

announcement of the amended preliminary determination, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224.

### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Dated: October 31, 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

#### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, and modules, laminates, and panels, consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products, including, but not limited to, modules, laminates, panels and building integrated materials.

This investigation covers crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells of thickness equal to or greater than 20 micrometers, having a p/n junction formed by any means, whether or not the cell has undergone other processing, including, but not limited to, cleaning, etching, coating, and/or addition of materials (including, but not limited to, metallization and conductor patterns) to collect and forward the electricity that is generated by the cell.

Merchandise under consideration may be described at the time of importation as parts for final finished products that are assembled after importation, including, but not limited to, modules, laminates, panels, building-integrated modules, building-integrated panels, or other finished goods kits. Such parts that otherwise meet the definition of merchandise under consideration are included in the scope of the investigation.

Excluded from the scope of the investigation are thin film photovoltaic products produced from amorphous silicon (a-Si), cadmium telluride (CdTe), or copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS).

Also excluded from the scope of the investigation are crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, not exceeding 10,000 mm<sup>2</sup> in surface area, that are permanently integrated into a consumer good whose function is other than power generation and that consumes the electricity generated by the integrated crystalline silicon photovoltaic cell. Where more than one cell is permanently integrated into a consumer good, the surface area for purposes of this exclusion shall be the total combined surface area of all cells that are integrated into the consumer good.

Additionally, excluded from the scope of the investigation are panels with surface area from 3,450 mm<sup>2</sup> to 33,782 mm<sup>2</sup> with one black wire and one red wire (each of type 22 AWG or 24 AWG not more than 206 mm in length when measured from panel extrusion), and not exceeding 2.9 volts, 1.1 amps, and 3.19 watts. For the purposes of this

exclusion, no panel shall contain an internal battery or external computer peripheral ports.

Also excluded from the scope of the investigation are:

(1) Off grid CSPV panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with the following characteristics: (A) a total power output of 100 watts or less per panel; (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm<sup>2</sup> per panel; (C) do not include a built-in inverter; (D) must include a permanently connected wire that terminates in either an 8 mm male barrel connector, or a two-port rectangular connector with two pins in square housings of different colors; (E) must include visible parallel grid collector metallic wire lines every 1–4 millimeters across each solar cell; and (F) must be in individual retail packaging (for purposes of this provision, retail packaging typically includes graphics, the product name, its description and/or features, and foam for transport); and

(2) Off grid CSPV panels without a glass cover, with the following characteristics: (A) a total power output of 100 watts or less per panel; (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm<sup>2</sup> per panel; (C) do not include a built-in inverter; (D) must include visible parallel grid collector metallic wire lines every 1–4 millimeters across each solar cell; and (E) each panel is (1) permanently integrated into a consumer good; (2) encased in a laminated material without stitching, or (3) has all of the following characteristics: (i) the panel is encased in sewn fabric with visible stitching, (ii) includes a mesh zippered storage pocket, and (iii) includes a permanently attached wire that terminates in a female USB–A connector.

In addition, the following CSPV panels are excluded from the scope of the investigation: off-grid CSPV panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with each of the following physical characteristics, whether or not assembled into a fully completed off-grid hydropanel whose function is conversion of water vapor into liquid water: (A) a total power output of no more than 80 watts per panel; (B) a surface area of less than 5,000 square centimeters (cm<sup>2</sup>) per panel; (C) do not include a built-in inverter; (D) do not have a frame around the edges of the panel; (E) include a clear glass back panel; and (F) must include a permanently connected wire that terminates in a twoport rectangular connector.

Additionally excluded from the scope of this investigation are off-grid small portable crystalline silicon photovoltaic panels, with or without a glass cover, with the following characteristics: (1) a total power output of 200 watts or less per panel; (2) a maximum surface area of 16,000 cm<sup>2</sup> per panel; (3) no built-in inverter; (4) an integrated handle or a handle attached to the package for ease of carry; (5) one or more integrated kickstands for easy installation or angle adjustment; and (6) a wire of not less than 3 meters either permanently connected or attached to the package that terminates in an 8 mm diameter male barrel connector.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are off-grid crystalline silicon photovoltaic panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with each of the following physical characteristics, whether or not assembled

into a fully completed off-grid hydropanel whose function is conversion of water vapor into liquid water: (A) a total power output of no more than 180 watts per panel at 155 degrees Celsius; (B) a surface area of less than 16,000 square centimeters (cm<sup>2</sup>) per panel; (C) include a keep-out area of approximately 1,200 cm<sup>2</sup> around the edges of the panel that does not contain solar cells; (D) do not include a built-in inverter; (E) do not have a frame around the edges of the panel; (F) include a clear glass back panel; (G) must include a permanently connected wire that terminates in a two-port rounded rectangular, sealed connector; (H) include a thermistor installed into the permanently connected wire before the twoport connector; and (I) include exposed positive and negative terminals at opposite ends of the panel, not enclosed in a junction box.

Modules, laminates, and panels produced in a third-country from cells produced in a subject country are covered by the investigation; however, modules, laminates, and panels produced in a subject country from cells produced in a third-country are not covered by the investigation.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are all products covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Antidumping Duty Order*, 77 FR 73018 (December 7, 2012); and *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 77 FR 73017 (December 7, 2012).

Merchandise covered by the investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 8541.42.0010 and 8541.43.0010. Imports of the subject merchandise may enter under HTSUS subheadings 8501.71.0000, 8501.72.1000, 8501.72.2000, 8501.72.3000, 8501.72.9000, 8501.80.1000, 8501.80.2000, 8501.80.3000, 8501.80.9000, 8507.20.8010, 8507.20.8031, 8507.20.8041, 8507.20.8061, and 8507.20.8091. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–580–898]

### Large Diameter Welded Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that

producers and/or exporters of large diameter welded pipe (welded pipe) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR), January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

**DATES:** Applicable November 7, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Schueler or Brandon James, 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) 482-9175 or (202) 482-7472, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

On June 6, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review in the **Federal Register**,<sup>1</sup> and invited interested parties to comment. For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>2</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>3</sup> On September 27, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the final results to November 1, 2024.<sup>4</sup>

### Scope of the Order<sup>5</sup>

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is welded pipe. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in interested parties' briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed is attached to this notice as an appendix. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public

<sup>1</sup> See *Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*; 2022, 89 FR 48382 (June 6, 2024) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea; 2022," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum "Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022," dated September 26, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> See *Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Countervailing Duty Order*, 84 FR 18773 (May 2, 2019) (*Order*).

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 Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

### Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the case and rebuttal briefs and the evidence on the record, we made certain changes from the *Preliminary Results*. These changes are explained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

### Methodology

Commerce conducted 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 find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>6</sup> For a description of the methodology underlying Commerce's conclusions, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

### Rate for Non-Selected Companies

Generally, Commerce looks to section 705(c)(5) of the Act for guidance for calculating the rate for companies that were not selected for individual examination in an administrative review. 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 facts otherwise available. There are six companies for which a review was requested and not rescinded, and which were not selected as mandatory respondents or found to be cross-owned with a mandatory respondent. For these non-selected companies, because the rates calculated for mandatory respondents Hyundai RB and SeAH Steel are above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available, we are applying a subsidy rate based on a weighted average of the rates calculated for the two mandatory respondents using the publicly-ranged sales data they submitted on the

<sup>6</sup> 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.

record.<sup>7</sup> This methodology is consistent with our practice for establishing an all-others subsidy rate pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

This is the same methodology Commerce applied in the *Preliminary Results* for determining a rate for companies not selected for individual examination. However, due to changes in the calculations for Hyundai RB, we revised the non-selected rate accordingly. Consequently, we are applying an *ad valorem* subsidy rate of 0.56 percent for the six non-selected companies for which a review was requested and not rescinded.

### Final Results of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5), we determine the following net countervailable subsidy rates exist for the POR January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Hyundai RB Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned affiliate <sup>8</sup> .....	0.71
SeAH Steel Corporation and its cross-owned affiliates <sup>9</sup> Review-Specific Average Rate Applicable to the Following Companies.	0.54
Chang Won Bending Co., Ltd. ....	0.56
Dong Yang Steel Pipe Co., Ltd. ....	0.56
EEW Korea Co., Ltd. ....	0.56
HiSteel Co., Ltd. ....	0.56
Husteel Co., Ltd. <sup>10</sup> .....	0.56
Kumsoo Connecting Co., Ltd. ....	0.56

### Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose to parties in this proceeding the calculations performed for these final results of review within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.<sup>11</sup>

### Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

<sup>7</sup> See *Preliminary Results*, 89 FR 48383.

<sup>8</sup> Commerce finds Shinchang Construction Co., Ltd. to be cross-owned with Hyundai RB.

<sup>9</sup> Commerce finds the following companies to be cross-owned with SeAH Steel: SeAH Steel Holdings Corporation; and ESAB SeAH Corporation.

<sup>10</sup> Subject merchandise both produced and exported by Husteel Co., Ltd. (Husteel) is excluded from the *Order*. Thus, Husteel's inclusion in this administrative review is limited to entries for which Husteel was not both the producer and exporter of the subject merchandise.

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review, for the above-listed companies at the applicable *ad valorem* assessment rates listed.

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 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 amounts shown for each of the companies listed above based 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.<sup>12</sup> For all non-reviewed firms subject to the *Order*, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific rate or the all-others rate established in the original investigation (*i.e.*, 9.29 percent), as appropriate.<sup>13</sup> These cash deposit requirements, effective upon publication of these final results, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### 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

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

Dated: October 31, 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 Issues and Decision Memorandum

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee) will hold an open virtual meeting via web conference. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to discuss their 2025 Biennial Report on the Effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP).

**DATES:** The ACEHR will meet on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via web conference. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tina Faecke, Management and Program Analyst, NEHRP, Engineering Laboratory, NIST. Ms. Faecke's email address is [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov) and her phone number is (240) 477–9841.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7704(a)(5) and the Federal

Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* The Committee is composed of 11 members, appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their established records of distinguished service in their professional community, their knowledge of issues affecting NEHRP, and to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Pursuant to the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will meet on the date and at the times set forth in the **DATES** section of this notice. The meeting will be open to the public and will be held via web conference. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to discuss their 2025 Biennial Report on the Effectiveness of NEHRP. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP website at <https://www.nehrp.gov/committees/meetings.htm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received. This meeting will be recorded. Public comments can be provided via email or by web conference attendance. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. All those wishing to speak must submit their request by email to Tina Faecke at [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov) by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements electronically by email to [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov).

Anyone wishing to attend this meeting via web conference must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, to attend. Please submit your full name, the organization you represent (if applicable), email address, and phone number to Tina Faecke at [tina.faecke@nist.gov](mailto:tina.faecke@nist.gov). After pre-registering,

<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., *Honey from Argentina: Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 69 FR 29518 (May 24, 2004), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Issue 4.

<sup>13</sup> See *Order*, 84 FR 18775.