



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam were not sold in the United States at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: APPLICABLE [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 12, 2019, Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Vietnam.¹ The review covers SeAH Steel VINA Corporation (SeAH VINA) and its U.S. affiliate Pusan Pipe America, Inc. (Pusan Pipe) (collectively, SSV).² On

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 61011 (November 12, 2019) (*Initiation Notice*).

² Pusan Pipe is the importer of record for all of SeAH VINA's shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. See SSV December 13, 2019 Section A Questionnaire Response at 1.

April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days.³ On July 21, 2020, Commerce extended the deadline for these preliminary results by 120 days, in accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2). On July 22, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days, thereby extending the deadline for these preliminary results until January 19, 2021.⁴

For a full description of events that have occurred since the *Initiation Notice*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an 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 <http://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

³ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19," dated April 24, 2020.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews," dated July 22, 2020. Commerce's practice dictates that, where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005). Therefore, because the fully extended deadline would normally be January 17, 2021, but that date is a Sunday, and January 18, 2021, is a federal holiday, the current deadline is Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order is certain OCTG. The merchandise subject to the order is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20, 7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40, 7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60, 7304.29.10.80, 7304.29.20.10, 7304.29.20.20, 7304.29.20.30, 7304.29.20.40, 7304.29.20.50, 7304.29.20.60, 7304.29.20.80, 7304.29.31.10, 7304.29.31.20, 7304.29.31.30, 7304.29.31.40, 7304.29.31.50, 7304.29.31.60, 7304.29.31.80, 7304.29.41.10, 7304.29.41.20, 7304.29.41.30, 7304.29.41.40, 7304.29.41.50, 7304.29.41.60, 7304.29.41.80, 7304.29.50.15, 7304.29.50.30, 7304.29.50.45, 7304.29.50.60, 7304.29.50.75, 7304.29.61.15, 7304.29.61.30, 7304.29.61.45, 7304.29.61.60, 7304.29.61.75, 7305.20.20.00, 7305.20.40.00, 7305.20.60.00, 7305.20.80.00, 7306.29.10.30, 7306.29.10.90, 7306.29.20.00, 7306.29.31.00, 7306.29.41.00, 7306.29.60.10, 7306.29.60.50, 7306.29.81.10, and 7306.29.81.50.

The merchandise subject to the order may also enter under the following HTSUS item numbers: 7304.39.00.24, 7304.39.00.28, 7304.39.00.32, 7304.39.00.36, 7304.39.00.40, 7304.39.00.44, 7304.39.00.48, 7304.39.00.52, 7304.39.00.56, 7304.39.00.62, 7304.39.00.68, 7304.39.00.72, 7304.39.00.76, 7304.39.00.80, 7304.59.60.00, 7304.59.80.15, 7304.59.80.20, 7304.59.80.25, 7304.59.80.30, 7304.59.80.35, 7304.59.80.40, 7304.59.80.45, 7304.59.80.50, 7304.59.80.55, 7304.59.80.60, 7304.59.80.65, 7304.59.80.70, 7304.59.80.80, 7305.31.40.00, 7305.31.60.90, 7306.30.50.55, 7306.30.50.90, 7306.50.50.50, and 7306.50.50.70.

While the HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description is dispositive. A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and 751(a)(2)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Constructed export prices have

been calculated in accordance with section 772(b) of the Act. Because Vietnam is a non-market economy (NME) within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, NV has been calculated in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Application of Separate Rates in NME Proceedings

In the *Initiation Notice*, Commerce notified parties of the application process by which exporters may obtain separate rate status in an NME proceeding.⁶ It is Commerce's policy to assign all exporters of the merchandise subject to review in NME countries a single rate unless an exporter can affirmatively demonstrate an absence of government control, both in law (*de jure*) and in fact (*de facto*), with respect to exports. To establish whether a company is sufficiently independent to be entitled to a separate, company-specific rate, Commerce analyzes each exporting entity in an NME country under the test established in *Sparklers*,⁷ as further developed by *Silicon Carbide*.⁸ However, if Commerce determines that a company is wholly foreign-owned, then an analysis of the *de jure* and *de facto* criteria is not necessary to determine whether it is independent from government control.⁹ For these *Preliminary Results*, Commerce determines that the evidence placed on the record of this review by SSV demonstrates an absence of *de jure* and *de facto* government control. We have received no other separate rate applications.

Vietnam-Wide Entity

Commerce's policy regarding conditional review of the Vietnam-wide entity applies to this administrative review.¹⁰ Under this policy, the Vietnam-wide entity will not be under review

⁶ *See Initiation Notice*.

⁷ *See Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sparklers from the People's Republic of China*, 56 FR 20588 (May 6, 1991) (*Sparklers*).

⁸ *See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Silicon Carbide from the People's Republic Of China*, 59 FR 22585 (May 2, 1994) (*Silicon Carbide*).

⁹ *See, e.g., Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 52355, 52356 (September 13, 2007).

¹⁰ *See Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the Vietnam-wide entity in this review, the entity is not under review and the entity's rate (*i.e.*, 111.47 percent)¹¹ is not subject to change.

Preliminary Results of Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019:

Exporter	Weighted-Average Margin (Percent)
SeAH Steel VINA Corporation ¹²	0.00

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in issuing its final results of review. Normally, Commerce verifies information using standard procedures, including an on-site examination of original accounting, financial, and sales documentation. However, due to current travel restrictions in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Commerce is unable to conduct on-site verification in this review. Accordingly, we intend to verify the information relied upon in issuing the final results through alternative means in lieu of an on-site verification.

Disclosure, Public Comment and Opportunity to Request a Hearing

Commerce will disclose the calculations used in our analysis to parties in this review within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days after the date of publication of these

¹¹ See *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Antidumping Duty Orders; and Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 79 FR 53691 (September 10, 2014); see also *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Notice of Correction to the Antidumping Duty Orders With Respect to Turkey and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*, 79 FR 59740 (October 3, 2014).

¹² Commerce initiated a review of both SSV and Pusan Pipe, but the record shows that Pusan Pipe is a U.S. importer of OCTG that is affiliated with SSV and does not produce OCTG. See SSV's December 13, 2019 Section A Questionnaire Response at 1. Therefore, we have not calculated a rate for Pusan Pipe.

preliminary results of review in the *Federal Register*.¹³ Rebuttals to case briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed within seven days after the time limit for filing case briefs.¹⁴ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2) parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review are requested to submit with each argument: (a) a statement of the issue, (b) a brief summary of the argument, and (c) a table of authorities.¹⁵ Parties submitting briefs should do so pursuant to Commerce's electronic filing system, ACCESS.¹⁶ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information.¹⁷

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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national and a list of the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a date and time to be determined.¹⁸ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of all issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the *Federal Register*, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1)-(2).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2), (d)(2).

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

¹⁷ See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

¹⁸ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.¹⁹ 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 assessment purposes, Commerce applied the assessment rate calculation method adopted in *Antidumping Final Modification*.²⁰ For any individually examined respondent whose weighted average dumping margin is above *de minimis* (*i.e.*, 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, Commerce will calculate importer-specific assessment rates on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales to the total entered value of sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). Where an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* rate is greater than *de minimis*, Commerce will instruct CBP to collect the appropriate duties at the time of liquidation.²¹ Where either a respondent's weighted average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* is zero or *de minimis*, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.²²

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this review for shipments of the subject merchandise from Vietnam entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by

¹⁹ See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

²⁰ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012) (*Antidumping Final Modification*) in the manner described in more detail in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

²¹ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

²² See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for the companies listed above that have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then zero cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously examined Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese exporters not listed above that at the time of entry are eligible for a separate rate based on a prior completed segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific cash deposit rate; (3) for all Vietnamese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate at the time of entry, the cash deposit rate will be that for the Vietnamese-wide entity; and (4) for all non-Vietnamese exporters of subject merchandise that at the time of entry are not eligible for a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Vietnamese exporter that supplied that non-Vietnamese exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also 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 the POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: January 19, 2021.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
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