

On June 12 and 16, 2020, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), Metalcam S.p.A and Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A. requested, respectively, that Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.¹⁵ In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporters account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce will make its final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, then the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of fluid end blocks from Italy are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: July 16, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks), whether in finished or unfinished form, and which are typically used in the manufacture or service of hydraulic pumps.

The term “forged” is an industry term used to describe the grain texture of steel resulting from the application of localized compressive force. Illustrative forging standards include,

but are not limited to, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications A668 and A788.

For purposes of this investigation, the term “steel” denotes metal containing the following chemical elements, by weight: (i) Iron greater than or equal to 60 percent; (ii) nickel less than or equal to 8.5 percent; (iii) copper less than or equal to 6 percent; (iv) chromium greater than or equal to 0.4 percent, but less than or equal to 20 percent; and (v) molybdenum greater than or equal to 0.15 percent, but less than or equal to 3 percent. Illustrative steel standards include, but are not limited to, American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) grades 4130, 4135, 4140, 4320, 4330, 4340, 8630, 15–5, 17–4, F6NM, F22, F60, and XM25, as well as modified varieties of these grades.

The products covered by this investigation are: (1) Cut-to-length fluid end blocks with an actual height (measured from its highest point) of 8 inches (203.2 mm) to 40 inches (1,016.0 mm), an actual width (measured from its widest point) of 8 inches (203.2 mm) to 40 inches (1,016.0 mm), and an actual length (measured from its longest point) of 11 inches (279.4 mm) to 75 inches (1,905.0 mm); and (2) strings of fluid end blocks with an actual height (measured from its highest point) of 8 inches (203.2 mm) to 40 inches (1,016.0 mm), an actual width (measured from its widest point) of 8 inches (203.2 mm) to 40 inches (1,016.0 mm), and an actual length (measured from its longest point) up to 360 inches (9,144.0 mm).

The products included in the scope of this investigation have a tensile strength of at least 70 KSI (measured in accordance with ASTM A370) and a hardness of at least 140 HBW (measured in accordance with ASTM E10).

A fluid end block may be imported in finished condition (*i.e.*, ready for incorporation into a pump fluid end assembly without further finishing operations) or unfinished condition (*i.e.*, forged but still requiring one or more finishing operations before it is ready for incorporation into a pump fluid end assembly). Such finishing operations may include: (1) Heat treating; (2) milling one or more flat surfaces; (3) contour machining to custom shapes or dimensions; (4) drilling or boring holes; (5) threading holes; and/or (6) painting, varnishing, or coating.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are fluid end block assemblies which (1) include (a) plungers and related housings, adapters, gaskets, seals, and packing nuts, (b) valves and related seats, springs, seals, and cover nuts, and (c) a discharge flange and related seals, and (2) are otherwise ready to be mated with the “power end” of a hydraulic pump without the need for installation of any plunger, valve, or discharge flange components, or any other further manufacturing operations.

The products included in the scope of this investigation may enter under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 7218.91.0030, 7218.99.0030, 7224.90.0015, 7224.90.0045, 7326.19.0010, 7326.90.8688, or 8413.91.9055. While these HTSUS subheadings are provided for

convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–583–863]

Forged Steel Fittings From Taiwan: Preliminary Intent To Rescind the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018–2019

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Both-Well Steel Fittings, Co., Ltd. (Bothwell), the sole company under review, did not have any reviewable entries during the period of review (POR) May 17, 2018 through August 31, 2019. Thus, Commerce is preliminarily rescinding this review. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable July 23, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Ayache or Samuel Glickstein, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2623 or (202) 482–5307, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published the notice of initiation of this review on November 12, 2019.¹ On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days, thereby extending the deadline for these preliminary results until July 21, 2020.² For a

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 61011 (November 12, 2019).

² See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty

¹⁵ See Metalcam S.p.A.’s Letter, “Antidumping Duty Investigation of Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from Italy: Request to Postpone Final Determination,” dated June 12, 2020; and Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A.’s Letter, “Antidumping Duty Investigation of Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from Italy: Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A. Request to Postpone the Final Determination,” dated June 16, 2020.

complete discussion of the background of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the scope of this order are carbon and alloy forged steel fittings, whether unfinished (commonly known as blanks or rough forgings) or finished. Such fittings are made in a variety of shapes including, but not limited to, elbows, tees, crosses, laterals, couplings, reducers, caps, plugs, bushings, unions, and outlets. Forged steel fittings are covered regardless of end finish, whether threaded, socket-weld or other end connections. The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under item numbers 7307.99.1000, 7307.99.3000, 7307.99.5045, and 7307.99.5060 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.⁴

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (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 <http://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. 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.

Preliminary Intent To Rescind

It is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3) when there are no reviewable entries of subject

merchandise during the POR subject to the antidumping duty order and for which liquidation is suspended.⁵ At the end of the administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the assessment rate computed for the review period.⁶ Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry to be liquidated at the newly calculated assessment rate. As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, we preliminarily find that, because all of entries associated with Bothwell's reported sales of subject merchandise during the POR were liquidated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Bothwell had no reviewable entries during this POR. Accordingly, we preliminarily intend to rescind this review pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁷ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.⁸ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.⁹ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), 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.

All submissions to Commerce must be filed electronically using Enforcement and Compliance's electronic records system, ACCESS,¹⁰ and must also be served on interested parties.¹¹ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety on ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date that the document is due.

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, using ACCESS within 30 days of publication

of this notice.¹² 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 respective case and rebuttal briefs. 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.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), 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.

Assessment Rates

If Commerce proceeds to a final rescission of this administrative review, the assessment rate for Bothwell's shipments will not be affected by this review. If Commerce does not proceed to a final rescission of this administrative review, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we will calculate importer-specific (or customer-specific) assessment rates based on the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

If Commerce proceeds to a final rescission of this administrative review, Bothwell's cash deposit rate will continue to 116.17 percent, its final rate from the investigation. If Commerce does not proceed to a final rescission of this administrative review, but calculates a dumping margin for Bothwell, we will instruct CBP to collect a cash deposit, effective upon the date of publication of the final results, at the dumping rate calculated for Bothwell.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a 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.

Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19," dated April 24, 2020.

³ See Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Intent to Rescind the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Forged Steel Fittings from Taiwan; 2018–2019 (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice.

⁴ For a complete description of the scope of the order, *see* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

⁵ See, e.g., *Solid Fertilizer Grade Ammonium Nitrate from the Russian Federation: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 77 FR 65532 (October 29, 2012).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); *see also Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020) (*Temporary Rule*).

⁹ See *Temporary Rule*.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.303.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.303(f).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to 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(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 sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 17, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. Status of Bothwell's Sales
- V. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Phosphate Fertilizers From the Kingdom of Morocco and the Russian Federation: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable July 16, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Palmer (Morocco) or George Ayache (Russia), AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-9068 or (202) 482-2623, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petitions

On June 26, 2020, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of

phosphate fertilizers from the Kingdom of Morocco (Morocco) and the Russian Federation (Russia), filed in proper form on behalf of The Mosaic Company (the petitioner), a domestic producer of phosphate fertilizers.¹

Between June 30 and July 1, 2020, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petitions.² The petitioner filed responses to these requests between July 2 and 6, 2020.³

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of Morocco (GOM) and the Government of Russia (GOR) are providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of phosphate fertilizers in Morocco and Russia, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing phosphate fertilizers in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petitions were accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party, as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner

¹ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitions for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties: Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco and Russia," dated June 26, 2020 (the Petitions).

² See Commerce's Letter, "Petitions for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco and Russia: Supplemental Questions," dated July 1, 2020 (General Issues Questionnaire); Commerce's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco: Supplemental Questions," dated June 30, 2020; and Commerce's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Phosphate Fertilizers from Russia: Supplemental Questions," dated June 30, 2020.

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco: Response to the Department's Supplemental Questions Concerning the Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco," dated July 2, 2020 (Morocco Supplement); Petitioner's Letter, "Phosphate Fertilizers from Russia: Response to the Department's Supplemental Questions Concerning the Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Phosphate Fertilizers from Russia," dated July 2, 2020 (Russia Supplement); and Petitioner's Letter, "Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco and Russia: Response to the Department's Supplemental Questions on General Issues Concerning the Petitions for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Phosphate Fertilizers from Morocco and Russia," dated July 6, 2020 (General Issues Supplement).

demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested CVD investigations.⁴

Period of Investigation

Because the Petitions were filed on June 26, 2020, the period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.⁵

Scope of the Investigations

The merchandise covered by these investigations are phosphate fertilizers from Morocco and Russia. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, see the Appendix to this notice.

Comments on Scope of the Investigations

On July 1, 2020, Commerce requested further information from the petitioner regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petitions is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.⁶ On July 6, 2020, the petitioner revised the scope.⁷ The description of the merchandise covered by these investigations, as described in the appendix to this notice, reflects these clarifications.

As discussed in the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁸ Commerce will consider all comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determinations. If scope comments include factual information,⁹ all such factual information should be limited to public information. To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that all interested parties submit scope comments by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on August 5, 2020, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on August 17, 2020, which is the next business day¹⁰ after 10

⁴ See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions" section, *infra*.

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

⁶ See General Issues Questionnaire.

⁷ See General Issues Supplement at 11-13.

⁸ See *Countervailing Duties*, 62 FR 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) (defining "factual information").

¹⁰ In this case, 10 days after the initial comment deadline falls on August 15, 2020, a Saturday. Where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification*: