

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce will notify U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of its initiation of the requested circumvention inquiry and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to the circumvention inquiry that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation and to apply the cash deposit rate that would be applicable if the products were determined to be covered by the scope of the *Order*. Should Commerce issue a preliminary or final circumvention determination, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)-(4).

Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(a) of the Act, Commerce has determined that the requestors' request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of a circumvention inquiry to determine whether U.S. imports of HCS wire, which are imported from Mexico and produced into PC strand and sold in the United States, are circumventing the *Order*. A description of the products that are subject to the circumvention inquiry, and an explanation of the reasons for Commerce's decision to initiate this inquiry, are included in the accompanying Initiation Checklist. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), Commerce intends to issue its preliminary determination in this circumvention inquiry no later than 150 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(ii).

Dated: July 24, 2023.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2021

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Additionally, Commerce intends to rescind the review with respect to four companies.

DATES: Applicable July 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janae Martin or Zachariah Hall, 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) 482-0238 or (202) 482-6261, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Between July 21 and August 1, 2022, we received multiple requests for administrative review¹ of the countervailing duty order on CORE from Korea.² On September 6, 2022, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the *Order*. On October 20, 2022, Commerce selected KG Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. (KG Dongbu) and Hyundai Steel Company as mandatory respondents in this administrative

¹ See Hyundai Steel's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated July 21, 2022; see also POSCO, POSCO International, POSCO C&C, and POSCO Steeleon's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated July 27, 2022; see also KG Dongbu Steel's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated July 27, 2022; see also Petitioners' Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated July 29, 2022; see also SeAH CM's and SeAH's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated August 1, 2022.

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 54463 (September 6, 2022) (*Initiation Notice*); see also *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 61278 (October 11, 2022); see also *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 81 FR 48387 (July 25, 2016) (*Order*).

review. On March 16, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review.³

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included at the Appendix I to this notice. 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>. 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* is certain corrosion-resistant steel products. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Intent To Rescind Administrative Review, in Part

Based on our analysis of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data, we preliminarily determine that four companies, SeAH Steel Corporation, POSCO International, POSCO Steeleon, and Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd. had no reviewable shipments, sales, or entries of subject merchandise during the POR.

Absent any comments to the contrary from interested parties, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), we intend to rescind the administrative review of these companies in the final results of review. For further information, see "Preliminary Intent to Rescind Administrative Review, in Part" in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution from an authority that gives rise to a

³ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for the Preliminary Results of the 2021 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated March 16, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2021: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁵ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Rate for Non-Selected Companies Under Review

The statute and Commerce's regulations do not directly address the countervailing duty rates to be applied to companies not selected for individual examination where Commerce limited 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.

Because the rates for KG Dongbu Steel and Hyundai Steel are above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available, we applied a subsidy rate to the non-selected companies under review based on a weighted average of the subsidy rates calculated for these mandatory respondents using the publicly ranged sales data they submitted on the record.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the net countervailable subsidy rates to be:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
KG Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd	6.71
Hyundai Steel Company ⁶	0.59
POSCO	1.43
POSCO Coated and Color Steel Co., Ltd	1.43
SeAH Coated Metal	1.43

⁵ 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.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed for these preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within seven days after the time limit for filing case briefs.⁷ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.⁸ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review 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.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. 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. 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, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Unless the deadline is extended, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of the issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

Assessment Rate

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we preliminarily assigned subsidy rates in the amounts shown above for the producer/exporters

⁶ We note that Hyundai Steel and Hyundai Steel Company were treated as being minor variations of the same name at respondent selection. See Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated October 20, 2022, at Attachment.

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c) and (d).

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

shown above. Upon completion of the administrative review, consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.

For the companies for which this review is rescinded, we will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP for these companies no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**.

For the companies remaining in the review, we will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at the subsidy rates calculated in the final results of this review. We intend 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).

Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends, upon publication of the final results, to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for each of the respective companies listed above 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 administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all others rate applicable to the company. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results are issued and published pursuant to sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 25, 2023.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Belgium: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021-2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on citric acid and certain citrate salts (citric acid) from Belgium. We preliminarily determine that Citribel nv. (Citribel), formerly S.A. Citrique Belge N.V. (Citrique Belge), sold subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value during the July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable July 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Cohen, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 25, 2018, Commerce published the AD order on citric acid from Belgium in the **Federal Register**.¹ On September 6, 2022, pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of

¹ See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium, Colombia and Thailand: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 83 FR 35214 (July 25, 2018) (*Order*).

1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce initiated an AD administrative review of the *Order* with respect to one company, Citribel.² During the course of this administrative review, Citribel responded to Commerce's questionnaire and supplemental questionnaires. On March 1, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review to July 28, 2023.³ For further details, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this *Order* includes all grades and granulation sizes of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate in their unblended forms, whether dry or in solution, and regardless of packaging type. For a full description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act. Commerce calculated export price in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act and normal value in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. See the appendix to this notice for a complete list of the topics discussed in 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).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 54463 (September 6, 2022). Immediately prior to the initiation of this review, on July 29, 2022, Commerce completed a changed circumstances review, in which we determined that Citribel nv. is the successor-in-interest to S.A. Citrique Belge N.V., the sole respondent in all prior administrative reviews and the investigation of the *Order*. As a result, Citribel nv. is accorded the same AD cash deposit treatment as Citrique Belge with respect to subject merchandise. See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 87 FR 45750 (July 29, 2022) (*Citric Acid Belgium CCR*). As this name change occurred during the period of review and, thus, entries subject to this administrative review were made using both company names, both company names were listed in the *Initiation Notice*. Nevertheless, S.A. Citrique Belge N.V. and Citribel nv. represent the same respondent entity.

³ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results," dated March 1, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium; 2020-2021," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Results of the Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Citribel nv	8.22

Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed for these preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice.⁵ Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review in the **Federal Register**.⁶ 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.⁷ Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument, and (3) a table of authorities.⁸ Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain portions of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.⁹

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, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.¹⁰ Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3)

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

⁷ 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*).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2); see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

⁹ See *Temporary Rule*.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).