



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**International Trade Administration**

[A-523-814]

**Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the Sultanate of Oman: 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) preliminarily determines that common alloy aluminum sheet (aluminum sheet) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) were made at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George McMahon, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1167.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background

On April 27, 2021, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty (AD) order on aluminum sheet from Oman.<sup>1</sup> On April 1, 2024, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* for the period April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.<sup>2</sup> On June 12, 2024, based on a timely request for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the

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<sup>1</sup> See *Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from Bahrain, Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Oman, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan and the Republic of Turkey: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 86 FR 22139 (April 27, 2021) (*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).

*Order*.<sup>3</sup> Oman Aluminium Rolling Company (OARC) is the only company subject to this review and thus is the sole mandatory respondent in this administrative review. On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>4</sup> On December 6, 2024, we extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results, in accordance with section of 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).<sup>5</sup> On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by an additional 90 days.<sup>4</sup>

For details regarding the events that occurred subsequent to the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> A list of topics discussed 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 product covered by this *Order* is aluminum sheet from Oman. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Act. Commerce calculated export price in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act.

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<sup>3</sup> *See Initiation of Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 49844 (June 12, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>4</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated December 6, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the Sultanate of Oman" dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Normal value is 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

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

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)</b>
Oman Aluminium Rolling Company	35.03

### 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 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.<sup>7</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>8</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>9</sup> All briefs must be filed

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<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309.

<sup>8</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 Final Service Rule*).

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

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>10</sup> 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 determination in this investigation. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the 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>11</sup>

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, U.S. Department of Commerce 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 the 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.<sup>12</sup>

### Assessment Rates

Upon completion of this administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and CBP

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<sup>10</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>11</sup> See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.<sup>13</sup> 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>14</sup>

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).

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), if OARC'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 importer-specific *ad valorem* antidumping duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales. If OARC's weighted-average dumping margin in the final results is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific rate is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Commerce's "automatic assessment" practice will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by OARC for which it did not know that the merchandise it sold to an intermediary (*e.g.*, a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate (*i.e.*, 5.29 percent)<sup>15</sup> if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>16</sup>

### Cash Deposit Requirements

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<sup>13</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

<sup>14</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

<sup>15</sup> See *Order*, 86 FR at 22142.

<sup>16</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

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 company listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not covered by 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 examined; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the less-than-fair value (LTFV) investigation, 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 5.29 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>17</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), Commerce will issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their case briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

#### 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

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<sup>17</sup> See *Order*, 86 FR at 22142.

antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

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, 19 CFR 351.213, and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: August 5, 2025.

**Christopher Abbott,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary*

*for Policy and Negotiations,*

*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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