

review, Commerce determined that revocation of the AD order on SDGEs from China would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the order be revoked.² On March 27, 2020, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the AD order on SDGEs from China would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.³

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order includes all small diameter graphite electrodes of any length, whether or not finished, of a kind used in furnaces, with a nominal or actual diameter of 400 millimeters (16 inches) or less, and whether or not attached to a graphite pin joining system or any other type of joining system or hardware. The merchandise covered by the order also includes graphite pin joining systems for small diameter graphite electrodes, of any length, whether or not finished, of a kind used in furnaces, and whether or not the graphite pin joining system is attached to, sold with, or sold separately from, the small diameter graphite electrodes. Small diameter graphite electrodes and graphite pin joining systems for small diameter graphite electrodes are most commonly used in primary melting, ladle metallurgy, and specialty furnace applications in industries including foundries, smelters, and steel refining operations. Small diameter graphite electrodes and graphite pin joining systems for small diameter graphite electrodes that are subject to the order are currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 8545.11.0010,⁴ 3801.10,⁵

² See *Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 84 FR 44852 (August 27, 2019).

³ See *Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China: Determination*, 85 FR 17363 (March 27, 2020); see also *Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-1143 (Second Review)*, USITC Publication 5035 (March 2020).

⁴ The scope described in the order refers to the HTSUS subheading 8545.11.0000. We note that, starting in 2010, imports of small diameter graphite electrodes are classified in the HTSUS under subheading 8545.11.0010 and imports of large diameter graphite electrodes are classified under subheading 8545.11.0020.

⁵ HTSUS subheading 3801.10 was added to the scope of the graphite electrodes order based on a determination in *Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention*

and 8545.11.0020.⁶ The HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, but the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the AD order would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the AD order on SDGEs from China. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of the continuation of the order will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year review of the order not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This five-year sunset review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 31, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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of the Antidumping Duty Order, 77 FR 47596 (August 9, 2012) (first circumvention determination). The products covered by the first circumvention determination are graphite electrodes (or graphite pin joining systems) that were 1) produced by UK Carbon and Graphite Co., Ltd. (UKCG) from China-manufactured artificial/synthetic graphite forms, of a size and shape (e.g., blanks, rods, cylinders, billets, blocks, etc.), 2) which required additional machining processes (i.e., tooling and shaping) that UKCG performed in the United Kingdom (UK), and 3) were re-exported to the United States as UK-origin merchandise.

⁶ HTSUS subheading 8545.11.0020 was added to the scope of the graphite electrodes order based on a determination in *Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order and Rescission of Later-Developed Merchandise Anticircumvention Inquiry*, 78 FR 56864 (September 16, 2013) (second circumvention determination). The products covered by the second circumvention determination are graphite electrodes produced and/or exported by Jilin Carbon Import and Export Company with an actual or nominal diameter of 17 inches.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-921]

Lightweight Thermal Paper From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: 2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain lightweight thermal paper (thermal paper) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR) January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, based on the timely withdrawal of the requests for review.

DATES: Applicable April 6, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 1, 2019, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on thermal paper from China for the POR of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.¹ Commerce received a timely-filed request from Appvion, Inc. (Appvion) for an administrative review of Sailing International Limited, Shenzhen Formers Printing Co., Ltd., Suzhou Xiandai Paper Production Co., Dong Nam Pack, Gold Shengpu Paper Products (Suzhou), Xiamen ATP Technology Co., Ltd., Gold Huasheng Paper (Suzhou IP) Co., Henan Jianghe Paper Co. Ltd., Wuxi Honglinxin International Trade, Shenzhen HDB Network Technology, Jinan Fuzhi Paper Co., Ltd., Avery Dennison (China) Co., Ltd., Pax Technology Limited, Shenzhen Speedy Import & Export Co., Ltd., SYCDA Company Limited, and Prosper (HK) Co., Ltd., in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b).²

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 84 FR 58690 (November 1, 2019).

² See letter from Appvion, "Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China; Request

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On February 6, 2020, pursuant to these requests and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce published a notice initiating an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on thermal paper from China with respect to all of the companies for which Appvion had requested the review.³ On March 26, 2020, Appvion withdrew its request for an administrative review with respect to all of the companies for which Commerce had initiated the review.⁴

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce 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. Appvion withdrew its request for review of all companies that were subject to the review within the requisite 90 days. 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

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of thermal paper from China. 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). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to all parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial

for Administrative Review,” dated December 2, 2019.

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 85 FR 6896 (February 6, 2020).

⁴ See letter from Appvion, “Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People’s Republic of China/Withdrawal for Request for Administrative Review,” dated March 26, 2020.

protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until May 19, 2020, unless extended.⁵

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: March 31, 2020.

James Maeder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-012]

Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Five-Year Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the People’s Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Review” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable April 6, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Hamilton, 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) 482-4798.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 8, 2015, Commerce published its AD order on wire rod from China in the **Federal Register**.¹ On December 2, 2019, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first sunset

⁵ See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 17006 (March 26, 2020).

¹ See *Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 80 FR 1015 (January 8, 2015) (*Order*).

review of the AD order on wire rod from China,² pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ Commerce received notices of intent to participate from Charter Steel, Commercial Metals Company, EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel, Liberty Steel USA, Nucor Corporation, and Optimus Steel LLC (collectively, domestic interested parties), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).⁴ Each claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as domestic producers of wire rod in the United States.

Commerce received a substantive response from the domestic interested parties⁵ within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). We received no substantive response from any other domestic or interested parties in this proceeding, nor was a hearing requested.

On January 22, 2020, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.⁶ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of this AD order.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately circular cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (*i.e.*, products that contain by weight one or more of

² See *Order*. We applied the weighted-average dumping margins of 106.19 percent to Rizhao Steel Wire Co., Ltd., Hunan Valin Xiangtan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., and Jiangsu Shagang International Trade Co., Ltd., and 110.25 percent as the China-wide rate. *Id.* at 1017.

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review*, 84 FR 65968 (December 2, 2019).

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated December 17, 2019.

⁵ See Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the People’s Republic of China—Domestic Interested Parties’ Substantive,” dated January 2, 2020.

⁶ See Commerce’s Letter, “Sunset Review Initiated on December 2, 2019,” dated January 22, 2020.