



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from the Republic of Korea: 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 determines that certain exporters/producers of certain cut-to-length plate (CTL plate) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Commerce is also rescinding this review, in part, with respect to six companies. 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 February 10, 2000, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the countervailing duty (CVD) order on CTL plate from Korea.¹ On April 9, 2024, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the initiation of the CVD administrative review of the *Order* for the period of

¹ See *Notice of Amended Final Determinations: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from India and the Republic of Korea; and Notice of Countervailing Duty Orders: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea*, 65 FR 6587 (February 10, 2000) (*Order*).

January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.² On June 12, 2024, Commerce selected Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd. (DSM) and Hyundai Steel Company (Hyundai Steel), as the mandatory respondents in this administrative review.³

On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁴ On October 15, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this administrative review from November 7, 2024,⁵ to March 7, 2025, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).⁶ Additionally, on December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline to issue the preliminary results of this administrative review by 90 days.⁷ Accordingly, the deadline for these preliminary results is now June 5, 2025.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁸ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included in 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 product covered by this *Order* is certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 24780 (April 9, 2024).

³ *See* Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated June 12, 2024.

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

⁵ Inclusive of the 7-day deadline toll.

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2023," dated October 15, 2024.

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

⁸ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from the Republic of Korea; 2023," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part

On July 8, 2024, the domestic interested parties⁹ timely withdrew their request for an administrative review of: 1) Ajin Industrial Co., Ltd.; 2) BDP International; 3) Daeik Eng Co., Ltd.; 4) Ohsung Co., Ltd.; 5) Samjin Lnd Co., Ltd.; and 6) and Sung Jin Steel Co., Ltd.¹⁰ No other party requested a review of these companies. Accordingly, we are rescinding this review, in part, with respect to these six companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this CVD 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 countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that confers a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.¹¹ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the following net countervailable subsidy rates exist for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Company	Net Countervailable Subsidy Rate (percent)
Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd. ¹²	2.21
Hyundai Steel Company ¹³	1.31

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of the date of any public announcement or, if there is no

⁹ The domestic interested parties are Nucor Corporation (Nucor), SSAB Enterprises, LLC, and Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.
¹⁰ *See* Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Partial Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review,” dated July 8, 2024.

¹¹ *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.

¹² Commerce preliminarily finds the following company to be cross-owned with DSM: Dongkuk Holdings Co., Ltd.

¹³ Commerce preliminarily finds the following companies to be cross-owned with Hyundai Steel: Hyundai Green Power Co., Ltd., Hyundai IFC Co., Ltd., and Hyundai ITC Co., Ltd.

public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Verification

On July 18, 2024, Nucor requested that Commerce conduct verification of Hyundai Steel in this review.¹⁴ Accordingly, as provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify certain information relied upon in making its final results of review.

Public Comment

Interested parties will be notified of the timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments at a later date. 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.¹⁵ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹⁶

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.¹⁷ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each 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

¹⁴ See Nucor's Letter, "Request for Verification," dated July 18, 2024.

¹⁵ 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, Service, and Other Procedures*).

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁷ 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. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁸

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 by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Assessment Rates

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), Commerce has preliminarily assigned subsidy rates as indicated above. Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. 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 entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

For the companies for which this review is rescinded, Commerce 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

¹⁸ See *APO, Service, and Other Procedures*.

19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue rescission instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated 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. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised by parties in their 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.

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 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: June 5, 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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