of nails constructed of two or more pieces include, but are not limited to, anchors comprised of an anchor body made of zinc or nylon and a steel pin or a steel nail; crimp drive anchors; split-drive anchors, and strike pin anchors. Also included in the scope are anchors of one piece construction.

Certain steel nails may be produced from any type of steel, and may have any type of surface finish, head type, shank, point type and shaft diameter. Finishes include, but are not limited to, coating in vinyl, zinc (galvanized, including but not limited to electroplating or hot dipping one or more times), phosphate, cement, and paint. Certain steel nails may have one or more surface finishes. Head styles include, but are not limited to, flat, projection, cupped, oval, brad, headless, double, countersunk, and sinker. Shank or shaft styles include, but are not limited to, smooth, barbed, screw threaded, ring shank and fluted.

Screw-threaded nails subject to this proceeding are driven using direct force and not by turning the nail using a tool that engages with the head. Point styles include, but are not limited to, diamond, needle, chisel and blunt or no point. Certain steel nails may be sold in bulk, or they may be collated in any manner using any material.

Excluded from the scope are certain steel nails packaged in combination with one or more non-subject articles, if the total number of nails of all types, in aggregate regardless of size, is less than 25. If packaged in combination with one or more non-subject articles, certain steel nails remain subject merchandise if the total number of nails of all types, in aggregate regardless of size, is equal to or greater than 25, unless otherwise excluded based on the other exclusions below.

Also excluded from the scope are certain steel nails with a nominal shaft or shank length of one inch or less that are a component of an unassembled article, where the total number of nails is sixty (60) or less, and the imported unassembled article falls into one of the following eight groupings: (1) Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood that are classifiable as windows, Frenchwindows and their frames; (2) builders' joinery and carpentry of wood that are classifiable as doors and their frames and thresholds; (3) swivel seats with variable height adjustment; (4) seats that are convertible into beds (with the exception of those classifiable as garden seats or camping equipment); (5) seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials; (6) other seats with wooden frames (with the exception of seats of a kind used for aircraft or motor vehicles); (7) furniture (other than seats) of wood (with the exception of (i) medical, surgical, dental or veterinary furniture; and (ii) barbers' chairs and similar chairs, having rotating as well as both reclining and elevating movements); or (8) furniture (other than seats) of materials other than wood, metal, or plastics (e.g., furniture of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials). The aforementioned imported unassembled articles are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4418.10, 4418.20, 9401.30, 9401.40, 9401.51, 9401.59, 9401.61, 9401.69, 9403.30, 9403.40, 9403.50, 9403.60, 9403.81 or 9403.89.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are nails suitable for use in powder-actuated hand tools, whether or not threaded, which are currently classified under HTSUS subheadings 7317.00.2000 and 7317.00.3000.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are nails suitable for use in gasactuated hand tools. These nails have a case hardness greater than or equal to 50 on the Rockwell Hardness C scale (HRC), a carbon content greater than or equal to 0.5 percent, a round head, a secondary reduced-diameter raised head section, a centered shank, and a smooth symmetrical point.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are corrugated nails. A corrugated nail is made up of a small strip of corrugated steel with sharp points on one side.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are thumb tacks, which are currently classified under HTSUS subheading 7317.00.1000.

Also excluded from the scope are decorative or upholstery tacks.

Certain steel nails subject to this investigation are currently classified under HTSUS subheadings 7317.00.5501, 7317.00.5502, 7317.00.5503, 7317.00.5505, 7317.00.5507, 7317.00.5508, 7317.00.5511, 7317.00.5518, 7317.00.5519, 7317.00.5520, 7317.00.5530, 7317.00.5540, 7317.00.5550, 7317.00.5560, 7317.00.5570, 7317.00.5580, 7317.00.5590, 7317.00.6530, 7317.00.6560, and 7317.00.7500. Certain steel nails subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 7318.15.5090, 7907.00.6000, 8206.00.0000, or other HTSUS subheadings. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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[A–570–910, C–570–911, A–580–809, A–583– 008, A–583–814, A–533–502, A–570–914, C– 570–915, A–580–859, A–583–803]

Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe From the People's Republic of China; Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes From India; **Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel** Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan; Certain **Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe** From Taiwan; Light-Walled **Rectangular Pipe and Tube From the** People's Republic of China; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From the Republic of Korea; Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing From Taiwan: Initiation of **Circumvention Inquiries on the** Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: In response to requests from Atlas Tube Inc., Bull Moose Tube Company, Maruichi American Corporation, Nucor Tubular Products Inc., Searing Industries, Vest Inc., Wheatland Tube Company, and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC (collectively, the domestic interested parties), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating country-wide circumvention inquiries to determine whether imports of circular welded carbon quality steel pipe from the People's Republic of China (China) (CWP China), certain circular welded non-allov steel pipe from the Republic of Korea (Korea) (CWP Korea), certain welded carbon steel standard pipes and tubes from India (pipe and tube India), certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Taiwan (pipe and tube Taiwan), certain circular welded nonalloy steel pipe from Taiwan (CWP Taiwan), light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from China (LWRPT China), light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from Korea (LWRPT Korea), and lightwalled welded rectangular carbon steel tubing (LWR tubing Taiwan), which are completed in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) from hot-rolled steel (HRS) produced in China, Korea, India, or Taiwan are circumventing the respective antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on

CWP China, CWP Korea, pipe and tube India, pipe and tube Taiwan, CWP Taiwan, LWRPT China, LWRPT Korea, and LWR tubing Taiwan.

DATES: Applicable August 4, 2022. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Krisha Hill at (202) 482–4037 (CWP China, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV); Andre Gzirvan at (202) 482–2201 (CWP Korea, AD/CVD Operations, Office I); Dmitry Vladimirov at (202) 482-0665 (Pipe and Tube India, AD/CVD Operations, Office I); Nicolas Mayora at (202) 482-3053 (Pipe and Tube Taiwan, AD/CVD Operations, Office V); Preston Cox and Scarlet Jaldin at (202) 482-5041 and (202) 482-4275, respectively (CWP Taiwan, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI); Reginald Anadio at (202) 482-3166, (LWRPT China, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV); Carolyn Adie at (202) 482-6250 (LWRPT Korea, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI); and Bryan Hansen at (202) 482–3683 (LWR tubing Taiwan, AD/CVD Operations, Office I); Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 17, 2022, pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.226(i), domestic interested parties filed circumvention inquiry requests alleging that CWP, pipe and tube, LWRPT, and LWR tubing completed in Vietnam using HRS manufactured in China, India, Korea, or Taiwan are circumventing the Orders ¹ on pipe

products from those countries and, accordingly, should be included within the scope of the Orders.² On June 2, 2022, SeAH Steel VINA Corporation (SeAH VINA) filed opposition comments in response to the domestic interested parties' request regarding the CWP and pipe and tube allegations; the comments did not address the LWRPT and LWR tubing allegations.³ On June 13, 2022, we extended the deadline to initiate these circumvention inquiries by 15 days, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1).4 On June 21, 2022, we issued supplemental questionnaires to the domestic interested parties.⁵ On

Korea: Antidumping Duty Orders; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value, 73 FR 45403 (August 5, 2008); and Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Countervailing Duty Order, 73 FR 45405 (August 5, 2008) (collectively, Orders).

² See Domestic Interested Parties' Letters. "Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China-Request for Circumvention Inquiry"; "Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea— Request for Circumvention Inquiry"; "Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan (A–583–008) and Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan (A-583-814)-Request for Circumvention Inquiries''; "Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes from India-Request for Circumvention Inquiry "Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China-Request for Circumvention Inquiry"; "Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea: Request For Circumvention Inquiry''; and "Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan: Request for a Circumvention Inquiry," all dated May 17, 2022.

³ See SeAH VINA's Letter, "Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe and Certain Circular Welded Non Alloy Steel Pipe from China, Korea, Taiwan, and India—Comments in Opposition to Initiation of Anticircumvention Inquiries," dated June 2, 2022 (SeAH VINA's Comments).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China (A-570-910 and C-570-911): Extension of Time to Determine Whether to Initiate Circumvention Inquiry," dated June 13, 2022.

⁵ See Commerce's Letters, "Circumvention Inquiry of Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China (A-570-910, C-570-911): Supplemental Questionnaire' "Circumvention Inquiry of Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea (A-580-809): Supplemental Questionnaire' 'Circumvention Inquiry of Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan (A-583-008) and Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan (A–583–814): Supplemental Questionnaire"; "Circumvention Inquiry of Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes from India (A-533-502): Supplemental Questionnaire''; "Circumvention Inquiry of Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China (A-570-914, C-570-915): Supplemental Questionnaire,'' (LWRPT China Supplemental); "Circumvention Inquiry of Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Korea (A-580-859): Supplemental Questionnaire"; and "Circumvention Inquiry of Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan (A-583-803): Supplemental Questionnaire," all dated

June 28, 2022, the domestic interested parties filed their responses to our supplemental questionnaires.⁶ On July 1, 2022, Commerce clarified that we issued the supplemental questionnaires because we had found that the requests to conduct circumvention inquiries were insufficient for purposes of initiation, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(i). Additionally, we clarified that we consider the initial requests and supplementary information together to constitute the applications for circumvention inquires, and that based on the date that the domestic parties filed the supplemental information, we consider the inquiry requests to have been filed on June 28, 2022.7 On July 20, 2022, Vietnam Haiphong Hongyuan Machinery Manufactory Co., Ltd. (Vietnam Haiphong) filed opposition comments in response to the domestic interested parties' request regarding CWP from China.8

Scope of the Orders

Please *see* each respective Circumvention Initiation Memorandum for a complete description of the scope of *Orders*.⁹

June 21, 2022. Please note, LWRPT China Supplemental was uploaded on June 22, 2022.

⁶ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letters. 'Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea—Response to Supplemental Questionnaire"; "Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan (A–583–008) and Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan (A-583-814)-Response to Supplemental Questionnaire"; "Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes from India—Response to Supplemental Questionnaire"; "Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China-Circumvention Inquiry Supplemental Questionnaire Response"; "Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea-Response to Supplemental Questionnaire''; and ''Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan-Response to Supplemental Questionnaire," all dated June 28, 2022 (Supplemental Responses).

⁷ See Commerce's Letter, "Circumvention Inquiries on Circular and Rectangular Pipe and Tube Products from China, India, Korea, and Taiwan," dated July 1, 2022.

⁸ See Vietnam Haiphong's Letter, "Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from People Republic of China: Vietnam Haiphong Hongyuan Machinery Manufactory Co., Ltd.'s Comments on the Request for Circumvention Inquiry," dated July 20, 2022.

⁹ For a complete description of the scope of the Orders, see Memoranda, "Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders"; see also "Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order"; "Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes from India: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order"; "Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the

¹ See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China, 73 FR 42547 (July 22, 2008); see also Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Notice of Countervailing Duty Order, 73 FR 42545 (July 22, 2008); Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea, 57 FR 42942 (September 17, 1992), as amended by Notice of Antidumping Orders: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Brazil, the Republic of Korea (Korea), Mexico, and Venezuela, and Amendment to Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Korea, 57 FR 49453 (November 2, 1992); Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Order, 49 FR 19369 (May 7, 1984); Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan, 57 FR 49454 (November 2, 1992); Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes from India, 51 FR 17384 (May 12, 1986); Antidumping Duty Order; Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan, 54 FR 12467 (March 27, 1989); Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of

Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiries

These circumvention inquiries cover CWP China, CWP Korea, pipe and tube India, pipe and tube Taiwan, CWP Taiwan, LWRPT China, LWRPT Korea, and LWR tubing Taiwan, completed in Vietnam using Chinese, Indian, Korean, or Taiwan-produced HRS and subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States.

Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries

Section 351.226(d) of Commerce's regulations states that if Commerce determines that a request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c), then Commerce "will accept the request and initiate a circumvention inquiry.' Section 351.226(c)(1) of Commerce's regulations, in turn, requires that each circumvention inquiry request alleges "that the elements necessary for a circumvention determination under section 781 of the Act exist" and be "accompanied by information reasonably available to the interested party supporting these allegations." The domestic interested parties alleged circumvention pursuant to section 781(b) of the Act, which pertains to merchandise completed or assembled in other foreign countries.

Section 781(b)(1) of the Act provides that Commerce may find circumvention of an AD order when merchandise of the same class or kind subject to the order is completed or assembled in a foreign country other than the country to which the order applies. In conducting a circumvention inquiry, under section 781(b)(1) of the Act, Commerce relies on the following criteria: (A) merchandise imported into the United States is of the same class or kind as any merchandise produced in a foreign country that is the subject of an AD or CVD order or finding; (B) before importation into the United States, such imported merchandise is completed or assembled in another foreign country from merchandise which is subject to the order or merchandise which is produced in the foreign country that is subject to the order; (C) the process of

assembly or completion in the foreign country referred to in section (B) is minor or insignificant; (D) the value of the merchandise produced in the foreign country to which the AD or CVD order applies is a significant portion of the total value of the merchandise exported to the United States; and (E) the administering authority determines that action is appropriate to prevent evasion of such order or finding.

In determining whether the process of assembly or completion in a third country is minor or insignificant under section 781(b)(1)(C) of the Act, section 781(b)(2) of the Act directs Commerce to consider: (A) the level of investment in the foreign country; (B) the level of research and development in the foreign country; (C) the nature of the production process in the foreign country; (D) the extent of production facilities in the foreign country; and (E) whether or not the value of processing performed in the foreign country represents a small proportion of the value of the merchandise imported into the United States. However, no single factor, by itself, controls Commerce's determination of whether the process of assembly or completion in a third country is minor or insignificant.¹⁰ Accordingly, it is Commerce's practice to evaluate each of these five factors, depending on the totality of the circumstances of the particular circumvention inquiry.¹¹

In addition, section 781(b)(3) of the Act sets forth additional factors to consider in determining whether to include merchandise assembled or completed in a third country within the scope of an AD or CVD order. Specifically, Commerce shall take into account such factors as: (A) the pattern of trade, including sourcing patterns; (B) whether the manufacturer or exporter of the merchandise is affiliated with the person who, in the third country, uses the merchandise to complete or assemble the merchandise which is subsequently imported into the United States; and (C) whether imports of the merchandise into the third country have increased after the initiation of the investigation that resulted in the issuance of such order or finding.

Based on our analysis of the domestic interested parties' circumvention

requests, Commerce determines that the domestic interested parties have satisfied the criteria under 19 CFR 351.226(c) to warrant the initiations of circumvention inquiries of these Orders. Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(ii), we are initiating the requested circumvention inquiries. For a full discussion of the basis for our decisions to initiate these circumvention inquiries, see each respective Circumvention Initiation Memorandum.¹² As explained in the Circumvention Initiation Memoranda, the information provided by domestic interested parties in this instance warrants initiating these circumvention inquiries on a country-wide basis. Commerce has taken this approach in prior circumvention inquiries, where the facts warranted initiation on a country-wide basis.13

Consistent with the approach in the prior circumvention inquiries that were initiated on a country-wide basis, Commerce intends to issue questionnaires to solicit information from producers and exporters in Vietnam concerning their shipments of CWP China, CWP Korea, pipe and tube India, pipe and tube Taiwan, CWP Taiwan, LWRPT China, LWRPT Korea, and LWR tubing Taiwan, made respectively from Chinese, Indian, Korean, or Taiwan-origin HRS to the United States. A company's failure to respond completely to Commerce's requests for information may result in the application of partial or total 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 will notify U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the initiation

Antidumping Duty Order"; "Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order"; "Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty and Countervaling Duty Orders"; "Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Korea: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order"; and "Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order," (collectively, Circumvention Initiation Memoranda).

¹⁰ See Statement of Administrative Action Accompanying the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, H.R. Doc. No. 103–316, Vol. 1 (1994) (SAA), at 893.

¹¹ See Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order, 83 FR 65626 (December 21, 2018), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum, at 4.

¹² See Circumvention Initiation Memoranda. These memoranda are public documents and available electronically online via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).

¹³ See, e.g., Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders, 83 FR 37785 (August 2, 2018); Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order, 82 FR 40556, 40560 (August 25, 2017) (stating at initiation that Commerce would evaluate the extent to which a country-wide finding applicable to all exports might be warranted); and Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders, 81 FR 79454, 79458 (November 14, 2016) (stating at initiation that Commerce would evaluate the extent to which a country-wide finding applicable to all exports might be warranted).

and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to the circumvention inquiries that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the *Orders.* Should Commerce issue 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(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that the domestic interested parties' requests for these circumvention inquiries satisfy the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of these circumvention inquiries to determine whether certain imports of CWP China, CWP Korea, pipe and tube India, pipe and tube Taiwan, CWP Taiwan, LWRPT China, LWRPT Korea, and LWR tubing Taiwan, completed in and exported from Vietnam using HRS inputs manufactured respectively in China, Korea, India, or Taiwan, are circumventing the Orders. In addition, we have included a description of the products that are the subject of these inquiries, and an explanation of the reasons for Commerce's decision to initiate these inquiries as provided above and in the accompanying Circumvention Initiation Memoranda.14 In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(2), Commerce intends to issue its final circumvention determination within 300 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of a circumvention inquiry in the Federal Register.

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

Dated: July 28, 2022.

Lisa W. Wang,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix—List of Topics Discussed in the Circumvention Initiation Memoranda

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Circumvention Inquiry ¹⁵ VIII. Country-Wide Circumvention Inquiry IX. Recommendation

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[A-570-026]

Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020– 2021

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce. SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Metalco S.A. (Metalco). the sole company subject to this administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from the People's Republic of China (China), is part of the China-wide entity because it did not file a separate rate application (SRA). The period of review (POR) is July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable August 4, 2022. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene H. Calvert, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 25, 2016, Commerce published the AD order on CORE from China in the **Federal Register**.¹ On July 1, 2021, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* covering the POR.² On September 7, 2021, in response to a timely request from California Steel Industries, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Nucor Corporation, Steel Dynamics, Inc., and United States Steel Corporation (collectively, Domestic Interested Parties),³ Commerce initiated an administrative review of the *Order* with respect to Metalco.⁴

Ôn September 24, 2021, we placed on the record U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) entry data under administrative protective order (APO) for all interested parties having APO access.⁵ The deadline for Metalco to submit a no-shipment certification or SRA ⁶ was October 7, 2021.⁷ Metalco did not submit a no-shipment certification or an SRA.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this order are certain flat-rolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickelor iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. The products covered include coils that have a width of 12.7 mm or greater, regardless of form of coil (*e.g.*, in successively superimposed layers, spirally oscillating, etc.). The products covered also include products not in coils (e.g., in straight lengths) of a thickness less than 4.75 mm and a width that is 12.7 mm or greater and

³ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review of Antidumping Duty Order," dated July 30, 2021.

⁴ See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 86 FR 50034 (September 7, 2021) (Initiation Notice).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China, 2020–2021: Release of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Data," dated September 24, 2021.

⁶ Metalco currently does not have a separate rate with respect to this AD order, and, therefore, was not eligible to file a separate rate certification.

⁷ See Initiation Notice, 86 FR at 50034 ("If a producer or exporter named in this notice of initiation had no exports, sales, or entries during the period of review (POR), it must notify Commerce within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. . . . Separate Rate Applications are due to Commerce no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice."). Thirty calendar days after the *Initiation Notice* published in the **Federal Register** was October 7, 2021.

¹⁴ See Circumvention Initiation Memoranda.

¹⁵ As Commerce did not receive comments with regard to the LWRPT allegations, this section is not present in those initiation memoranda.

¹ See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016) (Order). The Order was subsequently modified to correct unintended errors regarding the estimated weighted-average dumping margins for China and the date that the extended period of provisional measures expired. See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan; Notice of Correction to the Antidumping Duty Orders, 81 FR 58475 (August 25, 2016) (Corrected Order).

² See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 86 FR 35065 (July 1, 2021).