

to issues raised in the case briefs.<sup>8</sup> Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.<sup>9</sup>

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.<sup>10</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, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.<sup>11</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing. Issues addressed at the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.<sup>12</sup> All briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically and received successfully in their entirety through ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

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

#### Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce 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 review.

#### Cash Deposit Requirement

On May 10, 2019, as a result of the five-year (sunset) review, Commerce revoked the *OTR Tires China CVD Order*.<sup>13</sup> In the *Revocation Notice*, Commerce stated that it intended to issue instructions to CBP to terminate

the suspension of liquidation and to discontinue the collection of cash deposits on entries of subject merchandise, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after February 4, 2019.<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, because the *OTR Tires China CVD Order* has been revoked as a result of the *Revocation Notice*, Commerce will not issue cash deposit instructions at the conclusion of this administrative review.

#### Notification of Interested Parties

These preliminary results of review 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 12, 2019.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[A–580–880]

#### Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the producers/exporters subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

**DATES:** Applicable November 18, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alice Maldonado or Whitley Herndon,

AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4682 or (202) 482–6274, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 15, 2018, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review on heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Korea.<sup>1</sup> This review covers 21 producers and exporters of the subject merchandise. Commerce selected Dong-A Steel Company (DOSCO), HiSteel Co., Ltd (HiSteel), and Kukje Steel Co., Ltd. (Kukje Steel) for individual examination. DOSCO informed Commerce that it did not intend to respond to the questionnaire or participate as a mandatory respondent in this administrative review. The producers and/or exporters not selected for individual examination are listed in the “Preliminary Results of the Review” section of this notice.

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 28, 2019.<sup>2</sup> On June 10, 2019, Commerce extended the preliminary results of this review by 117 days, until November 6, 2019.<sup>3</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

##### Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are certain heavy walled rectangular welded steel pipes and tubes from the Republic of Korea (Korea). Products subject to the order are currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item number 7306.61.1000. Subject merchandise may also be classified under 7306.61.3000.

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR 57411 (November 15, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, “Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of the 2nd Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated June 10, 2019.

<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2).

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>13</sup> See *Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Sunset Reviews and Revocation of Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 20616 (May 10, 2019) (*Revocation Notice*).

<sup>14</sup> See *Revocation Notice*, 84 FR at 20618.

Although the HTSUS numbers and ASTM specification are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive.<sup>4</sup>

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our 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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an Appendix to this notice.

**Adverse Facts Available**

Because mandatory respondent DOSCO failed to respond to Commerce's questionnaire, we preliminarily determine to apply facts otherwise available with adverse inferences (AFA) to this respondent, in accordance with sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.308. For further discussion, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Results of the Review**

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the respondents for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Dong-A Steel Company .....	53.80
HiSteel Co., Ltd .....	40.40
Kukje Steel Co., Ltd .....	51.27

Review-Specific Average Rate Applicable to the Following Companies:<sup>5</sup>

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Ahshin Pipe & Tube Company ...	43.91
Bookook Steel Co., Ltd .....	43.91
Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd .....	43.91
Ganungol Industries Co. Ltd .....	43.91
Hanjin Steel Pipe .....	43.91
Husteel Co., Ltd .....	43.91
Hyosung Corporation .....	43.91
Hyundai Steel Co .....	43.91
Hyundai Steel Pipe Company ...	43.91
K Steel Co. Ltd .....	43.91
Miju Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd .....	43.91
NEXTEEL Co., Ltd .....	43.91
POSCO DAEWOO .....	43.91
Sam Kang Industrial Co., Ltd .....	43.91
Sam Kang Industries Co., Ltd .....	43.91
Samson Controls Ltd., Co .....	43.91
SeAH Steel Corporation .....	43.91
Yujin Steel Industry Co. Ltd .....	43.91

**Disclosure and Public Comment**

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>6</sup> Interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>7</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.<sup>8</sup> Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding 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.<sup>9</sup> Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS.<sup>10</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to

the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, filed electronically via ACCESS within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>11</sup> Hearing requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.<sup>12</sup>

An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless otherwise extended.<sup>13</sup>

**Assessment Rates**

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.<sup>14</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), where HiSteel and Kukje Steel reported the entered value of their U.S. sales, we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales for which entered value was reported. Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

For the companies which were not selected for individual review, we will assign an assessment rate based on the average<sup>15</sup> of the cash deposit rates calculated for HiSteel and Kukje Steel, excluding any which are zero or *de minimis* or determined entirely based on adverse facts available. Because

<sup>4</sup> For a full description of the scope of the order, see Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2017–2018 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Korea," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>5</sup> This rate is based on the rates for the respondents that were selected for individual review, excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis* or based entirely on facts available. See section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act.  
<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).  
<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c).  
<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d).  
<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).  
<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).  
<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).  
<sup>13</sup> See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.  
<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b).  
<sup>15</sup> This rate was calculated as discussed in footnote 5, above.

DOSCO withdrew its participation from this review and reported no information to Commerce for this POR, we will instruct CBP to apply an assessment rate to all entries it produced and/or exported equal to the dumping margin of 53.80 percent, as indicated above. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

Commerce's "automatic assessment" will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by companies included in these final results of review for which the reviewed companies did not know that the merchandise they sold to the intermediary (e.g., a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>16</sup>

We intend to issue liquidation instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the exporters listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent and therefore *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific cash deposit rate published for the most recently completed segment; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established for the most recently completed segment for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to

be 3.24 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>17</sup> These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary 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 Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 6, 2019.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-580-870]

#### Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from the Republic of Korea

(Korea) are being sold in the United States at prices below normal value. The period of review (POR) is September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable November 18, 2019.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

These preliminary results are made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this administrative review on November 15, 2018.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> Commerce selected Hyundai Steel Company (Hyundai Steel) and SeAH Steel Corporation (SeAH) as the two mandatory respondents in this review.<sup>3</sup> Commerce extended the time limit for completing the preliminary results of this administrative review, and the revised deadline is now November 8, 2019.<sup>4</sup> On August 6, 2019, Commerce received a timely filed allegation that a particular market situation (PMS) existed with respect to Hyundai Steel's and SeAH's costs of production of

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR 57411 (November 15, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "2017–2018 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Korea: Respondent Selection," dated February 15, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See Memoranda, "Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review" dated July 1, 2019; "Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated September 6, 2019; and "Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated October 31, 2019.

<sup>16</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

<sup>17</sup> See *Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Korea, Mexico, and the Republic of Turkey: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 62865, 62866 (September 13, 2016).