



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe 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 circular welded carbon  
quality steel line pipe (welded line pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China) would  
likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and countervailable subsidies, and  
material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of  
continuation of these AD and CVD orders.

DATES: Applicable March 20, 2025.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On May 13, 2009 and January 23, 2009, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the  
AD and CVD orders, respectively, on welded line pipe from China.<sup>1</sup> On September 3, 2024, the

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<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 74 FR 22515 (May 13, 2009); see also *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) (collectively, *Orders*).

ITC instituted,<sup>2</sup> and Commerce initiated,<sup>3</sup> the third sunset reviews of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 751(c) 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 the 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.<sup>4</sup>

On March 20, 2025, 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 continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>5</sup>

### Scope of the *Orders*

The merchandise covered by the *Orders* is circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe of a kind used for oil and gas pipelines (welded line pipe), not more than 406.4 mm (16 inches) in outside diameter, regardless of wall thickness, length, surface finish, end finish or stenciling.

The term “carbon quality steel” includes both carbon steel and carbon steel mixed with small amounts of alloying elements that may exceed the individual weight limits for non-alloy steels imposed in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Specifically, the term “carbon quality” includes products in which (1) iron predominates by weight over each of the other contained elements, (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less by weight and (3) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity by weight respectively indicated:

(i) 2.00 percent of manganese,

(ii) 2.25 percent of silicon,

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<sup>2</sup> See *Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from China; Institution of Five-Year Reviews*, 89 FR 71419 (September 3, 2024).

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

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Line Pipe from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Third Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 90 FR 304 (January 3, 2025), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM); see also *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*, 89 FR 104981 (December 26, 2024), and accompanying IDM.

<sup>5</sup> See *Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from China*, 90 FR 13196 (March 20, 2025) (*ITC Final Determination*).

- (iii) 1.00 percent of copper,
- (iv) 0.50 percent of aluminum,
- (v) 1.25 percent of chromium,
- (vi) 0.30 percent of cobalt,
- (vii) 0.40 percent of lead,
- (viii) 1.25 percent of nickel,
- (ix) 0.30 percent of tungsten,
- (x) 0.012 percent of boron,
- (xi) 0.50 percent of molybdenum,
- (xii) 0.15 percent of niobium,
- (xiii) 0.41 percent of titanium,
- (xiv) 0.15 percent of vanadium, or
- (xv) 0.15 percent of zirconium.

Welded line pipe is normally produced to specifications published by the American Petroleum Institute (API) (or comparable foreign specifications) including API A-25, 5LA, 5LB, and X grades from 42 and above, and/or any other proprietary grades or non-graded material. Nevertheless, all pipe meeting the physical description set forth above that is of a kind used in oil and gas pipelines, including all multiple-stenciled pipe with an API welded line pipe stencil is covered by the scope of the *Orders*.

Excluded from the scope are pipes of a kind used for oil and gas pipelines that are multiple-stenciled to a standard and/or structural specification and have one or more of the following characteristics: Is 32 feet in length or less; is less than 2.0 inches (50 mm) in outside diameter; has a galvanized and/or painted surface finish; or has a threaded and/or coupled end finish. (The term “painted” does not include coatings to inhibit rust in transit, such as varnish, but includes coatings such as polyester.)

The welded line pipe products that are the subject of the *Orders* are currently classifiable in the HTSUS under subheadings 7306.19.10.10, 7306.19.10.50, 7306.19.51.10, and 7306.19.51.50. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the *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 continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, 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 *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 March 20, 2025.<sup>6</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 *Orders* 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 sanction.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

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<sup>6</sup> See *ITC Final Determination*.

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 section 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

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