



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Clad Steel Plate from Japan: Final Results of the Expedited Fifth Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this expedited sunset review, the U.S. Department of Commerce
(Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on clad steel plate from
Japan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in
the “Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 2, 1996, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD order on clad steel
plate from Japan.¹ On November 1, 2023, Commerce published the initiation of the fifth sunset
review of the *Order* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).²
In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i) and (ii), Commerce received a notice of intent to
participate in this sunset review from NobelClad (the domestic interested party) within 15 days

¹ See *Notice of Antidumping Order: Clad Steel Plate from Japan*, 61 FR 34421 (July 2, 1996) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 74977 (November 1, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

after the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*.³ The domestic interested party claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a producer of a domestic like product in the United States.

Commerce received a timely, adequate substantive response to the *Initiation Notice* from the domestic interested party within the 30-day period specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁴ Commerce did not receive substantive responses from any other interested parties, and no party requested a hearing.

On December 21, 2023, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from other interested parties.⁵ As a result, in accordance with section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited, *i.e.*, 120-day, sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the *Order*

The product covered by the *Order* is all clad steel plate from Japan of a width of 600 millimeters (mm) or more and a composite thickness of 4.5 mm or more. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁶

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin of dumping likely to prevail if the *Order* were revoked.⁷ A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized

³ *See* Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Notice of Intent to Participate," dated November 15, 2023.

⁴ *See* Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "NobelClad's Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation," dated November 29, 2023.

⁵ *See* Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on September 1, 2023," dated October 25, 2023.

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Fifth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Clad Steel Plate from Japan," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁷ *Id.*

Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and that the magnitude of the margin of dumping likely to prevail would be at a rate up to 118.53 percent.⁸

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to interested parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. 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 subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the results in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: February 29, 2024.

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for Policy and Negotiations,

performing the non-exclusive functions and duties

of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

⁸ *Id.* at 8-10.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Order*
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