

including, but not limited to: (1) Overall physical characteristics of the merchandise; (2) expectations of ultimate users; (3) use of the merchandise; (4) channels of marketing; and (5) cost of any modification relative to the value of the imported products.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(m)(2), for companion AD and CVD proceedings, “the Secretary will initiate and conduct a single inquiry with respect to the product at issue for both orders only on the record of the antidumping proceeding.” Further, once “the Secretary issues a final circumvention determination on the record of the AD proceeding, the Secretary will include a copy of that determination on the record of the CVD.” Accordingly, once Commerce concludes this circumvention inquiry, Commerce intends to place its final circumvention determination on the record of the companion CVD proceeding.

Analysis

After analyzing the record evidence and Compass’ allegation, we determine that the circumvention request satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c) and that there is sufficient information to warrant initiation of a circumvention inquiry based on minor alterations, pursuant to section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(j). For a full discussion of the basis for our decision to initiate a circumvention inquiry, see the Initiation Checklist.⁶

As explained in the Initiation Checklist, the information provided by Compass also warrants initiating this circumvention inquiry on a country-wide basis. Commerce has taken this approach in prior circumvention inquiries, where the facts warranted initiation on a country-wide basis.⁷

Respondent Selection

Commerce intends to base respondent selection on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data. Commerce

⁶ See Initiation Checklist, “Initiation of the Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Initiation Checklist).

⁷ See, e.g., *Aluminum Extrusions from the People’s Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders and Rescission of Minor Alterations Anti-Circumvention Inquiry*, 82 FR 34630 (July 26, 2017), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 4; see also *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 74150 (October 30, 2023); *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 43275 (July 7, 2023).

intends to place the CBP data on the record within five days of the publication of this initiation notice. Comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection should be submitted within seven days after placement of the CBP data on the record of the inquiry.

Commerce intends to establish a schedule for questionnaire responses after respondent selection. A company’s failure to completely respond to Commerce’s requests for information may result in the application of facts available, pursuant to section 776(a) of the Act, which may include adverse inferences, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce intends to notify CBP of this initiation and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to this circumvention inquiry that are already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the *Orders* and to apply the cash deposit rates that would be applicable if the products were determined to be covered by the scope of the *Orders*. Should Commerce issue affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determinations, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)–(4).

Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(c) of the Act, Commerce determines that Compass’ request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of this circumvention inquiry to determine whether solid or powdered acidic HEDP produced in, and exported from, China are circumventing the *Orders*. We have included a description of the products that are the subject to this inquiry and an explanation of Commerce’s decision to initiate this inquiry as provided in the accompanying Initiation Checklist.⁸ In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), Commerce intends to issue its preliminary circumvention determination no later than 150 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**.

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

⁸ See Initiation Checklist.

Dated: December 13, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–428–848]

Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From Germany: Preliminary Results and Rescission, In Part of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2023

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies were provided to BGH Edeltahl Siegen GmbH (BGH), a producer and exporter of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from Germany. The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. In addition, Commerce is rescinding this review, in part, with respect to one company. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable December 19, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Accorsi or Shane Subler, 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) 482–3149 or (202) 482–6241, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 5, 2024, based on timely requests for review, Commerce initiated this administrative review of the countervailing duty order on fluid end blocks from Germany.¹ On April 10, 2024, Commerce selected BGH and Schmiedewerke Gr ditz GmbH (SWG) as the mandatory respondents in this review.² On July 22, 2024, Commerce

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 15827 (March 5, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*); see also *Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from the People’s Republic of China, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, and Italy: Countervailing Duty Orders, and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination for the People’s Republic of China*, 86 FR 7535 (January 29, 2021) (*Order*).

² See Commerce’s Letter, “Countervailing Duty Questionnaire,” dated April 10, 2024.

tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.³ On September 25, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review until December 10, 2024.⁴ Additionally, on December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline to issue the preliminary results in this administrative review by 90 days.⁵ The deadline for the preliminary results is now March 10, 2025.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided as the 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>.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the *Order* are fluid end blocks from Germany. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Rescission of Administrative Review, In Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), Commerce will rescind an administrative review when there are no reviewable suspended entries of subject merchandise. Based on our analysis of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) information, SWG had no entries of subject merchandise during the POR. On August 14, 2024, we notified parties that we intend to rescind this administrative review with respect to the one company which has no reviewable suspended entries.⁷ No parties commented on the notification

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

⁴ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated September 25, 2024.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2023: Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from Germany," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ See Memorandum, "Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, in Part," dated August 14, 2024.

of intent to rescind the review, in part. We are, therefore, rescinding the administrative review of SWG. For further information, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum at the "Partial Rescission of Administrative Review" section.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁸ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the following net countervailable subsidy rate for the POR, January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
BGH Edelstahl Siegen GmbH ⁹	3.51

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁰ Interested parties who

⁸ 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.

⁹ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with BGH Edelstahl Siegen GmbH: Boschgotthardshütte O. Breyer GmbH, BGH Edelstahlwerke GmbH, RPS Rohstoff-, Press- und Schneidbetrieb Siegen GmbH, and SRG Schrott und Recycling GmbH.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*,

submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹¹ All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

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 briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this 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.¹² Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the 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).¹³

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 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. 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. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing.¹⁴

Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate

88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Procedures*).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹² We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹³ See *APO and Service Procedures*.

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

entries covered by this review. 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).

For the company listed above for which the review is being rescinded, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue rescission instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP regarding BGH 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

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate (*i.e.*, 6.29 percent),¹⁵ applicable to the company. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

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).

Dated: December 12, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Partial Rescission of Review
- IV. Scope of the *Order*
- V. Subsidies Valuation Information
- VI. Economic Diversification
- VII. Interest Rate Benchmarks
- VIII. Analysis of Programs
- IX. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Institute for Standards and Technology NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Information Management System (IMS) and Summer School Application

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

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

Title: National Institute for Standards and Technology NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Information Management System (IMS) and Summer School Application.

OMB Control Number 0693–0081.

Form Number(s): none.

Type of Request: Regular, extension of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 2,000.

Needs and Uses: Registration of NCNR users; Collection of scientific experiment proposals; Regularly scheduled peer review of said proposals; Merit-based award of available experimental resources; Experiment date scheduling for selected projects (instrument scheduling); Collection and management of data required by the NCNR site access protocol; Managing the Health Physics training of arriving scientists; Coordination of administrative data; Collection of data in support of related activities such as NCNR Summer School for facility users; Management of the research results such as collected data, and subsequent publications; Numerous reporting functions used to evaluate and manage the NCNR activities.

Affected Public: Scientific personnel using NCNR facility.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0081.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Management Information Reporting

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance

¹⁵ See *Order*, 86 FR at 7536.