

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

In response to arguments from the petitioner, Commerce corrected an error with respect to the currency exchange program. As a result of this change, we updated the final rates for Bridgestone. These changes are explained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this administrative review in accordance

with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each subsidy program found to be countervailable, Commerce finds that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution from a government or public entity that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁶ For a full description of the methodology underlying all of Commerce’s conclusions, including any determination that relied upon the use

of adverse facts available pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of Administrative Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5), Commerce calculated the following net countervailable subsidy rates for the period November 10, 2020, through December 31, 2021:

Company	Subsidy rate—2020 (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)	Subsidy rate—2021 (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Bridgestone Tire Manufacturing Vietnam, LLC	1.34	0.00

Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed in connection with the final results of review to parties in this proceeding within five days after public announcement of the final results or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Cash Deposit Instructions

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount shown for the company listed above for 2021 (*i.e.*, 0.00 percent) on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. This cash deposit requirement, effective upon publication of the final results of this review, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review. We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of these final results of review. 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).

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing the final results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: September 25, 2023.

Lisa W. Wang,

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: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request for a changed circumstances review (CCR), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a CCR of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determines that Dongkuk Coated Metal Co., Ltd., following a corporate organizational change in June 2023 (hereinafter, Dongkuk CM), is the successor-in-interest to the pre-reorganization Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd. entity (hereinafter, Old Dongkuk Steel). As such, Dongkuk CM is entitled to Old Dongkuk Steel’s AD cash deposit rates with respect to entries of subject merchandise in the above-referenced proceeding. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable September 29, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Horn, 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) 482–4868.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

⁶ 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.

Background

On June 30, 2023, Dongkuk CM notified Commerce of a corporate reorganization and requested that Commerce initiate a CCR under the relevant AD proceeding to determine that it is the successor-in-interest to Old Dongkuk Steel for purposes of determining AD cash deposits.¹ In this request, Dongkuk CM stated that, on May 12, 2023, the shareholders of Old Dongkuk Steel approved the December 9, 2022, proposal by the company's board of directors (BOD) to spin off its cold-rolled steel division, which produced CORE and non-subject merchandise, as separate operating companies (*i.e.*, Dongkuk CM and New Dongkuk Steel, respectively) and position the newly-established operating companies under the holding company, Dongkuk Holdings Co., Ltd. (Dongkuk Holdings), effective as of June 1, 2023 (the Spin-Off and Reorganization).² Immediately following the BOD meeting on December 9, 2022, Old Dongkuk Steel notified the Korean Financial Services Commission (KFSC) and the Korean Financial Supervisory Service (KFSS) of the planned Spin-Off and Reorganization through a written notification that summarized the Spin-Off Plan (KFSS Notification). The KFSS Notification explained the plan to split the operations of Old Dongkuk Steel into Dongkuk CM, New Dongkuk, and Dongkuk Holdings.³ Subsequently, the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders was convened on May 12, 2023, which "approved as presented" the Spin-Off Plan to proceed on June 1, 2023, as had been proposed.⁴

Dongkuk CM states that there were no other changes because of the Spin-Off and Reorganization. The total capital of Old Dongkuk Steel was allocated among the three companies under the new structure; management of Old Dongkuk Steel was divided among the three companies; the production facilities of Old Dongkuk Steel, including the production facility for CORE (*i.e.*, the Busan Plant), were split by operating division (*i.e.*, Cold-Rolled Steel Division and Hot-Rolled Steel Division) between Dongkuk CM and New Dongkuk Steel; Dongkuk CM retained the suppliers of Old Dongkuk Steel's Cold-Rolled Steel Division for the

materials used in the production of CORE; and Dongkuk CM retained the customer base of Old Dongkuk Steel's Cold-Rolled Steel Division for CORE.⁵

Scope of the Order⁶

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is certain corrosion-resistant steel products from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁷

Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216, Commerce will conduct a CCR of an order upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party for a review of, an order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. Commerce finds that the information submitted by Dongkuk CM demonstrates changed circumstances sufficient to warrant such a review. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d), Commerce is initiating a CCR based on the information contained in Dongkuk CM's request that Commerce determine that Dongkuk CM is the successor-in-interest to Old Dongkuk Steel for purposes of the *Order*.

Further, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits Commerce to combine the notice of initiation of a CCR and the notice of preliminary results of a CCR if Commerce concludes that expedited action is warranted. In this instance, because the record contains the information necessary to make a preliminary finding, we find that expedited action is warranted and have combined the notice of initiation and the notice of preliminary results.

Methodology

In determining whether one company is the successor to another, Commerce generally considers a company to be the successor-in-interest for AD cash deposit purposes if the operations of the successor are not materially dissimilar

from those of its predecessor.⁸ In making this determination, Commerce examines a number of factors including, but not limited to, changes in: (1) management; (2) production facilities; (3) suppliers; and (4) customer base.⁹ While no one or several of these factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of succession, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the prior company, Commerce will assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.¹⁰

Commerce's analysis of the information submitted by Dongkuk CM is detailed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public 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 is available at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Results of the Changed Circumstances Reviews

In the Dongkuk CCR Request, Dongkuk CM provided evidence demonstrating that its operations are not materially dissimilar from those of Old Dongkuk Steel with respect to the subject merchandise. Specifically, Dongkuk CM is managed and operated by the same managers as Old Dongkuk Steel, either directly as board members or members of Dongkuk CM's management team, or indirectly as members of Dongkuk Holdings' management team. Further, Dongkuk CM has not added, or discontinued use

⁸ See *Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China*, 79 FR 48117 (August 15, 2014), unchanged in *Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 79 FR 58740 (September 30, 2014).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ See, e.g., *Certain Preserved Mushrooms from India: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed-Circumstances Review*, 67 FR 78416 (December 24, 2002), unchanged in *Certain Preserved Mushrooms from India: Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review*, 68 FR 6884 (February 11, 2003); and *Fresh and Chilled Atlantic Salmon from Norway: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Administrative Review*, 64 FR 9979, 9980 (March 1, 1999).

¹ See Dongkuk's Letter, "Request for Changed Circumstances Review and Successor-in-Interest Determination" (Dongkuk CCR Request), dated June 30, 2023.

² *Id.* at 2–3 and Attachment 1.

³ *Id.* at 4 and Attachment 3.

⁴ *Id.* at 4 and Attachments 2 and 4.

⁵ *Id.* at 3–6 and Attachments 2–4.

⁶ See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016) (*Order*).

⁷ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Initiation and Preliminary Results of the Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice.

of, steel production facilities as a result of the change in ownership and management structure. Finally, there have been no significant changes to the company's suppliers and customer base. Based on the foregoing, which is explained in greater detail in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, we preliminarily determine that Dongkuk CM is the successor-in-interest to Old Dongkuk Steel and, as such, that Dongkuk CM is entitled to Old Dongkuk Steel's AD cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise.

Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice.¹¹ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the due date for case briefs, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(d).¹² Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this CCR are requested to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issues; (2) a brief summary of the arguments; and (3) a table of authorities.¹³

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), any interested party may request a hearing within 14 days of publication of this notice.¹⁴ Hearing requests should contain the following information: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) whether any participant is a foreign national; and (4) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. 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 the time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions must be filed electronically using ACCESS and must also be served on interested parties. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on the due date.¹⁵ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain

requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.¹⁶

Final Results

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we intend to issue the final results of this CCR no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days of publication of these preliminary results, if all parties agree to the preliminary findings.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this initiation and preliminary results notice in accordance with section 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.216(b) and 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: September 22, 2023.

Lisa W. Wang,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 1–8, 2023 in Garden Grove, California and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment remotely.

DATES: The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), reconvening at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 4 through Wednesday, November 8, 2023. All meetings are

open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, November 3, to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA; telephone: (714) 750–1234. Specific meeting information, including directions on joining the meeting, connecting to the live stream broadcast, and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820–2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Merrick Burden, Executive Director, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2418 or (866) 806–7204 toll-free, or access the Pacific Council website, www.pcouncil.org, for the proposed agenda and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The November 3–8, 2023 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PDT Friday, November 3, 2023, and 8 a.m. PDT Saturday, November 4 through Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Broadcasts end when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action on each agenda item. Additional information and instructions on joining or listening to the meeting can be found on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org).

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions requiring the Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, and advisory entity meeting times, are

¹¹ Commerce is exercising its discretion under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) to alter the time limit for the filing of case briefs.

¹² See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to Covid-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020) (*Temporary Rule*).

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2).

¹⁴ Commerce is exercising its discretion under 19 CFR 351.310(c) to alter the time limit for requesting a hearing.

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.303(b).

¹⁶ See *Temporary Rule*.