



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-533-887]

#### **Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India: Preliminary Results 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) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on carbon and alloy steel threaded rod (steel threaded rod) from India for the period of review (POR) April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Commerce preliminary finds that Mangal Steel Enterprises Limited (Mangal) did not make sales of subject merchandise at prices below normal value (NV) during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Shore, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202)-482-3261.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### Background

On April 9, 2020, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD order on steel threaded rod from India.<sup>1</sup> On April 1, 2024, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* for the POR.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the

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<sup>1</sup> See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 85 FR 19925 (April 9, 2020) (*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 22390 (April 1, 2024).

Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), Commerce received timely requests to conduct an administrative review of the *Order* from Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (the petitioner) and Mangal.<sup>3</sup> On June 12, 2024, Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on steel threaded rod from India, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act.<sup>4</sup> This review covers one producer/exporter of subject merchandise, Mangal.

On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>5</sup> On December 6, 2024, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce extended the deadline for completing the preliminary results of this review to May 7, 2025.<sup>6</sup> On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the preliminary results of this review by an additional 90 days.<sup>7</sup> The deadline for these preliminary results is now August 5, 2025. For a description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

#### Scope of the *Order*

The product covered by the scope of this *Order* is carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from India. A complete description of the scope of the *Order* is contained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Act. We calculated export price and constructed export price in accordance with sections 772(a) and 772(b) of the Act, respectively. We calculated NV in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

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<sup>3</sup> *See* Mangal's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review of Anti-Dumping Duty of Mangal Steel Enterprises Limited," dated April 29, 2024; *see also* Petitioner's Letter, "Vulcan Threaded Products Inc.'s Request for an Administrative Review," dated April 30, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 49844 (June 12, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*), as corrected by *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 55567 (July 5, 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; 2023-2024," dated December 6, 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 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India; 2023-2024," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

For a full description of the methodology underlying these preliminary results, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public 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 is available at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

### Preliminary Results of the Review

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists during the period April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)</b>
Mangal Steel Enterprises Limited	0.00

### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify certain information reported by Mangal prior to issuing its final results.

### Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties within five days after public announcement of the preliminary results or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice.<sup>9</sup>

### Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this administrative review.<sup>10</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be

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<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii); *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</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 briefs 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>13</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. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>14</sup>

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.<sup>15</sup> Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; 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.<sup>16</sup> If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date. Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed

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<sup>11</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 Procedures*).

<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>13</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.

<sup>14</sup> See *APO and Service Procedures*.

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>16</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

electronically using ACCESS and received in its entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the publication of this notice.

### Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the final results of this administrative 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>17</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), if the weighted-average dumping margin for Mangal is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific 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. If the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, or if an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate 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.<sup>18</sup>

In accordance with Commerce's "automatic assessment" practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Mangal 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 original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation<sup>19</sup> (*i.e.*, 0.00 percent) if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>20</sup>

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the publication date 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

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<sup>17</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

<sup>18</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

<sup>19</sup> See *Order*, 85 FR at 19926.

<sup>20</sup> For a full description of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

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).

#### 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 Mangal will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin 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 merchandise exported by a company not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which it was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original 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 0.00 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation as adjusted for the export subsidy rate in the companion countervailing duty investigation.<sup>21</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

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<sup>21</sup> See *Order*, 85 FR at 19926.

## Final Results of Review

Unless 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, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, 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)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing 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 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 the countervailing duties.

## Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: August 5, 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

- I. Summary
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