

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-533-878]

Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2019

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 stainless steel flanges from India during the period of review, January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable November 4, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Greenberg or Eliza Siordia, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1110 or (202) 482-3878, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On December 8, 2020, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on stainless steel flanges from India.¹ On June 2, 2021, Commerce extended the time period for issuing these preliminary results by 118 days, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² The revised deadline for these preliminary results is now October 29, 2021.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included at the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically

¹ See *Initiation and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 85 FR 78990 (December 8, 2020); see also *Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 50336 (October 5, 2018) (*Order*).

² See Memorandum, “Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2019,” dated June 2, 2021.

³ See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Flanges from India; 2019,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

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 directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* are stainless steel flanges from India. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and the subsidy is specific.⁴ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Companies Not Selected for Individual Review

The Act and Commerce’s regulations do not directly address the subsidy rate to be applied to companies not selected for individual examination where Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(e)(2) of the Act. However, Commerce normally determines the rates for non-selected companies in reviews in a manner that is consistent with section 705(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation. Section 777A(e)(2) of the Act provides that “the individual countervailable subsidy rates determined under subparagraph (A) shall be used to determine the all-others rate under section 705(c)(5) {of the Act}.” Section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act states that for companies not investigated, in general, we will determine an all-others rate by weight-averaging the countervailable subsidy rates established for each of the companies individually investigated, excluding zero and *de minimis* rates or any rates based solely on the facts available.

Accordingly, to determine the rate for companies not selected for individual examination, Commerce’s practice is to

⁴ 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.

weight average the net subsidy rates for the selected mandatory companies, excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts available.⁵ We preliminarily determine that Chandan Steel Limited (Chandan) and Kisaan Die Tech Pvt Ltd. (Kisaan) received countervailing subsidies that are above *de minimis* and are not based entirely on facts available. Therefore, we preliminarily determine to apply the weighted-average of the net subsidy rates calculated for Chandan and Kisaan using publicly-ranged sales data submitted by those respondents to the non-selected companies.⁶ For a list of the 54 companies for which a review was requested, and which were not selected as mandatory respondents or found to be cross-owned with a mandatory respondent, see Appendix II to this notice.

Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, we preliminarily find that the following net subsidy rates exist:

| Company | Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>) |
|--|---|
| Chandan Steel Limited | 5.51 |
| Kisaan Die Tech Pvt. Ltd | 5.28 |
| Non-Selected Companies Under Review ⁷ | 5.49 |

Assessment Rate

Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, 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 in accordance with the final results of this review. If the assessment rate calculated in the final results in zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate all appropriate entries without regard to countervailing duties. Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

⁵ See, *e.g.*, *Certain Pasta from Italy: Final Results of the 13th (2008) Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 75 FR 37386, 37387 (June 29, 2010).

⁶ See Memorandum, “Calculation of Subsidy Rate for Non-Selected Companies Under Review,” dated October 29, 2021.

⁷ See Appendix II for a list of companies not selected for individual examination.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts indicated above, except, where the rate calculated in the final results is *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We will disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of these preliminary results.⁸ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.⁹ 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.¹⁰ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS¹¹ and must be served on interested parties.¹² Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.¹³

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 using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.¹⁴

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. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs.¹⁵ If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date. Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Final Results of Review

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.

Notification to Interested Parties

This administrative review and notice are in issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: October 29, 2021.

Ryan Majerus,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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List of Non-Selected Companies

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 Bebitz Flanges Works Pvt. Ltd.
 Bee Gee Enterprises
 BFN Forgings Private Limited
 Bsl Freight Solutions Pvt., Ltd.
 CD Industries (Prop. Kisaan Engineering Works Pvt. Ltd).
 Cipriani Harrison Valves Pvt. Ltd.
 CTL Logistics (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Dongguan Good Luck Furniture Industrial Co., Ltd.
 DSV Air and Sea Pvt. Ltd.
 DSV Logistics
 Echjay Forgings Pvt. Ltd.
 Fivebros Forgings Pvt. Ltd.
 Fluid Controls Pvt. Ltd.
 Geodis Oversea Pvt., Ltd.
 Globelink WW India Pvt., Ltd.
 Good Luck Engineering Co.
 Goodluck India Ltd.
 Hilton Metal Forging Limited
 Jai Auto Pvt. Ltd.
 Jay Jagdamba Limited
 Jay Jagdamba Profile Private Limited
 Jay Jagdamba Forgings Private Limited
 Katariya Steel Distributors
 Kunj Forgings Pvt. Ltd.
 Montane Shipping Pvt., Ltd.
 Noble Shipping Pvt. Ltd.
 Paramount Forge
 Pashupati Ispat Pvt. Ltd.
 Pashupati Tradex Pvt., Ltd.
 Peekay Steel Castings Pvt. Ltd.
 Pradeep Metals Ltd.
 R D Forge Pvt., Ltd.
 Rolex Fittings India Pvt. Ltd.
 Rollwell Forge Pvt. Ltd.
 Safewater Lines (I) Pvt. Ltd.
 Saini Flange Pvt. Ltd.
 SAR Transport Systems
 Shilpan Steelcast Pvt. Ltd.
 Shree Jay Jagdamba Flanges Private Limited
 Teamglobal Logistics Pvt. Ltd.
 Technical Products
 Technical Products Corporation
 Technocraft Industries India Ltd.
 Transworld Enterprises
 Transworld Global Logistics Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd.
 Transworld Group
 VEEYES Engineering Pvt. Ltd.
 Viraj Profiles Ltd.
 Vishal Shipping Agencies Pvt. Ltd.
 Yusen Logistics (India) Pvt. Ltd.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council (TFAC or the Council) will hold a virtual meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2021. The meeting is open to the public with registration instructions provided below.

DATES: Thursday, December 2, 2021, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1); 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*).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹¹ See generally 19 CFR 351.303.

¹² See 19 CFR 351.303(f).

¹³ See *Temporary Rule*.

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.310.