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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the Czech Republic and India: Amended Final Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: Based on affirmative final determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing the antidumping duty (AD) orders on certain freight rail couplers and parts thereof (freight rail couplers) from the Czech Republic and India. Further, Commerce is amending its final determination of sales at less than fair value (LTFV) with respect to freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India to correct ministerial errors.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 24, 2026, Commerce published its affirmative final determinations in the LTFV investigations of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India, in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).[1] In the LTFV

[1] *See Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the Czech Republic: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 91 FR 60598 (September 24, 2026) (*Czech Republic Final Determination*); and *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from India: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 91 FR 60588 (September 24, 2026) (*India Final Determination*) (collectively, *Final Determinations*).

investigations of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India, interested parties timely alleged that Commerce made certain ministerial errors. *See* "Amendment to the Final Determination of Sales at LTFV" section below for further discussion.

On November 9, 2026, pursuant to section 735(d) of the Act, the ITC notified Commerce of its final affirmative determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured within the meaning of section 735(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act by reason of dumped imports of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India.[2] On November 13, 2026, the ITC published its final determinations in the *Federal Register*.[3]

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these orders are freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India. For a complete description of the scope of the orders, *see* the appendix to this notice.

Amendment to the *Final Determinations*

We determine that we made a ministerial error in the *Final Determinations* for the Czech Republic and India. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e), and as explained further in the Ministerial Error Memoranda,[4] Commerce is amending the *Final Determinations* to reflect the correction of ministerial errors.[5] With respect to Czech Republic, the correction of these errors changes the final AD cash deposit rate for CKD Kutná Hora A.S., as well as the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters. With respect to India, the correction of these errors did not change the final AD adjusted cash deposit rate for either mandatory respondent, or, consequently, the rate assigned to all other producers and exporters. The, revised rates for the Czech Republic are listed in the "Estimated Weighted-Average Dumping Margins" section, below.

AD Orders

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[2] *See* ITC's Letter, "Notification of ITC Final Determination," dated November 6, 2026 (ITC Notification Letter).
[3] *See Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the Czech Republic and India; Determinations*, 91 FR 73275 (November 13, 2026) (*Injury Final Determinations*).
[4] *See* Memoranda, "Allegation of Ministerial Error," dated October 21, 2026 (Czech Republic Ministerial Error Memo); and "Analysis of Ministerial Error Allegations," dated November 6, 2026 (India Ministerial Error Memo) (collectively, Ministerial Error Memoranda).
[5] *Id.*

Based on the affirmative *Final Determinations*, in accordance with sections 735(c)(2) of the Act, Commerce is issuing these AD orders. Because the ITC determined that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India, unliquidated entries of such merchandise from the countries, entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, are subject to the assessment of antidumping duties.

Therefore, in accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the normal value of the merchandise exceeds the export price (or constructed export price) of the merchandise on all relevant entries of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India. Antidumping duties will be assessed on unliquidated entries of freight rail couplers entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after May 6, 2026, the date of publication of the *LFTV Preliminary Determinations*,[6] but will not include entries occurring after the expiration of the provisional measures period and before publication of the ITC's *Injury Final Determinations*, as further described below.

Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposits

In accordance with section 736 of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to reinstitute the suspension of liquidation and continue the suspension of liquidation, as applicable, on all relevant entries of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India, effective on the date of publication of the ITC's *Injury Final Determinations* in the *Federal Register*.

Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to require cash deposits equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins indicated in the tables below, adjusted by the relevant

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[6] *See Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the Czech Republic: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 91 FR 24506 (May 6, 2026); and *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures,* 91 FR 24517 (May 6, 2026) (collectively, *LTFV Preliminary Determinations*).

subsidy offsets. Accordingly, effective on the date of publication in the *Federal Register* of the notice of the ITC's *Injury Final Determinations*, CBP will require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated customs duties on subject merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the rates listed in the tables below. The all-others rate applies to all producers and exporters not specifically listed, as appropriate.

Estimated Weighted-Average Dumping Margins

The estimated weighted-average dumping margins and cash deposit rates are as follows:

Czech Republic

Exporter or Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
CKD Kutná Hora A.S.	73.56
All Others	73.56

India

*Rate is based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Exporter or Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)	Cash Deposit Rate (Adjusted for Subsidy Offset(s)) (percent)
Bhilai Engineering Corporation Ltd.	71.01*	71.01
Jupiter Wagons Ltd.	71.01*	71.01
Kharagpur Metal Reforming Industries Pvt Ltd.	2.32	0.00
Texmaco Rail and Engineering Limited	15.71	12.02
All Others	9.02	1.54

Provisional Measures

Section 773(d) of the Act states that suspension of liquidation pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months, except where exporters representing a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise request that Commerce extend the four-month period to no more than six months. At the request of exporters that account for a significant proportion of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India, Commerce extended the four-month period for both investigations to six months.[7]

[7] *See LTFV Preliminary Determinations.*

In the underlying investigations, Commerce published the *LTFV Preliminary Determinations* on May 6, 2026. Therefore, the six-month period beginning on the date of the publication of the *LTFV Preliminary Determinations* ended on November 1, 2026. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act and our practice, Commerce will instruct CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to antidumping duties, unliquidated entries of freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 2, 2026, the first day provisional AD measures were no longer in effect, until and through the day preceding the date of publication of the ITC's *Injury Final Determinations* in the *Federal Register*. Suspension of liquidation and the collection of cash deposits will resume on the date of publication of the ITC's *Injury Final Determinations* in the *Federal Register*.

Establishment of the Annual Inquiry Service Lists

On September 20, 2021, Commerce published the *Final Rule* in the *Federal Register*.[8] On September 27, 2021, Commerce also published the *Procedural Guidance* in the *Federal Register.*[9] The *Final Rule* and *Procedural Guidance* provide that Commerce will maintain an annual inquiry service list for each order or suspended investigation, and any interested party submitting a scope ruling application or request for circumvention inquiry shall serve a copy of the application or request on the persons on the annual inquiry service list for that order, as well as any companion order covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin.

In accordance with the *Procedural Guidance,* for orders published in the *Federal Register* after November 21, 2021, Commerce will create an annual inquiry service list segment in Commerce's online e-filing and document management system, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Electronic Service System (ACCESS), available at https://access.trade.gov,

[8] *See Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*).
[9] *See Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*, 86 FR 53205 (September 27, 2021) (*Procedural Guidance*).

within five business days of publication of the notice of the order. Each annual inquiry service list will be saved in ACCESS, under each case number, and under a specific segment type called "AISL-Annual Inquiry Service List."[10]

Interested parties who wish to be added to the annual inquiry service list for an order must submit an entry of appearance to the annual inquiry service list segment for the order in ACCESS within 30 days after the date of publication of the order. For ease of administration, Commerce requests that law firms with more than one attorney representing interested parties in an order designate a lead attorney to be included on the annual inquiry service list. Commerce will finalize the annual inquiry service list within five business days thereafter. As mentioned in the *Procedural Guidance,*[11] the new annual inquiry service list will be in place until the following year, when the *Opportunity Notice* for the anniversary month of the order is published.

Commerce may update an annual inquiry service list at any time as needed based on interested parties' amendments to their entries of appearance to remove or otherwise modify their list of members and representatives, or to update contact information. Any changes or announcements pertaining to these procedures will be posted to the ACCESS website.

Special Instructions for the Petitioner and Foreign Governments

In the *Final Rule*, Commerce stated that, "after an initial request and placement on the annual inquiry service list, both petitioners and foreign governments will automatically be placed on the annual inquiry service list in the years that follow."[12] Accordingly, as stated above, the petitioner and foreign governments should submit their initial entries of appearance after publication of this notice in order to appear in the first annual inquiry service lists for these orders. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(n)(3), the petitioner and foreign governments will not need

[10] This segment will be combined with the ACCESS Segment Specific Information (SSI) field which will display the month in which the notice of the order or suspended investigation was published in the *Federal Register*, also known as the anniversary month. For example, for an order under case number A-000-000 that was published in the *Federal Register* in January, the relevant segment and SSI combination will appear in ACCESS as "AISL-January Anniversary." Note that there will be only one annual inquiry service list segment per case number, and the anniversary month will be pre-populated in ACCESS.

[11] *See Procedural Guidance*, 86 FR at 53206.

[12] *See Final Rule,* 86 FR at 52335.

to resubmit their entries of appearance each year to continue to be included on the annual inquiry service list. However, the petitioner and foreign governments are responsible for making amendments to their entries of appearance during the annual update to the annual inquiry service list in accordance with the procedures described above.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice constitutes the AD orders with respect to freight rail couplers from the Czech Republic and India, pursuant to section 736(a) of the Act. Interested parties can find a list of AD and countervailing duty orders currently in effect at https://www.trade.gov/data-visualization/adcvd-proceedings.

These amended final determinations and AD orders are published in accordance with sections 735(e) and 736(a) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.224(e), and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: November 16, 2026.

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Appendix

Scope of the Orders

The scope of these orders covers certain freight railcar couplers (also known as "fits" or "assemblies") and parts thereof. Freight rail couplers are composed of two main parts, namely knuckles and coupler bodies but may also include other items (*e.g.,* coupler locks, lock lift assemblies, knuckle pins, knuckle throwers, and rotors). The parts covered by these orders include: (1) E coupler bodies; (2) E/F coupler bodies; (3) F coupler bodies; (4) E knuckles; and (5) F knuckles; as set forth by the Association of American Railroads (AAR). The freight rail coupler parts are included within the scope of these orders when imported individually. Coupler locks, lock lift assemblies, knuckle pins, knuckle throwers, and rotors are covered merchandise when imported in an assembly but are not covered by the scope when imported separately.

Subject freight rail couplers and parts are included within the scope whether finished or unfinished, whether imported individually or with other subject or nonsubject parts, whether assembled or unassembled, whether mounted or unmounted, or if joined with nonsubject merchandise, such as other nonsubject parts or a completed railcar. Finishing includes, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, machining, and assembly of various parts. When a subject coupler or subject parts are mounted on or to other nonsubject merchandise, such as a railcar, only the coupler or subject parts are covered by the scope.

The finished products covered by the scope of these orders meet or exceed the AAR specifications of M-211, "Foundry and Product Approval Requirements for the Manufacture of Couplers, Coupler Yokes, Knuckles, Follower Blocks, and Coupler Parts," and/or AAR M-215 "Coupling Systems," or other equivalent domestic or international standards (including any revisions to the standard(s)).

The country of origin for subject couplers and parts thereof, whether fully assembled, unfinished or finished, or attached to a railcar, is the country where the subject coupler parts were cast or forged. Subject merchandise includes coupler parts as defined above that have been further processed or further assembled, including those coupler parts attached to a railcar in third countries. Further processing includes, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, painting, coating, priming, machining, and assembly of various parts. The inclusion, attachment, joining, or assembly of nonsubject parts with subject parts or couplers either in the country of manufacture of the in-scope product or in a third country does not remove the subject parts or couplers from the scope.

The couplers that are the subject of these orders are currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical reporting number 8607.30.1010, 8607.30.1050, and 8607.30.1090. Subject merchandise attached to finished railcars may also enter under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 7326.90.8688, 8606.10.0000, 8606.91.0000, 8606.92.0000, 8606.99.0130, or under subheading 8606.99.0160. Subject merchandise may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 7325.99.5000. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of these orders is dispositive.

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