



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Diffusion-Annealed, Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products from Japan: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission 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 determines that certain producers/exporters subject to this administrative review did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024. We are also partially rescinding this review with respect to companies for which all review requests were timely withdrawn. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 29, 2014, Commerce published the antidumping duty order on diffusion-annealed, nickel-plated flat-rolled steel products (nickel-plated steel products) from Japan in the *Federal Register*.¹ On July 5, 2024, based on timely requests for review, we initiated an administrative review of the *Order* with respect to eight companies: Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd.

¹ See *Diffusion-Annealed, Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products from Japan: Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 30816 (May 29, 2014) (*Order*).

(Toyo Kohan); KAGA, Inc. (KAGA); Marubeni-Itochu Steel, Inc. (Marubeni); Okaya & Co., Ltd. (Okaya); Oneda Corporation; Oneda Electric Corporation (Oneda Electric); Nikken Lath Kogyo Co., Ltd. (Nikken Lath); and Panasonic Operational Excellence Co., Ltd. (Panasonic).²

On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.³ On September 24, 2024, Thomas Steel Strip Corporation (the petitioner) timely withdrew its review request for KAGA, Inc., Marubeni-Itochu Steel, Inc., Okaya & Co., Ltd., Oneda Corporation, Oneda Electric Corporation, Nikken Lath Kogyo Co., Ltd., and Panasonic Operational Excellence Co., Ltd.⁴ On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by 90 days.⁵ On April 23, 2025, Commerce extended the preliminary results of this review to no later than July 17, 2025.⁶

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁷ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an 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

² *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 55567 (July 5, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

³ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

⁴ *See* Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioners' Partial Withdrawal of Request for 2023/2024 Administrative Review," dated September 24, 2024 (Petitioner's Withdrawal Letter).

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

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of the Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2023-2024 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated April 23, 2025.

⁷ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2022-2023 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Diffusion-Annealed, Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products from Japan," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

The products subject to the *Order* are nickel-plated steel products from Japan. For a full 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)(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 *Initiation Notice*. On September 12, 2023, the petitioner filed a timely withdrawal of its review request for KAGA, Marubeni, Okaya, Oneda Corporation, Oneda Electric, Nikken Lath, and Panasonic.⁸ Because no other party requested a review of these seven companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding this review with respect to them.

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 price in accordance with section 772 of the Act. We calculated NV 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

We preliminarily determine the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024:

Producer or Exporter	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd.	0.00

Disclosure

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

⁸ See Petitioner's Withdrawal Letter.

announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice 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.⁹ 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.¹⁰ 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.¹¹

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.¹² 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. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹³

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309.

¹⁰ 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*).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹² We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹³ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

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 within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. 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. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing.¹⁴

All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, should be filed via ACCESS.¹⁵ 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).

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of this administrative review, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of those sales. Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.¹⁶

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.303.

¹⁶ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

In accordance with Commerce’s “automatic assessment” practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Toyo Kohan for which the company did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation (*i.e.*, 45.42 percent),¹⁷ if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹⁸

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP for Toyo Kohan 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 we are rescinding this review, Commerce 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, during the period May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue these rescission instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following 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 company listed above 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

¹⁷ See *Order*, 79 FR at 30817.

¹⁸ For a full description of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not covered in this review, 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 was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the LTFV investigation, 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 45.42 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.¹⁹ These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

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 the issues raised in any written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) 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 duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

¹⁹ See *Order*, 79 FR at 30817.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: July 17, 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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