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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Negative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines on a country-wide basis that imports of certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) completed in Indonesia using hot-rolled steel (HRS) or cold-rolled steel (CRS) manufactured in the People's Republic of China (China) are not circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on CORE from China. The period of inquiry is January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 25, 2016, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD and CVD orders on CORE from China.[1] On March 25, 2026, Commerce initiated a country-wide circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), to determine whether imports of CORE completed in Indonesia using HRS or CRS manufactured in China are circumventing the *Orders*, and, accordingly, should be covered by the scope of the *Orders*.[2]

On April 9, 2026, Commerce issued quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaires to PT. AMNS (AMNS), NS BlueScope Indonesia (NS BlueScope), PT. Sunrise Steel (Sunrise), and PT. Tata Metal Lestari (TML).[3] Between April 21 and 23, 2026, Commerce received timely responses to the Q&V questionnaire from all four companies, in addition to one voluntary response from PT Aluminium Extrusion Indonesia (PT Alex Indo).[4] On July 28, 2026, Commerce extended the deadline to issue its preliminary determination by 60 days.[5] On October 9, 2026, Commerce extended the deadline to issue its preliminary determination by an additional 30 days.[6] Accordingly, the deadline for this preliminary determination is now November 20, 2026.

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[1] *See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016); *see also Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 81 FR 48387 (July 25, 2016) (collectively, *Orders*).

[2] *See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 91 FR 14533 (March 25, 2026), and accompanying Initiation Checklist, "Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China," dated March 19, 2026.

[3] *See* Commerce's Letter, "Quantity and Value Questionnaire for Indonesian Producers or Exporters," dated April 9, 2026; *see also* Memorandum, "Issuance of Quantity and Value Questionnaire," dated April 9, 2026.

[4] *See* AMNS' Letter, "PT. AM/NS INDONESIA Response to Quantity and Value Questionnaire," dated April 21, 2026; *see also* NS BlueScope's Letter, "PT NS BlueScope Indonesia Response to Quantity and Value Questionnaire," dated April 22, 2026; Sunrise's Letter, "PT Sunrise Steel Response to Quantity and Value Questionnaire," dated April 23, 2026; TML's Letter, "PT Tata Metal Lestari Response to Quantity and Value Questionnaire," dated April 23, 2026; and PT Alex Indo's Letter, "PT Aluminum Extrusion Indonesia's Quantity and Value Questionnaire Response," dated April 23, 2026.

[5] *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for the Preliminary Determination in the Circumvention Inquiry," dated July 28, 2026.

[6] *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for the Preliminary Determination in the Circumvention Inquiry," dated October 9, 2026.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this circumvention inquiry, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[7] 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), which 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/frnotices.

Scope of the *Orders*

The products covered by these *Orders* are certain flat-rolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[8]

Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry

This circumvention inquiry covers CORE completed in Indonesia using Chinese-origin HRS or CRS that is subsequently exported from Indonesia and imported into the United States (inquiry merchandise).

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this circumvention inquiry in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226. For a complete description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included in the appendix to this notice.

Preliminary Determination

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[7] *See* Memorandum, "Preliminary Decision Memorandum in the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[8] *Id.* at 4-6.

As detailed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce preliminarily determines that CORE completed in Indonesia using Chinese-origin HRS or CRS that is subsequently exported from Indonesia to the United States is not circumventing the *Orders* on a country-wide basis. Accordingly, Commerce is making a negative preliminary finding of circumvention of the *Orders*.

Verification

As provided in 19 CFR 351.307, Commerce intends to verify information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Because Commerce intends to conduct verification, a timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments will be provided to interested parties at a later date.[9] Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than seven days after the deadline for case briefs.[10] Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.[11]

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2)(iii) and (d)(2)(iii), we request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.[12] 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 results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each

[9] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c). Interested parties will be notified through ACCESS regarding the deadline for submitting case briefs.
[10] *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 Final Rule*).
[11] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2)(d)(2).
[12] We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).[13]

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 in the *Federal Register*, filed electronically via ACCESS. Hearing 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 the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the respective comments.[14] If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined and will notify the parties through ACCESS.[15] Parties should confirm the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions, including affirmative and rebuttal comments, as well as hearing requests, should be filed using ACCESS. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(g)(1).

Dated: November 19, 2026.

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performing the non-exclusive functions and duties
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[13] *See APO and Service Procedures*.
[14] *See* 19 CFR 351.310.
[15] *See* 19 CFR 351.310(d).

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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