



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on circular welded carbon quality steel line pipe (welded line pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of the Sunset Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 23, 2009, Commerce published the *Order* on welded line pipe from China.¹ On June 9, 2016, Commerce implemented its revised countervailable subsidy rates pursuant to the findings in the section 129 proceeding of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.² On

¹ See *Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Notice of Countervailing Duty Order*, 74 FR 4136 (January 23, 2009) (*Order*).

² See *Implementation of Determinations Pursuant to Section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act*, 81 FR 37180 (June 9, 2016); see also Memorandum, "Section 129 Proceeding: United States – Countervailing Duty Measures on Certain Products from the People's Republic of China (WTO/DS 437): Final Determination for Pressure Pipe, Line Pipe, OCTG, Wire Strand, and Solar Panels," dated May 19, 2016.

September 3, 2024, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the third sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ On September 17, 2024, Commerce received a notice of intent to participate from the American Line Pipe Producers Association Welded Line Pipe Committee⁴ (the domestic interested party), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).⁵ The domestic interested party claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b)(29)(viii) as an association whose members are domestic producers of the domestic like product.

On October 3, 2024, Commerce received an adequate substantive response from the domestic interested party within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁶ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any government or respondent interested party to this proceeding. On October 31, 2024, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.⁷ As a result, Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(B)(2) and (C)(2).

Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise covered by this *Order* is welded line pipe from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁸

Analysis of Comments Received

A complete discussion of all issues raised in this sunset review, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of subsidization and the countervailable subsidy rates likely to prevail if the *Order* were to be revoked, is provided in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 89 FR 71252 (September 3, 2024).

⁴ The members of the American Line Pipe Producers Association Welded Line Pipe Committee are American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Axis Pipe & Tube, Dura-Bond Industries, and Welspun Tubular LLC.

⁵ See Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review," dated September 17, 2024.

⁶ See Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation," dated October 3, 2024.

⁷ See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on September 3, 2024," dated October 31, 2024.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

A list of the topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached 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 Electronic Service System (ACCESS), which 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) and 752(b) of the Act, we determine that revocation of the *Order* would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the following net countervailable subsidy rates:

Producers/Exporters	Net Countervailable Subsidy Rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Huludao Seven–Star Steel Pipe Group Co., Ltd., Huludao Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd., and Huludao Bohai Oil Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd.	32.65
Liaoning Northern Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.	40.05
All Others	36.35

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing these final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: December 18, 2024.

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Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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