



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Forged Steel Fittings from Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty

Administrative Review; 2021-2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of forged steel fittings from Taiwan were not sold in the United States at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. 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 September 24, 2018, Commerce published the antidumping duty order on forged steel fittings from Taiwan.¹ On November 3, 2022, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce published the initiation of an administrative review of the *Order*.² This review covers one exporter of the subject merchandise, Both-Well Steel Fittings Co., Ltd (Bothwell). On April 11, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review to

¹ See *Forged Steel Fittings from Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 48280 (September 24, 2018) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 66275 (November 3, 2022).

September 29, 2023, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³

For a detailed description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached 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 <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 scope of this *Order* are carbon and alloy forged steel fittings, whether unfinished (commonly known as blanks or rough forgings) or finished. Such fittings are made in a variety of shapes including, but not limited to, elbows, tees, crosses, laterals, couplings, reducers, caps, plugs, bushings, unions, and outlets. Forged steel fittings are covered regardless of end finish, whether threaded, socket-weld or other end connections. The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under subheadings 7307.99.1000, 7307.99.3000, 7307.99.5045, and 7307.99.5060 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

³ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated April 11, 2023.

⁴ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Forged Steel Fittings from Taiwan; 2021-2022," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act. Export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

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 that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for Bothwell for the period September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022:

Exporter or Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Both-Well Steel Fittings Co., Ltd	0.00

Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁵ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.⁶ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), 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.

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, U.S.

⁵ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

⁶ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d).

Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Hearing requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) whether any participant is a foreign national; and (4) a list of 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.⁷ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions should be filed using ACCESS and must be served on interested parties.⁸ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5 p.m. eastern standard time by the due date specified above.⁹ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.¹⁰

Final Results of Review

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless this deadline is otherwise extended.¹¹ The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties, where applicable.¹²

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.303.

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

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

¹¹ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

¹² See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of 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 administrative 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 an individually examined respondent whose weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, 0.50 percent), upon completion of the final results, 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 and the total entered value of those sales. Where we do not have entered values for all U.S. sales to a particular importer, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales and the total quantity of those sales.¹³ To determine whether the duty assessment rate is *de minimis*, in accordance with the requirement set forth in 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we will calculate an estimated importer-specific *ad valorem* rate based on the estimated entered value. Where either a respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer-specific *ad valorem* rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.¹⁴

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

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 352.106(c)(2); see also *Antidumping Proceeding: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Bothwell will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent, and therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for an exporter 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 recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which they were reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in a review or the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 116.17 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.¹⁵

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 Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

¹⁵ See *Order*, 83 FR at 48281.

These preliminary results are being 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: September 22, 2023.

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Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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