



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-423-808]

#### **Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium: Preliminary Results and Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2023-2024**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that Aperam Stainless Belgium NV (ASB) did not make sales of stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

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

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### Background

On May 21, 1999, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty (AD) *Order* on stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium.<sup>1</sup> On May 2, 2024, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* for the POR.<sup>2</sup> On July 5, 2024, based on timely requests for review and in accordance

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<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Orders; Certain Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, Canada, Italy, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan*, 64 FR 27756 (May 21, 1999) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 89 FR 35778 (May 2, 2024).

with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the *Order* covering five exporters and/or producers.<sup>3</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>4</sup> On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by an additional 90 days.<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce extended the deadline for these preliminary results to June 6, 2025.<sup>6</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>7</sup> A list of the topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included 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 covered by this *Order* is stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Rescission of Administrative Review, In Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of an AD order when there are no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the

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<sup>3</sup> *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 55567, 55570 (July 5, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>4</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated May 7, 2025.

<sup>7</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium; 2023-2024," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

POR for which liquidation is suspended.<sup>8</sup> Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the AD assessment rate calculated for the review period.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be at least one reviewable, suspended entry that Commerce can instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate at the AD assessment rate calculated for the review period.<sup>10</sup> Based on our analysis of CBP information, there were no entries of subject merchandise during the POR for the following companies subject to the review: 1) ArcelorMittal Genk; 2) Fenixs Steel NV; 3) Helaxa BVBA; and 4) Industeel Belgium. As a result, on August 8, 2024, Commerce notified all interested parties of its intent to rescind this review, in part, with respect to these companies and received no comments.<sup>11</sup> Accordingly, Commerce is rescinding this review, in part, with respect to these four companies. The administrative review remains active with respect to the mandatory respondent, ASB.

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Act. Constructed export price was calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying these preliminary results, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Preliminary Results of the Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)</b>
Aperam Stainless Belgium N.V.	0.00

#### Disclosure

<sup>8</sup> *See, e.g., Diocetyl Terephthalate from the Republic of Korea: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review; 2021–2022*, 88 FR 24758 (April 24, 2023); *see also Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut- to Length Plate from the Federal Republic of Germany: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review; 2020–2021*, 88 FR 4157 (January 24, 2023).

<sup>9</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

<sup>10</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

<sup>11</sup> *See* Memorandum, “Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, in Part,” dated August 8, 2024.

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of any 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

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. 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.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the 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 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 that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue.

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<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309.

<sup>13</sup> 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*).

<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.

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. An electronically-filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety via ACCESS by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised in any the written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless otherwise extended.<sup>16</sup>

All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, must be filed electronically using ACCESS.<sup>17</sup> An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5 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>

#### Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results of this review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.<sup>19</sup>

With respect to the companies for which we have rescinded this review, in part, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries at rates equal to the cash deposit rate of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or

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<sup>16</sup> See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

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

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

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

withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the POR, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i).

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).

If ASB's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent), we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* AD assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If the respondent has not reported entered values, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total quantity associated with those sales. To determine whether an importer-specific, per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we also will calculate an importer-specific *ad valorem* ratio based on estimated entered values. Where either a respondent's weighted average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.<sup>20</sup>

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by ASB for which it did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the all-others rate (*i.e.*, 9.86 percent) if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2); see also *Antidumping Proceeding: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012)

<sup>21</sup> See *Order*, 64 FR at 27757; see also *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

### 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 ASB will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative 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 reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific 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 in the less-than-fair-value investigation (LTFV) but the producer is, 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 the all-others rate of 9.86 percent, the rate established in the LTFV investigation of this proceeding.<sup>22</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Notification to Importers

This notice also 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 duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2) and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

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<sup>22</sup> See *Order*, 64 FR at 27757.

**Dated:** May 29, 2025.

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*performing the non-exclusive functions and duties*

*of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

## Appendix

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

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