



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

**[A-570-104]**

### **Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022-2023**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Ningbo Dongxin High-Strength Nut Co., Ltd. (Ningbo Dongxin), the sole mandatory respondent in this review and an exporter of alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod (threaded rod) from the People's Republic of China (China), sold subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value (NV) during the period of review April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. Additionally, Commerce is rescinding this review with respect to Ningbo Zhongjiang High Strength Bolts Co., Ltd. (Ningbo Zhongjiang). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Claudia Cott, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4270.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **Background**

On April 9, 2020, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty order on threaded rod from China.<sup>1</sup> On June 12, 2023, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the *Order* covering two companies: Ningbo Dongxin and Ningbo Zhongjiang.<sup>2</sup> On November 30, 2023, we extended the deadline for these preliminary results of this review to April 26, 2024.<sup>3</sup> For a complete description of the events that occurred since the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup>

## **Scope of the *Order***<sup>5</sup>

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod from China. For a complete description of the scope of the order, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

## **Partial Rescission of Administrative Review**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. On June 16, 2023, Ningbo Zhongjiang timely withdrew its request for an administrative review of itself within the 90-day deadline.<sup>6</sup> No other parties requested a review of Ningbo Zhongjiang. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding the administrative review of Ningbo Zhongjiang.

## **Separate Rates**

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<sup>1</sup> *See Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 85 FR 19929 (April 9, 2020) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 38021 (June 12, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> *See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,"* dated November 30, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> *See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China; 2022-2023,"* dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>5</sup> *See Order*.

<sup>6</sup> *See Ningbo Zhongjiang's Letter, "Zhongjiang Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review,"* dated June 16, 2023.

Commerce preliminarily determines that Ningbo Dongxin is eligible to receive a separate rate in this administrative review.<sup>7</sup> For additional information, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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>.

### **China-Wide Entity**

Commerce’s policy regarding the conditional review of the China-wide entity applies to this administrative review.<sup>8</sup> Under this policy, the China-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the China-wide entity in this review, the China-wide entity is not under review, and the China-wide entity’s rate (*i.e.*, 48.91 percent)<sup>9</sup> is not subject to change.

### **Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### **Preliminary Results of the Review**

We preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, for the mandatory respondent:

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<sup>7</sup> *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 10-11.

<sup>8</sup> *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).

<sup>9</sup> *See Order*, 85 FR at 19930, adjusted for export subsidies as outlined in *Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021–2022*, 88 FR 18117 (March 27, 2023) (*Threaded Rod from China 2021-2022*).

<b>Exporter</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)</b>
Ningbo Dongxin High-Strength Nut Co., Ltd.	35.10

## **Disclosure and Public Comment**

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed in these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>10</sup> Interested parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this administrative review must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.<sup>11</sup>

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.<sup>12</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue.

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<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service*).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>12</sup> We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

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, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in case and rebuttal briefs.

All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, should be filed using ACCESS.<sup>13</sup> An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>14</sup>

### **Final Results of Review**

Unless the deadline is extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

### **Assessment Rates**

Upon completion of the final results, Commerce shall determine and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review.

If an examined respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we intend to calculate an importer-specific assessment rate for antidumping duties based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for each importer's examined sales and the total entered value of those

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<sup>13</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>14</sup> See *APO and Service*.

same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).<sup>15</sup> If the weighted-average dumping margin for Ningbo Dongxin or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of this review, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.<sup>16</sup> The final results of this administrative 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 deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.<sup>17</sup>

For Ningbo Zhongjiang, for which we are rescinding this administrative review, antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period of review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i).

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).

### **Cash Deposit Requirements**

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for shipments of the subject merchandise from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of review, as provided in section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for the subject merchandise exported by the company listed above that has a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then zero cash deposit will

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<sup>15</sup> See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*, 77 FR at 8102-03; see also 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

<sup>17</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

be required); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed Chinese and non-Chinese exporters of subject merchandise not listed above that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate; (3) for all Chinese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that for the China-wide entity, *i.e.*, 48.91 percent;<sup>18</sup> and (4) for all non-Chinese exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Chinese exporter that supplied that non-Chinese exporter. These 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 and/or countervailing 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 and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties, and/or an increase in the amount of antidumping duties by the amount of the countervailing duties.

### **Notification to Interested Parties**

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of this administrative review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.213, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 25, 2024.

### **Ryan Majerus,**

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*for Policy and Negotiations,*

*performing the non-exclusive functions and duties*

*of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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<sup>18</sup> See Order, 85 FR at 19930, adjusted for export subsidies as outlined in *Threaded Rod from China 2021–2022*.

## Appendix

### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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