel kegs from China.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d)(1)(A)(i) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and *de minimis* rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce preliminarily assigned rates based entirely on facts available for Penglai Jinfu Stainless Steel Products (Penglai Jinfu) and 18 companies that failed to respond to our quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaire.¹² Commerce calculated an individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Ningbo Master International Trade Co., Ltd. (Ningbo Master) and its cross-owned affiliates Tomorrow Industrial Limited (Tomorrow Industrial), Ningbo Major Draft Beer Equipment Co., Ltd. (Ningbo Major), and Zhejiang Major Technology Co., Ltd. (Major Technology). Because the only individually calculated rate is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the rate calculated for Ningbo Master is also assigned to all-other producers and exporters.

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Company	Net subsidy rate (percent)
Equipmentines (Dalian) E-Commerce Co., Ltd	144.30

holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 2930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

³ See Memorandum from 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 "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government", dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

⁴ See "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination: Countervailing Duty Investigation of Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁵ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁶ See *Initiation Notice*.

⁷ See Memorandum, *Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China, Germany, and Mexico: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations* (March 29, 2019) (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

⁸ *Id.* at 3-4.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

¹¹ See Letter, "Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China: Request for Alignment of the Countervailing Duty Final Determination with the Companion Antidumping Duty Final Determination," dated March 19, 2019.

¹² Commerce issued Q&V questionnaires to 20 companies. The 18 companies that did not respond to our Q&V questionnaire are: Equipmentines (Dalian) E-Commerce Co., Ltd.; Jinan HaoLu Machinery Equipment Co., Ltd.; NDL Keg Qingdao Inc.; Ningbo Direct Import & Export Co., Ltd.; Ningbo Hefeng Container Manufacture Co., Ltd.; Ningbo Hefeng Kitchen Utensils Manufacture Co., Ltd.; Ningbo HGM Food Machinery Co., Ltd.; Ningbo Jiangbei Bei Fu Industry and Trade Co., Ltd.; Ningbo Sanfino Import & Export Co., Ltd.; Ningbo Shimaotong International Co., Ltd.; Ningbo Sunburst International Trading Co., Ltd.; Orient Equipment (Taizhou) Co., Ltd.; Qingdao Henka Precision Technology Co., Ltd.; Shandong Tiantai Beer Equipment; Sino Dragon Trading International; Wenzhou Deli Machinery Equipment Co.; Wuxi Taihu Lamps and Lanterns Co., Ltd.; and Yantai Trano New Material Co., Ltd.

Company	Net subsidy rate (percent)
Jinan HaoLu Machinery Equipment Co., Ltd	144.30
NDL Keg Qingdao Inc	144.30
Ningbo Direct Import & Export Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo Hefeng Container Manufacture Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo Hefeng Kitchen Utensils Manufacture Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo HGM Food Machinery Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo Jiangbei Bei Fu Industry and Trade Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo Master International Trade Co., Ltd ¹³	15.78
Ningbo Sanfino Import & Export Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo Shimaotong International Co., Ltd	144.30
Ningbo Sunburst International Trading Co., Ltd	144.30
Orient Equipment (Taizhou) Co., Ltd	144.30
Penglai Jinfu Stainless Steel Products	144.30
Qingdao Henka Precision Technology Co., Ltd	144.30
Shandong Tiantai Beer Equipment	144.30
Sino Dragon Trading International	144.30
Wenzhou Deli Machinery Equipment Co.	144.30
Wuxi Taihu Lamps and Lanterns Co., Ltd	144.30
Yantai Trano New Material Co., Ltd	144.30
All Others	15.78

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries 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**. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date 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 the 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 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.¹⁴ 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.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. 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.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: March 29, 2019.

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 are kegs, vessels, or containers with bodies that are approximately cylindrical in shape, made from stainless steel (*i.e.*, steel containing at least 10.5 percent chromium by weight and less than 1.2 percent carbon by weight, with or without other elements), and that are compatible with a "D Sankey" extractor (refillable stainless steel kegs) with a nominal liquid volume capacity of 10 liters or more, regardless of the type of finish, gauge, thickness, or grade of stainless steel, and whether or not covered by or encased in other materials. Refillable stainless steel kegs may be imported assembled or unassembled, with or without all components (including spears, couplers or taps, necks, collars, and valves), and be filled or unfilled.

¹³ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has found Ningbo Major Draft Beer Equipment Co., Ltd., Tomorrow Industrial Limited and Zhejiang Major Technology Co., Ltd. to be cross-owned with Ningbo Master International Trade Co., Ltd.

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

“Unassembled” or “unfinished” refillable stainless steel kegs include drawn stainless steel cylinders that have been welded to form the body of the keg and attached to an upper (top) chime and/or lower (bottom) chime. Unassembled refillable stainless steel kegs may or may not be welded to a neck, may or may not have a valve assembly attached, and may be otherwise complete except for testing, certification, and/or marking.

Subject merchandise also includes refillable stainless steel kegs that have been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to, attachment of necks, collars, spears or valves, heat treatment, pickling, passivation, painting, testing, certification or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope refillable stainless steel keg.

Specifically excluded are the following:

(1) Vessels or containers that are not approximately cylindrical in nature (e.g., box, “hopper” or “cone” shaped vessels);

(2) stainless steel kegs, vessels, or containers that have either a “ball lock” valve system or a “pin lock” valve system (commonly known as “Cornelius,” “corny” or “ball lock” kegs);

(3) necks, spears, couplers or taps, collars, and valves that are not imported with the subject merchandise; and

(4) stainless steel kegs that are filled with beer, wine, or other liquid and that are designated by the Commissioner of Customs as Instruments of International Traffic within the meaning of section 332(a) of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, as amended.

The merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 7310.10.0010, 7310.00.0050, 7310.29.0025, and 7310.29.0050.

These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Application (MBNQA)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at docpra@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dawn Bailey, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, 301–975–3074, dawn.bailey@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce is responsible for the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (BPEP) and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA), the nation’s highest award for organizational performance excellence. Directly associated with this award is the Board of Examiners, an integral volunteer workforce for BPEP. NIST manages BPEP. An applicant organization for the MBNQA is required to perform two steps: (1) The applicant organization self-certifies that it meets eligibility requirements with an eligibility form; and (2) the applicant organization prepares and completes an application package. BPEP will assist with or offer advice on any questions or issues that the applicant may have concerning the eligibility or application processes; this includes BPEP staff manning a hotline during the week and on weekends for organizations to call or email. With the help of the Board of Examiners, BPEP will use the eligibility forms and application package to assess and provide feedback on the applicant’s performance excellence practices. These practices could lead to a MBNQA awarded by the President of the United States or his delegate.

Per Public Law 100–107 (Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987), the MBNQA helps to stimulate American companies to improve quality and productivity for the pride of recognition while obtaining a competitive edge through increased profits; recognizes the achievements of those companies that improve the quality of their goods and services and provide an example to others; establishes guidelines and criteria that can be used by business, industrial, governmental, and other organizations in evaluating their own quality improvement efforts; and provides specific guidance for other American organizations that wish to learn how to manage for high quality by making available detailed information on how winning organizations were able to change their cultures and achieve eminence.

The application to be a member of the Board of Examiners is a one-step, secure, online process. Each year, BPEP recruits highly skilled experts in the fields of manufacturing, service, small business, health care, education, and nonprofit, the six Award eligibility categories, to evaluate the applications that BPEP receives. Examiners serve for a one-year term; participation on the board is entirely voluntary. Examiners