



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-791-825]

#### Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from South Africa: 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 South Africa was not sold in the United States at below normal value during the period of review (POR), April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. 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 April 27, 2021, Commerce published the antidumping duty order on aluminum sheet from South Africa in the *Federal Register*.<sup>1</sup> On April 1, 2024, we published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order*.<sup>2</sup> On June 12, 2024, pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the *Order* on aluminum sheet from South Africa covering

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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).

Hulamin Operations (Pty) Ltd. (Hulamin Operations).<sup>3</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline for the preliminary results by seven days.<sup>4</sup> On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline for the preliminary results for an additional 90 days.<sup>5</sup> On March 28, 2025, May 9, 2025, and June 12, 2025, Commerce extended the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review until August 5, 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 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 merchandise under review is common alloy aluminum sheet from South Africa. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Act. Constructed export price was calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal

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

<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 March 28, 2025; *see also* Memorandum, "Second Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated May 9, 2026; and Memorandum, "Third Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated June 12, 2025.

<sup>7</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from South Africa; 2023-2024," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

value was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. 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 estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024:

| <b>Producer/Exporter</b>      | <b>Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Hulamin Operations (Pty) Ltd. | 0.00   |

### Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties within five days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.<sup>8</sup>

### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.<sup>9</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</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

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<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii); *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>10</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>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

in their briefs.<sup>12</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>13</sup>

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, using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system within 30 days of publication of this notice.<sup>14</sup> Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing at a time and location to be determined.<sup>15</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing no fewer than two days before the scheduled date. Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

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.

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<sup>12</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>13</sup> See *APO and Service Procedures*.

<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

## Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping 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).

If the weighted-average dumping margin for Hulamin Operations is above *de minimis* (*i.e.*, 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* antidumping duty 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).<sup>16</sup> 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. We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review when the importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above *de minimis* (*i.e.*, 0.50 percent). Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, 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 the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> In these preliminary results, Commerce applied the assessment rate calculation method adopted in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>17</sup> 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 the respondent for which it 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 (*i.e.*, 8.85 percent)<sup>18</sup> if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of the final results of the administrative review for all shipments of common alloy aluminum sheet from South Africa entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results, as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate Hulamin Operations will be equal to the dumping margin established in the final results of this review, except if the ultimate rate is *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 producers or exporters not covered in this administrative review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, 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 producer or exporter participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior 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 the proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 8.85 percent, the all-others rate established in the antidumping duty investigation.<sup>19</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

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<sup>18</sup> See *Order*, 86 FR at 22142.

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

### 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 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(h)(2), and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: August 5, 2025.

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of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

## Appendix

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Order*
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