

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 November 7, 2024, Webb Wheel Products, Inc. (the petitioner) submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in the LTFV investigations of brake drums from Türkiye and China.<sup>3</sup> The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determinations in these investigations so that Commerce can fully analyze the forthcoming questionnaire responses of the mandatory respondents and issue supplemental questionnaires, as necessary.<sup>4</sup>

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e), Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days. As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations no later than January 23, 2025. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations in these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed further.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

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

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Request to Extend the Deadline for the Preliminary Determination," dated November 7, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

Dated: November 13, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-104, C-570-105]

#### **Antidumping Duty Order on Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod and Countervailing Duty Order on Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, Revocation of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, in Part, and Rescission of Scope Inquiry**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is issuing the final results of changed circumstances reviews (CCRs) of the antidumping duty (AD) order on alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China and the countervailing duty (CVD) order on carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from China (collectively, steel threaded rod from China) to revoke the orders, in part, with respect to certain wheel studs. Commerce is also rescinding the scope inquiry with respect to the same products.

**DATES:** Applicable November 20, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yang Jin Chun, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5760.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

On April 9, 2020, Commerce published the AD and CVD orders on steel threaded rod from China in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup> On October 15, 2024, Commerce published its initiation and preliminary results of the CCRs of the *Orders*<sup>2</sup> in the **Federal Register**, in

<sup>1</sup> See *Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 85 FR 19929 (April 9, 2020) (*AD Order*), and *Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India and the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Orders*, 85 FR 19927 (April 9, 2020) (*CVD Order*) (collectively *Orders*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Order on Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod and*

which Commerce found that changed circumstances warranted revocation of the *Orders* in part with respect to certain wheel studs. Commerce provided interested parties with the opportunity to comment and request a public hearing regarding the *Preliminary Results*. Commerce did not receive any comments or a request for a hearing from interested parties.

#### **Final Results of CCRs and Revocation of the Orders, in Part**

We conducted these CCRs based on a request from Logistical Resource Development Inc. (LRD), an importer of merchandise subject to these CCRs. LRD requested that Commerce retroactively revoke the *Orders*, in part, pursuant to section 751(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216(b) with respect to certain wheels studs.<sup>3</sup> Because no party submitted comments opposing the *Preliminary Results* of these CCRs, and the record contains no other information or evidence that calls into question the *Preliminary Results*, Commerce determines, pursuant to sections 751(d)(1) and 782(h) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(g), that there are changed circumstances that warrant revocation of the *Orders*, in part, with respect to certain wheel studs subject to LRD's request. Consequently, there is no decision memorandum accompanying this notice.

Specifically, because producers accounting for substantially all the production of the domestic like product to which the *Orders* pertain have not expressed interest in maintaining the relief provided by the *Orders* with respect to certain wheel studs, as described below, Commerce is revoking the *Orders*, in part, with respect to certain wheel studs with the following physical characteristics:

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

*Countervailing Duty Order on Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews and Intent to Revoke the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, in Part, and Preliminary Intent to Rescind Scope Inquiry*, 89 FR 82972 (October 15, 2024) (*Preliminary Results*).

<sup>3</sup> See LRD's Letter, "Request for an Expedited Changed Circumstances Review to Amend the Scope of the Order," dated August 23, 2024 (CCR Request).

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 80mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 95mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 75mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 92mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is M14x1.25.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 44mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion

that is M14 diameter and 1.5 thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates a 12.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 64mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates and 21.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 61mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is M14 diameter and 1.5 thread spacing.

The revised scope of the *AD Order* and the *CVD Order* is below.

#### Scope of the AD Order

The scope of the AD order covers alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod. Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon or alloy steel, having a solid, circular cross section of any diameter, in any straight length. Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are normally drawn, cold rolled, threaded, and straightened, or it may be hot-rolled. In addition, the alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to this order are non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total actual length. A variety of finishes or coatings, such as plain oil finish as a temporary rust protectant, zinc coating (*i.e.*, galvanized, whether by electroplating or hot-dipping), paint, and other similar finishes and coatings, may be applied to the merchandise.

Alloy steel threaded rod is normally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications A193 B7/B7m, A193 B16, A320 L7/L7m, A320 L43, A354 BC and BD, and F1554 Grade 105. Other specifications are Society of Automotive

Engineers (SAE) specification 1429 grades 5 and 8, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) specification 898 class 8.8 and 10.9, and American Petroleum Institute (API) specification 20E. Certain carbon steel threaded rod is normally produced to ASTM specification A449. All steel threaded rod meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of this order, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, assembled, or packaged in a third country, including by cutting, chamfering, coating, or painting the threaded rod, by attaching the threaded rod to, or packaging it with, another product, or any other finishing, assembly, or packaging operation that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the order if performed in the country of manufacture of the threaded rod. Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are also included in the scope of this order whether or not imported attached to, or in conjunction with, other parts and accessories such as nuts and washers. If carbon and alloy steel threaded rod are imported attached to, or in conjunction with, such non-subject merchandise, only the threaded rod is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope of this order are: (1) threaded rod, bar, or studs which are threaded only on one or both ends and the threading covers 25 percent or less of the total actual length; and (2) stainless steel threaded rod, defined as steel threaded rod containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements.

Excluded from the scope of the AD order on steel threaded rod from China is any merchandise covered by the existing AD order on certain steel threaded rod from China. *See Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order*, 74 FR 17154 (April 14, 2009).

Specifically excluded from the scope of this order is threaded rod that is imported as part of a package of hardware in conjunction with a ready-to-assemble piece of furniture.

Wheel studs with the following characteristics are excluded from the scope of this order:

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 49mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a

5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

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- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 80mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 95mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 75mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing.

- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 92mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing.

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- A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 64mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.

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Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are currently classifiable under subheadings 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, and 7318.15.5090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheading 7318.15.2095 and 7318.19.0000 of the HTSUS. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

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plain oil finish as a temporary rust protectant, zinc coating (*i.e.*, galvanized, whether by electroplating or hot-dipping), paint, and other similar finishes and coatings, may be applied to the merchandise.

Steel threaded rod is normally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications ASTM A36, ASTM A193 B7/B7m, ASTM A193 B16, ASTM A307, ASTM A320 L7/L7M, ASTM A320 L43, ASTM A354 BC and BD, ASTM A449, ASTM F1554–36, ASTM F1554–55, ASTM F1554 Grade 105, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) specification ASME B18.31.3, and American Petroleum Institute (API) specification API 20E. All steel threaded rod meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of this order, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

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  - A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 80mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.
  - A wheel stud that has an M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 95mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M12 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.
  - A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 75mm, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates an 11.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.25RH thread spacing.
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  - A wheel stud that has an M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing threaded stud with a 6mm-wide inset hex head measuring 64mm long, part of the threaded length being divided by a 5mm unthreaded band which creates and 21.5mm threaded section for insertion that is also M14 diameter and 1.5RH thread spacing.
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#### Application of the Final Results of Review

LRD requested that Commerce apply the final results of these CCRs

retroactively, effective January 1, 2022.<sup>4</sup> Section 751(d)(3) of the Act provides that Commerce determines the date of application of the revocation of an order.<sup>5</sup> In the *Preliminary Results*, we stated our intent “to apply the partial revocation to unliquidated entries of merchandise subject to the CCRs that were entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, as of January 1, 2022,” and invited comments.<sup>6</sup> As explained above, we received no comments opposing the intended retroactive application of the partial revocation. Therefore, Commerce is applying the partial revocation to unliquidated entries of merchandise subject to the CCRs that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after January 1, 2022.

#### Instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Because we determine there are changed circumstances that warrant the revocation of the *Orders*, in part, we will instruct CBP to liquidate without regard to antidumping or countervailing duties, and to refund any estimated antidumping and countervailing duties deposited on all unliquidated entries of the merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 1, 2022, that are covered by the revocation of the *Orders*, in part.

Commerce intends to issue instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of these final results of CCRs in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the 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).

#### Rescission of the Scope Inquiry

In the *Preliminary Results*, we stated our intent to rescind the concurrent scope inquiry of the *Orders* on steel threaded rod from China with respect to the same wheel studs for which we are revoking the *Orders* in part and invited comments.<sup>7</sup> We received no comments from interested parties. Because we are revoking the *Orders* in part with respect

<sup>4</sup> See CCR Request at 1.

<sup>5</sup> See section 751(d)(3) of the Act (“determination under this section to revoke an order or finding or terminate a suspended investigation shall apply with respect to unliquidated entries of the subject merchandise which are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date determined by the administering authority.”).

<sup>6</sup> See *Preliminary Results*, 89 FR at 82974.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*; see also Memorandum, “Comments Deadlines for Intent to Rescind the Scope Inquiry on Wheel Studs,” dated October 8, 2024.

to the same wheel studs that are subject to the concurrent scope inquiry, the concurrent scope inquiry is moot. Therefore, we are rescinding the concurrent scope inquiry in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(f)(6).

#### Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition 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

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.216, 351.221(c)(3), 351.222, and 351.225(f)(6).

Dated: November 13, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-351-865, C-570-185, C-533-935, C-552-848]

#### Hard Empty Capsules From Brazil, the People's Republic of China, India, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

**DATES:** Applicable November 13, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Seth Brown at (202) 482-0029 (Brazil), Laura Delgado at (202) 482-1468 and John Conniff at (202) 482-1009 (the People's Republic of China (China)), Gorden Struck at (202) 482-8151 (India), and Jonathan Schueler at (202) 482-9175 (the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam)), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### The Petitions

On October 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of hard empty capsules from Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam filed in proper form on behalf of Lonza Greenwood LLC (the petitioner), a U.S. producer of hard empty capsules.<sup>1</sup> The CVD Petitions were accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of hard empty capsules from Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam.<sup>2</sup>

Between October 28 and November 5, 2024, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petitions.<sup>3</sup> Between October 30 and November 6, 2024, the petitioner filed timely responses to these requests for additional information.<sup>4</sup>

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of Brazil (GOB), Government of China (GOC), the Government of India (GOI), and the Government of Vietnam (GOV) (collectively, Governments) are providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of hard empty capsules from Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing hard empty capsules in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating CVD investigations, the Petitions were accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petitions on behalf of the

<sup>1</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties," dated October 24, 2024 (Petitions).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See Commerce's Letters, "Supplemental Questions," dated October 28, 2024, *see also* Country-Specific CVD Supplemental Questionnaires: Brazil Supplemental, China Supplemental, India Supplemental, and Vietnam Supplemental, dated October 28, 29, and 30, 2024; and Memorandum, "Phone Call," dated November 5, 2024 (November 5, 2024, Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioner's Letters, "Petitioner's Response to the Department's General Issues Questionnaire," dated October 30, 2024 (General Issues Supplement); *see also* Country-Specific CVD Supplemental Responses: Brazil CVD Supplement, China CVD Supplement, India CVD Supplement, and Vietnam CVD Supplement, dated October 30, 2024, October 31, 2024, November 1, 2024, and November 4, 2024; and Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioner's Response to the Department's General Issues Scope Questionnaire," dated November 6, 2024 (Scope Supplement).

domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party, as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested CVD investigations.<sup>5</sup>

#### Periods of Investigation

Because the Petitions were filed on October 24, 2024, the periods of investigation for the Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam CVD investigations are January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.<sup>6</sup>

#### Scope of the Investigations

The products covered by these investigations are hard empty capsules from Brazil, China, India, and Vietnam. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, *see* the appendix to this notice.

#### Comments on the Scope of the Investigations

On November 5, 2024, Commerce requested information and clarification from the petitioner regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petitions is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.<sup>7</sup> On November 6, 2024, the petitioner provided clarifications and revised the scope.<sup>8</sup> The description of merchandise covered by these investigations, as described in the appendix to this notice, reflects these clarifications.

As discussed in the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>9</sup> Commerce will consider all comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determinations. If scope comments include factual information, all such factual information should be limited to public information.<sup>10</sup> To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that scope comments be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on December 3, 2024, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include

<sup>5</sup> See section on "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions," *infra*.

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

<sup>7</sup> See November 5, 2024, Memorandum.

<sup>8</sup> See Scope Supplement at 1-8 and Exhibit I-92.

<sup>9</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) (defining "factual information").