



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2022-2023

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Hoa Phat Steel Pipe Company Limited (Hoa Phat) had no shipments of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube (LWRPT) from the People's Republic of China (China) during the period of review (POR) August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023. Further, going forward, Hoa Phat will be eligible to participate in the certification program previously established with respect to the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on LWRPT from China, and the AD orders on LWRPT from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Taiwan.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 13, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* in the 2022-2023 administrative review of AD order on LWRPT from China¹ and invited interested parties to comment.² From November 18, through November 20, 2024, Commerce conducted an on-site verification of the information submitted on the record of this review by Hoa Phat in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam).³ On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative review by 90 days.⁴ On January 30, 2025, Commerce released the verification report for Hoa Phat⁵ and established deadlines for submitting comments on the *Preliminary Results*.⁶ On March 14, 2025, Commerce issued a memorandum clarifying that the findings in these final results of review with respect to Hoa Phat, specifically that Hoa Phat's ability to certify as to the origin of the hot-rolled steel (HRS) used to produce LWRPT in Vietnam, applies to the *China CVD Order*,⁷ the *Korea AD Order*,⁸ and the *Taiwan AD Order*,⁹ and we invited parties to comment.¹⁰ No parties commented on the *Preliminary Results*, the verification report, or Commerce's Eligibility to Certify Memorandum. On April 11, 2025, we

¹ See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea: Antidumping Duty Orders; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 73 FR 45403 (August 5, 2008) (*China AD Order*); and *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Countervailing Duty Order*, 73 FR 45405 (August 5, 2008) (*China CVD Order*) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2022–2023*, 89 FR 74875 (September 13, 2024) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

³ See Memorandum, "Verification of Hoa Phat Steel Pipe Co. Ltd.'s Questionnaire Responses," dated January 30, 2025 (Hoa Phat Verification Report).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadline for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁵ See Hoa Phat Verification Report.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Establishment of Briefing Schedule," dated January 30, 2025.

⁷ We note that there is a concurrent administrative review of the *China CVD Order*.

⁸ See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea: Antidumping Duty Orders; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 73 FR 45403 (August 5, 2008) (*Korea AD Order*).

⁹ See *Antidumping Duty Order; Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan*, 54 FR 12467 (March 27, 1989) (*Taiwan AD Order*).

¹⁰ See Memorandum, "Intent to Apply Hoa Phat's Eligibility to Certify Under the Countervailing Duty Order on Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China, and the Antidumping Duty Orders On Light-Walled Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing From Taiwan and Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea," dated March 14, 2025 (Eligibility to Certify Memorandum).

extended the deadline for the final results of this review by 30 days.¹¹ Accordingly, the deadline for these final results is now May 12, 2025.

Scope of the *China AD Order*

The merchandise subject to the *China AD Order* is certain welded carbon quality light-walled steel pipe and tube, of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a wall thickness of less than 4 mm. The term carbon-quality steel includes both carbon steel and alloy steel which contains only small amounts of alloying elements. Specifically, the term carbon-quality includes products in which none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity by weight respectively indicated: 1.80 percent of manganese, or 2.25 percent of silicon, or 1.00 percent of copper, or 0.50 percent of aluminum, or 1.25 percent of chromium, or 0.30 percent of cobalt, or 0.40 percent of lead, or 1.25 percent of nickel, or 0.30 percent of tungsten, or 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or 0.10 percent of niobium, or 0.15 percent vanadium, or 0.15 percent of zirconium. The description of carbon-quality is intended to identify carbon-quality products within the scope. The welded carbon-quality rectangular pipe and tube subject to this *Order* is currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), subheadings 7306.61.50.00 and 7306.61.70.60. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the *Order* is dispositive.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this administrative review of the *China AD Order* in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

¹¹ See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated April 11, 2025.

As no parties commented on the *Preliminary Results*, the verification report, or the Eligibility to Certify Memorandum, we have adopted the *Preliminary Results* as these final results, and no decision memoranda accompany this *Federal Register* notice.

We continue to find that Hoa Phat is eligible to certify the origin of the HRS that it uses to produce LWRPT in Vietnam, and that this eligibility to certify applies to the *China AD and CVD Orders*, the *Korea AD Order*, and the *Taiwan AD Order*.

Final Determination of No Shipments of Subject Merchandise

Consistent with the *Preliminary Results*, we continue to determine that the sole respondent under review, Hoa Phat, supported its claim that the LWRPT it produced in Vietnam and exported to the United States during the POR is non-subject LWRPT. Specifically, Commerce determined that Hoa Phat only used HRS from Vietnamese HRS producers to produce its exports of LWRPT that entered the United States during the POR. Thus, Commerce's *Preliminary Results* are unchanged for these final results.

Eligibility to Certify

Commerce hereby determines that Hoa Phat is eligible to participate in the certification program previously established in the *China Circumvention Determination*,¹² the *Korea Circumvention Determination*,¹³ and the *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*.¹⁴ In each of these final determinations, Commerce stated:

Because entries of LWRPT produced or exported by Hoa Phat currently must be entered as subject to the cash deposit rates established under the *LWRPT China Orders* pursuant to Commerce's *Preliminary Determinations*, Hoa Phat, or any other interested party with standing to request a review of Hoa Phat's entries may request an administrative review of its entries under the *LWRPT China Orders*. At this time, GS Global and Hoa Phat have already requested a review of Hoa Phat for

¹² See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 77283 (November 9, 2023) (*China Circumvention Determination*), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM).

¹³ See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 77266 (November 9, 2023) (*Korea Circumvention Determination*), and accompanying IDM.

¹⁴ See *Light-Walled Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 77274 (November 9, 2023) (*Taiwan Circumvention Determination*), and accompanying IDM.

the most recent period of reviews of the *LWRPT China Orders*, and these reviews have been initiated. We intend to further consider Hoa Phat's eligibility to certify the origin of the HRS used to produce LWRPT in the context of these reviews.¹⁵

Commerce based its decision to not permit Hoa Phat to certify the origin of the HRS used to produce LWRPT in Vietnam because:

{Hoa Phat's} unwillingness to cooperate{} prevented Commerce the opportunity to use that party's information to conduct its analysis, or to assess and verify such party's ability to trace its inputs to produce subject merchandise shipped to the United States.¹⁶

Commerce hereby determines that Hoa Phat is eligible to participate in the certification program because Hoa Phat records the origin of its HRS purchases in its books and records, and Hoa Phat is able to trace through its production processes the origin of the HRS used to produce LWRPT shipped to the United States.¹⁷ As Commerce states in the Hoa Phat Verification Report, Hoa Phat company officials showed verifiers how they are able to track HRS through their entire production system.¹⁸ We further determine that Hoa Phat's eligibility to participate in the certification program based on the *China Circumvention Determination*, the *Korea Circumvention Determination*, and the *Taiwan Circumvention Determination* is effective as of the publication date of the final results in the *Federal Register*. As noted above, Hoa Phat's eligibility to certify includes the *China AD and CVD Orders*, the *Korea AD Order*, and the *Taiwan AD Order*.

China-Wide Entity

¹⁵ See *China Circumvention Determination* IDM at 26-27 (internal citations omitted); *Korea Circumvention Determination* IDM at 27 (internal citations omitted); *Taiwan Circumvention Determination* IDM at 27 (internal citations omitted).

¹⁶ See *Korea Circumvention Determination* IDM at 22 (citing *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 84 FR 29164 (June 21, 2019); *Certain Tissue Paper Products from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 76 FR 47551 (August 5, 2011); *Certain Tissue Paper Products from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 74 FR 29172 (June 19, 2009); and *Max Fortune Indus. Co. v. United States*, Slip Op. 2013-52 (CIT April 15, 2013)); *Taiwan Circumvention Determination* IDM at 22 (internal citations omitted); and *China Circumvention Determination* IDM at 21 (internal citations omitted).

¹⁷ See Hoa Phat Verification Report at 5-6 and 8-10.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 6.

Under Commerce's policy regarding the conditional review of the China-wide entity,¹⁹ the China-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the China-wide entity. Because no party has requested a review of the China-wide entity for this POR, the entity is not under review, and the China-wide entity's cash deposit rate for estimated antidumping duties, *i.e.*, 255.07 percent, is not subject to change.²⁰

Disclosure

Because we have not modified our analysis from the *Preliminary Results*, there are no calculations to disclose for the final results.

LWRPT Finished in Vietnam

Based on the affirmative country-wide determinations of circumvention for Vietnam in the *China Circumvention Determination*, the *Korea Circumvention Determination*, and the *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(1)(3), we directed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties on unliquidated entries of LWRPT completed in Vietnam using China-²¹ Korea-²² or Taiwan-origin²³ HRS, that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for

¹⁹ 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).

²⁰ See *Implementation of Determinations Under Section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act: Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires; Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe; Laminated Woven Sacks; and Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China*, 77 FR 52683, 52688 (August 30, 2012); see also *Order*, 73 FR 45403.

²¹ See *China Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77284-85.

²² See *Korea Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77267-68.

²³ See *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77275-77.

consumption on or after the date of publication of the initiation of the circumvention inquiries in the *Federal Register*.²⁴

If an importer enters into the United States LWRPT produced in Vietnam, and claims that the LWRPT was not produced from China-, Korea-, or Taiwan-origin HRS,²⁵ or alternatively, claims that the LWRPT was produced using an input other than HRS, the importer and exporter are required to meet the certification and documentation requirements described in the “Certifications” and “Certification Requirements” sections of the *China Circumvention Determination*, the *Korea Circumvention Determination*, and the *Taiwan Circumvention Determination* to not be subject to the cash deposit requirements of the *China Order*, *Taiwan Order*, or *Korea Order*.²⁶

Assessment of Antidumping Duties

Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b). All entries of LWRPT from Vietnam produced or exported by Hoa Phat and entered into the United States during the POR were suspended under the *China AD Order*. Because we find that all the suspended entries of LWRPT produced or exported by Hoa Phat during the POR are not subject to the *China AD Order*, the *Korea AD Order*, or the *Taiwan AD Order*, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate such entries of LWRPT without regard to antidumping duties.

²⁴ See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 21985, 21986-87 (April 12, 2023), *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 22002, 22003-04 (April 12, 2023), and *Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 21980, 21981-82 (April 12, 2023), unchanged in *China Circumvention Determination*, *Korea Circumvention Determination*, and *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*.

²⁵ We note that Hoa Phat claimed, and we confirmed, that the HRS that Hoa Phat used in the production of its entries of LWRPT into the United States during the POR are made only of HRS produced in Vietnam and no other country.

²⁶ See *China Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77284-85 (explaining the certification requirements) and 88 FR 77286-87 (providing the required importer and exporter certifications); see also *Korea Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77267-68 (explaining the certification requirements) and 88 FR 77268-70 (providing the required importer and exporter certifications) and *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77276-77 (explaining the certification requirements) and 88 FR 77277-78 (providing the required importer and exporter certifications).

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of these final results of 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).

Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements

For LWRPT produced in China, the final results of this review do not alter the previous suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements.²⁷ Further, for LWRPT produced in Vietnam by a company other than Hoa Phat, the suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements established in the *China Circumvention Determination*, the *Korea Circumvention Determination*, and the *Taiwan Circumvention Determination* remain unchanged.²⁸

For LWRPT from Vietnam produced or exported by Hoa Phat, these final results of review revise the suspension of liquidation and cash deposit instructions established in the *China Circumvention Determination*, the *Korea Circumvention Determination*, and the *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*. Specifically, Hoa Phat is now permitted to certify that its merchandise was not produced from China-origin, Korea-origin, or Taiwan-origin HRS, as described in each of Commerce's final circumvention determinations, respectively.²⁹ Commerce has established the following company-specific third country CBP case numbers for Hoa Phat in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for entries of LWRPT from Vietnam: A-552-914-001 (*China AD Order*), A-552-859-000 (*Korea AD Order*) and A-552-863-000 (*Taiwan AD Order*).

If the exporter *or* the importer fails to properly certify that an entry of LWRPT produced by Hoa Phat was not produced using China-origin HRS, then Commerce intends to instruct CBP

²⁷ See *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021–2022*, 88 FR 58244 (August 25, 2023).

²⁸ See *China Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77284; *Korea Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77267; and *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77275-76.

²⁹ *China Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77284; *Korea Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77267; and *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77275-76.

to suspend the liquidation of the entry of such LWRPT under CBP case number A-552-914-001 and require a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties at the rate of 255.07 percent.³⁰

If the exporter *and* the importer properly certify that an entry of LWRPT produced by Hoa Phat in Vietnam was not produced using China-origin HRS, then Commerce intends to instruct CBP to suspend the liquidation of the entry of such LWRPT under CBP case number A-552-863-000 and require a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties at a rate of 18.05 percent, unless both the importer and the exporter have also certified that the entry was not produced from Taiwan-origin HRS.³¹

If the exporter *and* the importer properly certify that an entry of LWRPT produced by Hoa Phat in Vietnam was not produced using China-origin or Taiwan-origin HRS, then Commerce intends to instruct CBP to suspend the liquidation of the entry of such LWRPT under CBP case number A-552-859-000 and require a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties at a rate of 15.79 percent, unless both the importer and the exporter have also certified that the entered product was not produced from Korea-origin HRS.³²

If the exporter *and* the importer properly certify that an entry of LWRPT produced by Hoa Phat in Vietnam was not produced using China-, Taiwan-, or Korea-origin HRS, then Commerce intends to instruct CBP that the entry is not subject to the *China AD Order*, *Taiwan AD Order*, or *Korea AD Order*.

These suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice. Failure to comply with the applicable requisite certification requirements may result in the merchandise being subject to AD or CVD duties.

³⁰ No weighted-average dumping margin was calculated as part of these final results for Hoa Phat, and, therefore, its cash deposit rate for estimated antidumping duties under the *China AD Order* continues to be the rate established in the *China Circumvention Determination*. See *China Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77284.

³¹ This is the rate established in *Taiwan Circumvention Determination* based on the all-others rate under the *Taiwan AD Order*. See *Taiwan Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77275-76.

³² This is the rate established in *Korea Circumvention Determination* based on the all-others rate under the *Korea AD Order*. See *Korea Circumvention Determination*, 88 FR 77267.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final 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 POR. 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.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction or return 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 destruction or return 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 sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results of review and this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h) and 351.221(b)(5).

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performing the non-exclusive functions and duties

of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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