



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Covered Merchandise Determination and Notice of Amended Covered Merchandise Determination Pursuant to Court Decision; Correction

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) published notice to the public in the *Federal Register* of August 28, 2026 that the U.S. Court of International Trade's (CIT) final judgment was not in harmony with Commerce's covered merchandise inquiry (CMI) determination. Specifically, Commerce amended the CMI determination to find that products cut to length and formed into the rough shape of certain carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (butt-weld pipe fittings) in the People's Republic of China (China) represent "unfinished" fittings, which are covered by the scope of the *Order*, and that when such products are further processed in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam), they remain subject to the antidumping (AD) order on butt-weld pipe fittings from China. This notice did not provide clear notice to parties that the liquidation of entries of these unfinished fittings will be retroactively suspended.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 28, 2026, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a notice that the CIT's final judgment was not in harmony with Commerce's CMI determination.¹ Specifically, Commerce amended the CMI determination to find that products cut to length and formed into the rough shape of a butt-weld pipe fitting in China represent unfinished fittings, which are covered by the scope of the *Order*,² and that when such products are further processed in the Vietnam, they remain subject to the AD order on butt-weld pipe fittings from China.³ We did not provide clear notice to parties that that liquidation of entries of these unfinished fittings will be retroactively suspended.

Correction

In the *Federal Register* of August 28, 2026, in FR Doc 2026-17621, on page 55518, in the third column, correct the notice to include the following paragraph before the "Liquidation of Suspended Entries" section.

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

As stated above, Commerce has made an affirmative finding that unfinished fittings originating from China that undergo the second and third stages of production in Vietnam, which were the subject of this referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), are subject to the scope of the *Order*. This affirmative in-scope finding applies on a country-wide exporter, or importer, basis to all products from the same country with the same relevant physical characteristics as the products at issue. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.227(l)(3), for these products, Commerce will direct CBP to: (1) continue the suspension of liquidation of

¹ See *Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Covered Merchandise Determination and Notice of Amended Covered Merchandise Determination Pursuant to Court Decision*, 91 FR 55518 (August 28, 2026) (*Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings CMI Timken*); see also *Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Covered Merchandise Inquiry*, 88 FR 69909 (October 10, 2023).

² See *Antidumping Duty Order and Amendment to the Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, 57 FR 29702 (July 6, 1992) (*Order*); see also *Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings CMI Timken*.

³ See *Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings CMI Timken*.

previously suspended entries and apply the applicable cash deposit rate; (2) suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties, at the applicable rate, for each unliquidated entry of the product not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 26, 2022, the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this covered merchandise inquiry in the *Federal Register*; and (3) suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties, at the applicable rate, for each unliquidated entry of the product not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption prior to September 26, 2022, but after November 4, 2021.⁴

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.227(e)(2).

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for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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⁴ See *Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Covered Merchandise Referral and Initiation of Covered Merchandise Inquiry*, 87 FR 58310 (September 26, 2022).