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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Steel Nails from the United Arab Emirates: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014-2015

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel nails (nails) from the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015.¹ We preliminarily find that ODS and Dubai Wire sold subject merchandise at less than normal value in the United States and that Oman Fasteners, OISI, and Precision had no shipments during the POR.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.)

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¹ The review covers five producers/exporters of the subject merchandise, Dubai Wire FZE (Dubai Wire), Oman Fasteners LLC (Oman Fasteners), Overseas Distribution Services Inc. (ODS), Overseas International Steel Industry LLC (OISI), and Precision Fasteners LLC (Precision).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order*² is nails from the UAE. The products are currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65, and 7317.00.75. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive. A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³

Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

Based on our analysis of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) information and information provided by Oman Fasteners, OISI, and Precision, we preliminarily determine that these companies had no shipments of the subject merchandise, and, therefore, no reviewable transactions, during the POR. For a full discussion of this determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² *See Certain Steel Nails from the United Arab Emirates: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 77 FR 27421 (May 10, 2012) (*Order*).

³ *See* the Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014-2015: Certain Steel Nails from the United Arab Emirates” dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public *via* Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov> and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an Appendix to this notice.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period May 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015:

<u>Producer/Exporter</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Margin (percent)</u>
Overseas Distribution Services Inc.	7.80
Dubai Wire FZE ⁴	7.80

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties in this proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Pursuant to

⁴ Dubai Wire was not selected for individual examination in this review. Generally, we look to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for respondents not selected for individual review. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act instructs that we are not to calculate an all-others rate using any zero or *de minimis* margins or any margins based on total facts available. Accordingly, our usual practice has been to average the rates for the selected companies excluding zero, *de minimis*, and rates based entirely on facts available. In this review, we calculated a weighted-average dumping margin above zero or *de minimis* for the sole respondent selected for individual examination, ODS. Based on this, and analogous to the statutory provision concerning investigations, we preliminarily determine that a reasonable method for determining the weighted-average dumping margin for Dubai Wire in this review is to assign the rate calculated for ODS.

19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs not 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.⁵ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁶

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. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁷ 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. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless extended, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, the Department shall determine and CBP shall assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. If ODS' weighted-average dumping margin continues to be above *de minimis* in the final results of this review, we will calculate an importer-specific assessment rate on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of antidumping

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

duties calculated for each importer's examined sales and the total entered value of the sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If ODS' weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the *Final Modification for Reviews*, i.e., “{w}here the weighted-average margin of dumping for the exporter is determined to be zero or *de minimis*, no antidumping duties will be assessed.”⁸

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by ODS for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

Consistent with our practice, if we continue to find that Oman Fasteners, OISI, and Precision had no shipments of subject merchandise to the United States in the final results of this review, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate any existing entries of merchandise produced by Oman Fasteners, OISI, and Precision and exported by other parties at the all-others rate.

For Dubai Wire, the company not selected for individual examination, we will instruct CBP to apply the rate assigned to it in the final results of this review, to all entries of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by Dubai Wire.

We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of nails from the UAE entered, or

⁸ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012).

withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rates for ODS and Dubai Wire will be the rates established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 4.30 percent, the all-others rate established in the *Order*. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: June 3, 2016.

Paul Piquado
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum:

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