

Product Approval Requirements for the Manufacture of Couplers, Coupler Yokes, Knuckles, Follower Blocks, and Coupler Parts” and/or AAR M–215 “Coupling Systems,” or other equivalent domestic or international standards (including any revisions to the standard(s)).

The country of origin for subject couplers and parts thereof, whether fully assembled, unfinished or finished, or attached to a railcar, is the country where the subject coupler parts were cast or forged. Subject merchandise includes coupler parts as defined above that have been further processed or further assembled, including those coupler parts attached to a railcar in third countries. Further processing includes, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, painting, coating, priming, machining, and assembly of various parts. The inclusion, attachment, joining, or assembly of nonsubject parts with subject parts or couplers either in the country of manufacture of the in-scope product or in a third country does not remove the subject parts or couplers from the scope.

The couplers that are the subject of this investigation are currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical reporting number 8607.30.1000. Unfinished subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS statistical reporting number 7326.90.8688. Subject merchandise attached to finished railcars may also enter under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 8606.10.0000, 8606.30.0000, 8606.91.0000, 8606.92.0000, 8606.99.0130, 8606.99.0160, or under subheading 9803.00.50. Subject merchandise may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 7325.99.5000. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Scope Ruling Applications Filed in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received scope ruling applications, requesting that scope inquiries be conducted to determine whether identified products are covered by the scope of antidumping duty (AD) and/or countervailing duty (CVD) orders and that Commerce issue scope rulings pursuant to those inquiries. In accordance with Commerce’s regulations, we are notifying the public of the filing of the scope ruling applications listed below in the month of April 2023.

DATES: Applicable May 30, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Monroe, AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–1384.

Notice of Scope Ruling Applications

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(3), we are notifying the public of the following scope ruling applications related to AD and CVD orders and findings filed in or around the month of April 2023. This notification includes, for each scope application: (1) identification of the AD and/or CVD orders at issue (19 CFR 351.225(c)(1)); (2) concise public descriptions of the products at issue, including the physical characteristics (including chemical, dimensional and technical characteristics) of the products (19 CFR 351.225(c)(2)(ii)); (3) the countries where the products are produced and the countries from where the products are exported (19 CFR 351.225(c)(2)(i)(B)); (4) the full names of the applicants; and (5) the dates that the scope applications were filed with Commerce and the name of the ACCESS scope segment where the scope applications can be found.¹ This notice

¹ See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300, 52316 (September 20, 2021) (“It is our expectation that the **Federal Register** list will include, where appropriate, for each scope application the following data: (1) identification of the AD and/or CVD orders at issue; (2) a concise public summary of the product’s description, including the physical characteristics (including chemical, dimensional and technical

does not include applications which have been rejected and not properly resubmitted. The scope ruling applications listed below are available on Commerce’s online e-filing and document management system, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Electronic Service System (ACCESS), at <https://access.trade.gov>.

Scope Ruling Applications

Fresh Garlic from the People’s Republic of China (China) (A–570–831); whole garlic cloves (in brine);² produced in and exported from China; submitted by Roland Foods, LLC; April 6, 2023; ACCESS scope segment “Roland Foods.”

Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico (A–201–805); certain black, plain-ended, threaded, or threaded-and-coupled circular welded steel pipe;³ produced in the United States, exported to Mexico for finishing, and re-imported to the United States; submitted by Productos Laminados; April 17, 2023; ACCESS scope segment “Prolamsa Pipe Finished in Mexico.”

Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished or Unfinished from China (A–570–601); low-carbon steel

characteristics) of the product; (3) the country(ies) where the product is produced and the country from where the product is exported; (4) the full name of the applicant; and (5) the date that the scope application was filed with Commerce.”).

² The products are a pickled product with the following ingredients: garlic, water, salt, lactic acid, acetic acid, and citric acid. The whole garlic cloves (in brine) have a pH of 2.9 plus/minus 0.2.

³ The products for which a ruling is requested are addressed under the following three production scenarios: Scenario 1A: A Schedule 40 pipe, with an exterior diameter of 1.315 inches, and a wall thickness of 0.133 inches, produced from U.S. origin steel coil—(a) Hydrostatic testing and (b) coating occur in Mexico; Scenario 1B: A Schedule 40 pipe, with an exterior diameter of 1.315 inches, and a wall thickness of 0.133 inches, produced from Mexican origin steel coil—(a) Hydrostatic testing and (b) coating occur in Mexico; Scenario 2A: A Schedule 40 pipe, with an exterior diameter of 1.315 inches, and a wall thickness of 0.133 inches, produced from U.S. origin steel coil—(a) Hydrostatic testing, (b) coating, and (c) threading occur in Mexico. Plastic covers are added to the threads for protection; Scenario 2B: A Schedule 40 pipe, with an exterior diameter of 1.315 inches, and a wall thickness of 0.133 inches, produced from Mexican origin steel coil—(a) Hydrostatic testing, (b) coating, and (c) threading occur in Mexico. Plastic covers are added to the threads for protection; Scenario 3A: A Schedule 40 pipe, with an exterior diameter of 1.315 inches, and a wall thickness of 0.133 inches, produced from U.S. origin steel coil—(a) Hydrostatic testing, (b) coating, (c) threading of the pipe, and (d) attaching the couplings occur in Mexico; Scenario 3B: A Schedule 40 pipe, with an exterior diameter of 1.315 inches, and a wall thickness of 0.133 inches, produced from Mexican origin steel coil—(a) Hydrostatic testing, (b) coating, (c) threading of the pipe, and (d) attaching the couplings occur in Mexico.

blanks (steel blanks);⁴ produced in and exported from China; submitted by Precision Components, Inc.; April 24, 2023; ACCESS scope segment “Steel Blanks.”

Notification to Interested Parties

This list of scope ruling applications is not an identification of scope inquiries that have been initiated. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1), if Commerce has not rejected a scope ruling application nor initiated the scope inquiry within 30 days after the filing of the application, the application will be deemed accepted and a scope inquiry will be deemed initiated the following day—day 31.⁵ Commerce’s practice generally dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend, Federal holiday, or other non-business day, the appropriate deadline is the next business day.⁶ Accordingly, if the 30th day after the filing of the application falls on a non-business day, the next business day will be considered the “updated” 30th day, and if the application is not rejected or a scope inquiry initiated by or on that particular business day, the application will be deemed accepted and a scope inquiry will be deemed initiated on the next business day which follows the “updated” 30th day.⁷

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(m)(2), if there are companion AD and CVD orders covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin, the scope inquiry will be conducted on the record of the AD proceeding. Further, please note that pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(m)(1), Commerce may either apply a scope ruling to all products from the same country with the same relevant physical characteristics, (including chemical, dimensional, and technical

⁴ The products are hollow cylinders with dimensions from 2 inches to 39 inches. These steel blanks weigh between one and 25 kilograms. The products are made from low-carbon alloy steel with a carbon content of 0.18 to 0.22 percent and manganese of 0.060 to 0.095 percent. These products are not made of bearing steel.

⁵ In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(2), within 30 days after the filing of a scope ruling application, if Commerce determines that it intends to address the scope issue raised in the application in another segment of the proceeding (such as a circumvention inquiry under 19 CFR 351.226 or a covered merchandise inquiry under 19 CFR 351.227), it will notify the applicant that it will not initiate a scope inquiry, but will instead determine if the product is covered by the scope at issue in that alternative segment.

⁶ See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

⁷ This structure maintains the intent of the applicable regulation, 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1), to allow day 30 and day 31 to be separate business days.

characteristics) as the product at issue, on a country-wide basis, regardless of the producer, exporter, or importer of those products, or on a company-specific basis.

For further information on procedures for filing information with Commerce through ACCESS and participating in scope inquiries, please refer to the Filing Instructions section of the Scope Ruling Application Guide, at https://access.trade.gov/help/Scope_Ruling_Guidance.pdf. Interested parties, apart from the scope ruling applicant, who wish to participate in a scope inquiry and be added to the public service list for that segment of the proceeding must file an entry of appearance in accordance with 19 CFR 351.103(d)(1) and 19 CFR 351.225(n)(4). Interested parties are advised to refer to the case segment in ACCESS as well as 19 CFR 351.225(f) for further information on the scope inquiry procedures, including the timelines for the submission of comments.

Please note that this notice of scope ruling applications filed in AD and CVD proceedings may be published before any potential initiation, or after the initiation, of a given scope inquiry based on a scope ruling application identified in this notice. Therefore, please refer to the case segment on ACCESS to determine whether a scope ruling application has been accepted or rejected and whether a scope inquiry has been initiated.

Interested parties who wish to be served scope ruling applications for a particular AD or CVD order may file a request to be included on the annual inquiry service list during the anniversary month of the publication of the AD or CVD order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(n) and Commerce’s procedures.⁸

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this monthly list of scope ruling applications received by Commerce. Any comments should be submitted to James Maeder, Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, via email to CommerceCLU@trade.gov.

This notice of scope ruling applications filed in AD and CVD proceedings is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(3).

⁸ See *Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*, 86 FR 53205 (September 27, 2021).

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and opportunity to comment.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold an in-person public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

DATES: NOAA will hold an in-person public meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 5 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time. NOAA will consider all relevant written comments received by Friday, June 16, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *In-Person Public Meeting:* Provide oral comments during the in-person public meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 5 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time at the Jobos Bay Reserve Visitor Center, Road 705, Kilometer 2.3, Main Street, Aguirre, Puerto Rico.

- *Email:* Send written comments to Ralph Cantral, evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov. Include “Comments on Performance Evaluation of Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve” in the subject line of the message. NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, the written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with