

local requirements. Where possible, there will be hand sanitizer stations.

To create a safe environment for all attendees, participants who test positive for COVID-19 in transit to or during a trade mission are responsible for following the relevant regulations and guidelines, including any quarantine protocols, and are expected to cease participation in in-person events until a negative test is received or quarantine protocols are fulfilled. If a participant who has tested positive is deemed by ITA to pose a health risk to other participants, ITA may terminate their participation without refund.

Any unused financial contributions made to the Department of Commerce for a trade mission that is cancelled will be refunded promptly. Financial contributions that have already been expended in anticipation of the mission and cannot be recouped by the Department of Commerce may not be refunded to the participants when a trade mission is cancelled. Given the unique circumstances presented by COVID-19, the same considerations apply in the event a participant must withdraw from a trade mission after testing positive for COVID-19. No personal expenses paid by the participants in anticipation of the trade mission will be reimbursed. Participants are responsible for all costs related to COVID-19 if contracted during or in transit to or from a trade mission.

#### Note on Federal Employees and Contractors

On-site federal employees and contractors will be expected to comply with current local regulations and guidelines in the country, market, or facilities, publicly- or privately-owned or operated, where mission events are being held.

All on-site federal employees and contractors will be expected to comply with applicable federal and departmental rules, requirements, and guidance relating to COVID-19 safety as issued by the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force (<https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/>) and in effect at the time of the event, including any quarantining or other protocols in the event that they test positive for COVID-19. ITA and other Department of Commerce employees will additionally be expected to adhere to the Department of Commerce Workplace Safety Plan as appropriate, including indoor mask requirements in areas of high or substantial COVID-19 transmission (<https://www.commerce.gov/covid-19-information-hub>).

Federal employees and contractors participating in on-site events will be

required to complete and maintain on their persons at all times a Certification of Vaccination. (Certification available at: <https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/downloads/CertificationVaccinationPRAv7.pdf>.) Federal employees and contractors who are not fully vaccinated or decline to provide information about their vaccination status must follow all relevant protocols for individuals who are not fully vaccinated and must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered by an authorized health or medical provider taken within the past three days.

**Gemal Brangman,**

*Director, ITA Events Management Task Force.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-351-602, A-588-602, A-583-605, A-549-807, A-570-814]

#### Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China: Continuation of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

**SUMMARY:** As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (CSBW pipe fittings) from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD orders.

**DATES:** Applicable February 11, 2022.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Claudia Cott or Mino Hatten, 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) 482-4270 or (202) 482-1690, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On December 17, 1986, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD orders on CSBW pipe fittings from

Brazil and Taiwan. On February 10, 1987, Commerce published the AD order on CSBW pipe fittings from Japan and on July 6, 1992, the AD orders on CSBW from Thailand and China.<sup>1</sup> On July 1, 2021, Commerce initiated,<sup>2</sup> and the ITC instituted,<sup>3</sup> the sunset reviews of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

As a result of its reviews, Commerce determined, pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c) of the Act, that revocation of the *Orders* on CSBW pipe fittings from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and China would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. Commerce, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the *Orders* be revoked.<sup>4</sup>

On February 7, 2022, the ITC published its determination that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act.<sup>5</sup>

#### Scope of the Orders

*Brazil:* The merchandise covered by the *Brazil Order* consists of certain carbon steel butt-weld type fittings, other than couplings, under 14 inches in diameter, whether finished or unfinished, that have been formed in the shape of elbows, tees, reducers, caps, etc., and, if forged, have been advanced after forging. These advancements may include any one or

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Order; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil*, 51 FR 45152 (December 17, 1986) (*Brazil Order*); *Antidumping Duty Order; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Taiwan*, 51 FR 45152 (December 17, 1986) (*Taiwan Order*); *Antidumping Duty Order; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Japan*, 52 FR 4167 (February 10, 1987) (*Japan Order*); *Antidumping Duty Order; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Thailand*, 57 FR 29702 (July 6, 1992) (*Thailand Order*); *Antidumping Duty Order and Amendment to the Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, 57 FR 29702 (July 6, 1992) (*China Order*) (collectively, *Orders*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 86 FR 35071 (July 1, 2021).

<sup>3</sup> See *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand; Institution of Five-Year Reviews*, 86 FR 35133 (July 1, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 86 FR 51869 (September 17, 2021), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>5</sup> See *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand; Determination, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-308-310 and 520-521 (Fifth Review)*, 87 FR 6893 (February 7, 2022), see also USITC Pub. 5276 (February 2022).

more of the following: Coining, heat treatment, shot blasting, grinding, die stamping or painting. Such merchandise was classifiable under Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) item number 610.8800. These imports are currently classified under subheading 7307.93.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written product description remains dispositive.

**Japan:** The merchandise covered by the *Japan Order* consists of certain carbon steel butt-weld type fittings, other than couplings, under 14 inches in inside diameter, whether finished or unfinished, that have been formed in the shape of elbows, tees, reducers, caps, *etc.*, and if forged, have been advanced after forging. These advancements may include any one or more of the following: Coining, heat treatment, shot blasting, grinding, die stamping or painting. Such merchandise was classifiable under TSUSA item number 610.8800. These imports are currently classifiable under the HTSUS item number 7307.93.30. Induction pipe bends classifiable under item 7307.93.30 which have at one or both ends tangents that equal or exceed 12 inches in length are excluded from the scope. The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written product description remains dispositive.

**Taiwan:** The merchandise covered by the *Taiwan Order* consists of certain carbon steel butt-weld type fittings, other than couplings, under 14 inches in inside diameter, whether finished or unfinished, that have been formed in the shape of elbows, tees, reducers, and caps, and if forged, have been advanced after forging. These advancements may include one or more of the following: Coining, heat treatment, shot blasting, grinding, die stamping or painting. Commerce clarified that the so-called sprink-let is within the scope of the order (57 FR 19602). Such merchandise was classifiable under TSUSA item number 610.8800. These imports are currently classifiable under the HTSUS item number 7307.93.3000. The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and for customs purposes. The written product description remains dispositive.

**China and Thailand:** The merchandise covered by the *China Order* and the *Thailand Order* consists of certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, having an inside diameter of less than 14 inches, imported in either finished or unfinished form. These formed or forged pipe fittings are used to join sections in piping systems where

conditions require permanent, welded connections, as distinguished from fittings based on other fastening methods (*e.g.*, threaded, grooved, or bolted fittings). Carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings are currently classified under subheading 7307.93.30 of the HTSUS. The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written product description remains dispositive.<sup>6</sup>

#### Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of these *Orders* will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year (sunset) reviews of these *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

#### Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the return, destruction, or conversion to judicial protective order of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO which may be subject to sanctions.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year sunset reviews and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Lisa W. Wang,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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<sup>6</sup> See *Orders*.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a virtual meeting via webinar.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl L. Gendron, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, telephone number 301-975-2785; email: [cheryl.gendron@nist.gov](mailto:cheryl.gendron@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MEP Advisory Board is authorized under Section 3003(d) of the America COMPETES Act (Pub. L. 110-69), as amended by the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act, Public Law 114-329 sec. 501 (2017), and codified at 15 U.S.C. 278k(m), in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (Program) is a unique program consisting of Centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico with partnerships at the federal, state and local levels. By statute, the MEP Advisory Board provides the NIST Director with: (1) Advice on the activities, plans and policies of the Program; (2) assessments of the soundness of the plans and strategies of the Program; and (3) assessments of current performance against the plans of the Program.

Background information on the MEP Advisory Board is available at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the MEP Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting agenda will include an update on the MEP programmatic operations, as well as provide guidance and advice on current activities related to the MEP National Network™ 2017-2022 Strategic Plan.