



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order and Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order and countervailing duty (CVD) order on cast iron soil pipe fittings (soil pipe fittings) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD and CVD orders.

DATES: Applicable December 28, 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 31, 2018, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD order and

CVD order on soil pipe fittings from China.¹ On July 3, 2023, the ITC instituted² and Commerce initiated³ the first five-year (sunset) reviews of the *Orders*, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its reviews, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidies, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping and subsidy rates likely to prevail should the *Orders* be revoked.⁴

On December 28, 2023, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, 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.⁵

Scope of the *Orders*

The merchandise covered by these *Orders* is cast iron soil pipe fittings, finished and unfinished, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications, and regardless of size. Cast iron soil pipe fittings are nonmalleable iron castings of various designs and sizes, including, but not limited to, bends, tees, wyes, traps, drains, and other common or special fittings, with or without side inlets.

Cast iron soil pipe fittings are classified into two major types – hubless and hub and spigot. Hubless cast iron soil pipe fittings are manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (CISPI) specification 301 and/or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification A888. Hub and spigot pipe fittings have hubs

¹ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 44570 (August 31, 2018); and *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 44566 (August 31, 2018) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from China; Institution of Five-Year Reviews*, 88 FR 42753 (July 3, 2023).

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 42688 (July 3, 2023).

⁴ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 76171 (November 6, 2023), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM); see also *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order*, 88 FR 76184 (November 6, 2023), and accompanying IDM.

⁵ See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from China*, 88 FR 89727 (December 28, 2023).

into which the spigot (plain end) of the pipe or fitting is inserted. Cast iron soil pipe fittings are generally distinguished from other types of nonmalleable cast iron fittings by the manner in which they are connected to cast iron soil pipe and other fittings.

Excluded from the scope are all drain bodies. Drain bodies are normally classified in subheading 7326.90.86.88 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

The subject imports are normally classified in subheading 7307.11.0045 of the HTSUS: Cast fittings of nonmalleable cast iron for cast iron soil pipe. They may also be entered under HTSUS 7324.29.0000 and 7307.92.3010. The HTSUS subheadings and specifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of these *Orders* is dispositive.

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, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD 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 the *Orders* will be December 28, 2023.⁶ Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year 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 a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary

⁶ *Id.*

information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with 777(i) the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

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