



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-475-840]

### Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from Italy: Preliminary Results and Rescission in Part of Antidumping 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 certain producers/exporters of forged steel fluid end blocks (fluid end blocks) from Italy made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. We are rescinding this administrative review, in part, with respect to one company. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maria Teresa Aymerich or Paul Kebker, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0499 or (202) 482-2254, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On January 29, 2021, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty order on fluid end blocks from Italy.<sup>1</sup> On March 5, 2024, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the notice of initiation of the administrative review of the *Order*.<sup>2</sup> On May 7, 2024,

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<sup>1</sup> See *Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy: Amended Final Antidumping Duty Determination for the Federal Republic of Germany and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 86 FR 7528 (January 29, 2021) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 15827 (March 5, 2024).

Commerce selected Cogne Acciai Speciali S.p.A (Cogne) and Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A.<sup>3</sup> for individual examination as mandatory respondents in this administrative review.<sup>4</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>5</sup> On September 9, 2024, Commerce extended the time limit for these preliminary results to February 6, 2025.<sup>6</sup> On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by 90 days.<sup>7</sup> As a result, the deadline for these preliminary results is May 7, 2025. For a complete description of the events that occurred since the initiation of the administrative review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as the appendix 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 <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>.

### **Scope of the *Order***

The merchandise subject to the *Order* are fluid end blocks from Italy. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### **Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part**

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<sup>3</sup> We preliminarily find that Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A. (LMA) is affiliated with Lucchini Industries S.r.l. (LIND) and Lucchini RS S.p.A. (LRS) (LMA, LIND, and LRS are collectively referred to as Lucchini).

<sup>4</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated May 7, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022," dated September 9, 2024.

<sup>7</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

<sup>8</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from Italy; 2023," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), Commerce will rescind an administrative review when there are no reviewable suspended entries. Based on our analysis of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) information, we preliminarily determine that one company, ST9 Gas + Oil, LLC (ST9), had no entries of subject merchandise during the POR. On February 19, 2025, we notified parties of our intent to rescind this administrative review with respect to ST9, which has no reviewable suspended entries.<sup>9</sup> On March 3, 2025, the petitioners commented on our intent to rescind the review for ST9.<sup>10</sup> On March 7, 2025, Lucchini filed a response to the petitioners' rescission comments.<sup>11</sup> After considering these comments, we are rescinding the administrative review for the one company with no entries of subject merchandise during the POR, ST9.

### **Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). We calculated export prices and NV in accordance with sections 772 and 773 of the Act, respectively. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### **Preliminary Results of Review**

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

<b>Producer/Exporter</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)</b>
Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A.; Lucchini Industries S.r.l.; Lucchini RS S.p.A.	8.87
Cogne Acciai Speciali S.p.A.	0.00

### **Verification**

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<sup>9</sup> See Memorandum, "Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, in Part," dated February 19, 2025.

<sup>10</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Comments on Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, In Part," dated March 3, 2025.

<sup>11</sup> See Lucchini's Letter, "Lucchini Mamé Forge S.p.A. Response to Petitioners' Rescission Comments," dated March 7, 2025.

Commerce received a timely request from the petitioners to verify the information submitted in this administrative review, pursuant to 19 CFR 307(b)(1)(iv).<sup>12</sup> As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify information reported by Lucchini prior to issuing its final results.

### **Disclosure**

We intend to disclose the calculations and analyses performed to interested parties for the preliminary results of review within five days of public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register* in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

### **Public Comment**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs or other written comments to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the verification report is issued in this administrative review. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>13</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), 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>14</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>15</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each

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<sup>12</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Comments Concerning Verification," dated July 8, 2024.

<sup>13</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Final Service Rule*).

<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2)

<sup>15</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.

issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the 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 executive summary of each issue.

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. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the date and time for the hearing.<sup>16</sup>

All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, should be filed using ACCESS.<sup>17</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>18</sup>

### **Final Results of Review**

Unless otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, pursuant to 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

### **Assessment Rates**

Upon completion of the final results of this administrative review, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act, Commerce shall determine and CBP shall assess antidumping duties on

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<sup>16</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>17</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>18</sup> See *APO and Final Service Rule*.

all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review.<sup>19</sup> If an examined respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.5 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 same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). For the companies identified above that were not selected for individual examination, we will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties at a rate equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of review. If the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin 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.

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by either of the individually examined respondents for which they did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate these entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>20</sup>

For the companies for which this review is rescinded with these preliminary results, we will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping 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). 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

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<sup>19</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

<sup>20</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired, *i.e.*, within 90 days of publication.

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>21</sup>

### **Cash Deposit Requirements**

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the companies listed above will be that established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed companies not covered in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific cash deposit rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the company participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the investigation of sales at less-than-fair-value (LTFV), but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 7.33 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>22</sup> These cash 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

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<sup>21</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

<sup>22</sup> See *Order*, 86 FR at 7530.

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 countervailing duties.

### **Notification to Interested Parties**

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

Dated: May 7, 2025.

**Christopher Abbott,**

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*for Policy and Negotiations,*

*performing the non-exclusive functions and duties*

*of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

## **Appendix I**

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

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