

magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail would be up to 75.50 percent.

### Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a). Timely 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 violation which is subject to sanction.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: September 3, 2024.

#### Ryan Majerus,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–570–170]

#### Aluminum Containers, Pans, Trays, and Lids from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation

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

**DATE:** Applicable October 8, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Palmer or Kate Fracke, 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) 482–1678 or (202) 482–3299, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On June 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids from the People's Republic of China.<sup>1</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>2</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than October 30, 2024.

#### Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On September 25, 2024, the petitioners<sup>3</sup> submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in the LTFV

<sup>1</sup> See *Disposable Aluminum Containers, Pans, Trays, and Lids from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 89 FR 49837 (June 12, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> The petitioners are the Aluminum Foil Container Manufacturers Association and the following individual member companies: Durable Packaging International; D&W Fine Pack, LLC; Handi-foil Corp.; Penny Plate, LLC; Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC; Shah Foil Products, Inc.; Smart USA, Inc.; and Trinidad/Benham Corp (collectively, the petitioners).

investigation.<sup>4</sup> The petitioners stated that they requested postponement because “while the one participating mandatory respondent in this proceeding has submitted most of its initial responses to {Commerce’s} antidumping questionnaire, Petitioners have identified deficiencies in these responses that must be remedied in advance of {Commerce’s} issuance of its preliminary determination.”<sup>5</sup>

For the reason stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determination no later than December 19, 2024.<sup>6</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: October 2, 2024.

#### Ryan Majerus,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–580–880]

#### Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, in Part; 2022–2023

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (HWRPT) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) were not sold at less than

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioners’ Letter, “Petitioners’ Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination,” dated September 25, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> This deadline has been tolled by seven days. See fn2, *supra*.

normal value during the period of review (POR) September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. In addition, Commerce is rescinding this administrative review in part, with respect to two companies for which the request for review was timely withdrawn. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results of review.

**DATES:** Applicable October 8, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Kinney, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On September 13, 2016, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on HWRPT from Korea.<sup>1</sup> On September 6, 2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order*.<sup>2</sup> On November 15, 2023, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an antidumping duty administrative review of three producers and exporters of the subject merchandise.<sup>3</sup> On November 16 and 17, 2023, respectively, NEXTEEL Co., Ltd. (NEXTEEL) and Dong-A-Steel Co., Ltd. (DOSCO) withdrew their requests for an administrative review.<sup>4</sup> The sole company remaining subject to this review is HiSteel Co., Ltd. (HiSteel).

On May 9, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review until September 25, 2025.<sup>5</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven

days.<sup>6</sup> The deadline for the preliminary results is now October 2, 2024. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>7</sup>

**Scope of the Order**

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is certain heavy walled rectangular welded steel pipes and tubes from Korea. For a full description of the scope of the *Order* see Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**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). Constructed export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix 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>.

**Rescission of Review, In Part**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. On November 16 and 17, 2023, respectively, NEXTEEL and DOSCO withdrew their requests for an administrative review.<sup>8</sup> Because no other parties requested a review of these two companies, we are rescinding the administrative review in

part, with respect to these two companies.

**Preliminary Results of Review**

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023:

Producer/exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
HiSteel Co., Ltd .....	0.00

**Disclosure and Public Comment**

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed for these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.<sup>9</sup>

Interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>10</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>11</sup> Interested parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.<sup>12</sup>

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this administrative review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.<sup>13</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this

<sup>1</sup> See *Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Korea, Mexico, and the Republic of Turkey: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 62865 (September 13, 2016) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 88 FR 60923 (September 6, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 78298, 78300 (November 15, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See NEXTEEL's Letter, "Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated November 16, 2023 (NEXTEEL's Withdrawal Request); see also DOSCO's Letter, "Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review for DOSCO," dated November 17, 2023 (DOSCO's Withdrawal Request).

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated May 9, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from the Republic of Korea: 2022-2023," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>8</sup> See NEXTEEL's Withdrawal Request; see also DOSCO's Withdrawal Request.

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Procedures*).

<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>13</sup> We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>14</sup>

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. Hearing 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 those raised in the respective case briefs. A hearing request must be received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold a hearing at a time and date to be determined and will notify the parties through ACCESS.<sup>15</sup> Parties should confirm the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, should be filed using ACCESS.<sup>16</sup> An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

#### Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act, upon completion of the final results of this administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review.<sup>17</sup>

For the companies for which this review is being rescinded, in part, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit rate for estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). With respect to the rescission of this review, in part, Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), if the weighted-average dumping margin for HiSteel is not zero or *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.5 percent) in the final results of this review, Commerce intends to calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for each importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those sales. If HiSteel's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.<sup>18</sup> The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.<sup>19</sup>

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by HiSteel for which it did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate (i.e., 3.24 percent) in the original less than fair value (LTFV) investigation<sup>20</sup> if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>21</sup>

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).

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided

by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for HiSteel will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which the company was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the LTFV investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established in the completed segment for the most recent period for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 3.24 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>22</sup> These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised by interested parties in the written comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**.<sup>23</sup>

#### Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary 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.

#### 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).

<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2); see also *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>15</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

<sup>16</sup> See *Order*, 81 FR at 62865.

<sup>17</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

<sup>18</sup> See *Order*.

<sup>19</sup> See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; see also 19 CFR 351.213(h).

<sup>20</sup> See *APO and Service Procedures*.

<sup>21</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>22</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>23</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

Dated: October 2, 2024.

**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

### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 240924–0252]

#### Existing Awards and Recognition Programs for Standards Development and Best Practices for Standards Workforce Development in Support of the Implementation of the United States Government National Standards Strategy for Critical and Emerging Technology (USG NSSCET)

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Government National Standards Strategy for Critical and Emerging Technology (USG NSSCET) supports and complements existing private sector-led activities and plans, including the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) United States Standards Strategy (USSS), with a focus on critical and emerging technology (CET). The USG NSSCET Implementation Roadmap outlines immediate and long-term U.S. Government actions to reinforce the U.S. standards system. This Request for Information (RFI) solicits information to inform the Implementation Roadmap actions focused on increasing U.S. participation in standards development and educating the standards workforce. The RFI is also intended to maintain an open dialogue with the CET standards community on opportunities for continued coordination.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 9, 2024. Submissions received after that date may not be considered in the analysis of this RFI. Public input on general USG NSSCET implementation

coordination activities will be accepted on an on-going basis via [www.standards.gov](http://www.standards.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov):

- To submit electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

1. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter [NIST–2024–0003] in the search field.

2. Click the “Comment Now!” icon and complete the required fields.

3. Enter or attach your comments.

Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials. All submissions, including comments, attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Relevant comments will generally be available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). After the comment period closes, relevant comments will generally be available on [www.standards.gov](http://www.standards.gov). NIST will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. Therefore, do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive, protected, or personal information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice please contact: Standards Coordination Office (SCO), NIST via email at [sco@nist.gov](mailto:sco@nist.gov) or by phone at (301) 975–5633. Please direct all media inquiries to Richard Press in the NIST Public Affairs Office via email at [richard.press@nist.gov](mailto:richard.press@nist.gov) or by phone at (301) 975–0501.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST is seeking information on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Government to support the implementation of the May 2023 USG NSSCET (found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/US-Gov-National-Standards-Strategy-2023.pdf>), which complements existing private sector-led activities and plans, including the ANSI USSS, with a focus on CET. A full list of CETs identified by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/02-2022-Critical-and-Emerging-Technologies-List-Update.pdf>.

The U.S. standards development system is unique because it is built

upon a wide variety of processes that are open, voluntary, decentralized, and led by the private sector. These processes feature participation by interested stakeholders with consensus-based decision-making. Finalized standards are primarily published by private sector standards organizations, not the U.S. Government. The USG NSSCET reinforces the U.S. Government’s support of a private sector-led system based on principles that are fundamental to the development of international standards: transparency, openness, impartiality and consensus, effectiveness and relevance, and coherence.

The USG developed the USG NSSCET Implementation Roadmap ([https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/USG-NSSCET-Implementation-Rdmap\\_v7\\_23.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/USG-NSSCET-Implementation-Rdmap_v7_23.pdf)), which provides immediate and long-term actions for the U.S. Government to reinforce its support for the U.S. standards system, to operationalize the strategy. Released in July 2024, the Implementation Roadmap is based on the findings from a broad stakeholder engagement campaign that included input from workshops, meetings, a USG NSSCET-focused RFI (88 FR 76187 (Nov. 6, 2023)), and a study conducted by the NIST Visiting Committee on Advance Technology ([https://www.nist.gov/system/files/documents/2024/04/09/VCAT%20Subcommittee%20on%20International%20Standards%20Report%202024\\_FINAL\\_1.pdf](https://www.nist.gov/system/files/documents/2024/04/09/VCAT%20Subcommittee%20on%20International%20Standards%20Report%202024_FINAL_1.pdf)).

An area of focus during the stakeholder engagement conducted to inform the USG NSSCET Implementation Roadmap was the identification of barriers to increased participation in standards development. Engaging and recognizing early and mid-career standards development professionals through education and meaningful acknowledgment was a key theme identified by stakeholders. Another key theme was the critical role of business and technology decision-makers in helping drive engagement in standards development and the need to educate these leaders on why, how, and when to engage. NIST is now seeking information through this RFI to further inform how the U.S. Government addresses these key themes during implementation.

The national interest in CET and associated areas of standardization demands a new and urgent level of coordination and effort. National policy priorities, as expressed in legislation and other statements of policy, will require new ways for public sector and private sector (*i.e.*, industry, including start-ups and small- and medium-sized