



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### **Stainless Steel Bar from India: Continuation of Antidumping 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 on stainless steel bar (SS Bar) from India would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of this AD order.

**DATES:** Applicable February 28, 2024.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### Background

On February 21, 1995, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD Order on SS Bar from India.<sup>1</sup> On September 1, 2023, the ITC instituted,<sup>2</sup> and Commerce initiated,<sup>3</sup> the fifth sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Order* would likely

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<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India and Japan*, 60 FR 9661 (February 21, 1995) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Stainless Steel Bar from India; Institution of a Five-Year Review*, 88 FR 60486 (September 1, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 60438 (September 1, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping rates likely to prevail should the *Order* be revoked.<sup>4</sup>

On February 28, 2024, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>5</sup>

#### Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is SS Bar. SS Bar means articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons or other convex polygons. SS Bar includes cold-finished SS Bars that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from straightened and cut rod or wire, and reinforcing bars that have indentations, ribs, grooves, or other deformations produced during the rolling process.

Except as specified above, the term does not include stainless steel semi-finished products, cut length flat-rolled products (i.e., cut length rolled products which if less than 4.75 mm in thickness have a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness, or if 4.75 mm or more in thickness having a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness), wire (i.e., cold-formed products in coils, of any uniform solid cross section along their whole length, which do not conform to the definition of flat-rolled products), and angles, shapes and sections.

Imports of these products are currently classifiable under subheadings 7222.11.00, 7222.19.00, 7222.20.00, 7222.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). Although the

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<sup>4</sup> See *Stainless Steel Bar from India: Final Results of the Expedited Fifth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 89 FR 324 (January 3, 2024), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM).

<sup>5</sup> See *Stainless Steel Bar from India*, 89 FR 14718 (February 28, 2024) (*ITC Final Determination*).

HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the *Order* is dispositive.<sup>6</sup>

#### Continuation of the *Order*

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Order*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD 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 *Order* will be February 28, 2024.<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Order* not later than 30 days prior to fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

#### 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 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 sanctions.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

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

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<sup>6</sup> See *Order*.

<sup>7</sup> See *ITC Final Determination*.

Ryan Majerus,  
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