



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2023

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that countervailable subsidies were provided to a producer and exporter of certain passenger vehicles and light truck tires (PVLТ) from the People's Republic of China (China) during the period of review (POR), January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. In addition, Commerce is rescinding this review, in part, with respect to the nine companies listed in Appendix II of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 10, 2015, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the countervailing duty (CVD) order on PVLТs from China.¹ On August 1, 2024, Commerce initiated this

¹ See *Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Order; and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Countervailing Duty Order*, 80 FR 47902 (August 10, 2015) (*Order*).

administrative review of the *Order*.² On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by 90 days.³ The current deadline for the preliminary results in this administrative review is August 1, 2025.

On January 31, 2024, Commerce selected Jiangsu General Science Technology Co., Ltd. (General Science) for individual examination as the mandatory respondent in this review. On January 17, 2025, Commerce received a letter of intent to not participate in the review by General Science.⁴ We received no response from the Government of China to the Initial Questionnaire.⁵ Because all review requests were rescinded for the remaining companies, Commerce did not select additional mandatory respondents.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I to this notice. 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 <http://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>.

Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is PVLTs from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁷

² *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 62714 (August 1, 2024).

³ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated December 9, 2024.

⁴ *See* General Science's Letter, "Intent Not to Respond as a Mandatory Respondent," dated January 17, 2025.

⁵ *See* Commerce's Letter, "Initial Questionnaire," dated February 10, 2025 (Initial Questionnaire).

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the 2023 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ *Id.*

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy (*i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific).⁸ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, including our reliance on adverse facts available (AFA) pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, *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 the parties that requested a review withdraw the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation. Commerce received timely-filed withdrawal requests with respect to nine companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).⁹ Because the withdrawal requests were timely filed, and no other parties requested a review of these companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding this review of the *Order* with respect to these nine companies listed in Appendix II of this notice. For additional information regarding this determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.¹⁰

Preliminary Results of Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following net countervailable subsidy rates exist for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Company	Subsidy Rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Jiangsu General Science Technology Co., Ltd.	125.50

Cash Deposit Requirements

⁸ *See* sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁹ *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

¹⁰ *Id.*

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends upon publication of the final results, to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of the estimated countervailing duties in the amounts calculated in the final results of this review for the respective companies listed above with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. If the rate calculated in the final results is zero or *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required on shipments of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

For all non-reviewed firms, CBP will continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the all-others rate or the most recent company-specific rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Assessment Rates

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we preliminarily determined subsidy rates in the amounts shown above for the producers/exporters shown above. Upon completion of the administrative review, consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.

For the companies for which this review is rescinded with these preliminary results, we will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). For the companies remaining in the review, we intend 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).

Disclosure and Public Comment

Normally, Commerce discloses its calculations and analysis performed in connection with the preliminary results to interested parties within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce preliminarily applied total AFA in the calculation of the benefit for General Science, and the AFA rates are based on rates calculated in prior segments of the proceeding, there are no calculations to disclose.

Interested Parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of the 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.¹¹ Interested parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹²

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide a public 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.¹³ 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

¹¹ 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 Final Rule*).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹³ We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁴ 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 the respective case briefs.¹⁵ An electronically-filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless extended, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of the issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the *Federal Register*, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 29, 2025.

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for Policy and Negotiations,

performing the non-exclusive functions and duties

of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

¹⁴ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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- II. Background
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Appendix II

Companies to be Rescinded

1. Qingdao Fullrun Tyre Corp., Ltd.
2. Qingdao Keter International Co., Limited.
3. Qingdao Lakesea Tyre Co., Ltd.
4. Sailun Group Co., Ltd.
5. Sailun Group (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd.
6. Shandong Haohua Tire Co., Ltd.
7. Sumitomo Rubber (Changshu) Co. Ltd.; Sumitomo Rubber (China) Co., Ltd.; Sumitomo Rubber (Hunan) Co., Ltd.
8. Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.
9. Zhaoqing Junhong Co., Ltd.

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