

The President issued Executive Order No. 13733, Delegation of Certain Authorities and Assignment of Certain Functions under the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, on July 22, 2016, assigning to the Secretary of Commerce the function under Section 2313A(b) of establishing the Working Group. In the Executive Order, the President further directed that, in carrying out its functions, the State and Federal Export Promotion Coordination Working Group shall also coordinate with local and municipal governments representing regionally diverse areas.

III. Member and Meeting Information

The Secretary of Commerce shall select the members of the Working Group, who shall include representatives from State trade agencies and local and municipal governments representing regionally diverse areas and representatives of the federal departments and agencies that are represented on the TPCC. Representatives from State trade agencies must be: (1) Elected officers of a State, or (2) State employees designated by an elected State officer to represent the State trade agency with authority to act on his or her behalf. Representatives from local and municipal governments must be: (1) Elected officers or (2) local or municipal employees designated by an elected officer to represent the local and municipal government with authority to act on his or her behalf.

Because the Working Group will be an intergovernmental committee composed wholly of full-time or part-time Federal Government officers or employees, State government elected officers or their designees, and local and municipal elected officials or their designees, all of whom will be acting in their official capacities solely to exchange views, information, or advice relating to the management and implementation of Federal programs established by statute that explicitly share intergovernmental responsibilities and administration, the Working Group is not covered by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.

Members appointed as representatives from State trade agencies and local and municipal governments will not receive any Federal compensation for their services and will not be reimbursed for travel expenses. Meetings will be held in person and/or via teleconference. The TPCC will make every effort to use technology to allow for remote participation in meetings, but there will be times when in-person meetings will be necessary. The TPCC will strive to provide members of the Working Group

notice of meetings at least 15 calendar days in advance.

IV. Request for Nominations

The TPCC Secretariat seeks nominations for representatives from State trade agencies and local and municipal governments to the Working Group. For purposes of this notice, a "State trade agency" is the lead official governmental trade promotion agency for a State, and includes separately established trade agencies as well as trade offices within a State agency or department or the Office of the Governor. A "local or municipal government" includes, but is not limited to, town, city, and county governments. The TPCC seeks representation of regionally diverse areas.

Qualified individuals may self-nominate or be nominated by a senior level State government or local or municipal government official. To be considered, nominators should submit the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone and email address) for the nominee, the state trade agency that the nominee would represent or the local or municipal government the nominee would represent;

(2) A resume or short biography of the nominee, including professional and academic credentials.

(3) A statement of the nominee's role in state, local, or municipal export promotion activities.

Should more information be needed, TPCC staff will contact the nominee. If nominees are not an elected official, a letter may be requested from an elected official that indicates the nominee has been designated to participate in the Working Group on his or her behalf.

Nominators should submit the above information via electronic transmission to StateandLocal@trade.gov. The submission must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. (ET) on October 24, 2016.

Dated: September 23, 2016.

Patrick Kirwan,

Director, Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-868]

Countervailing Duty Investigation of Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe From India: Final Affirmative Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of welded stainless pressure pipe from India. For information on the subsidy rates, see the "Final Determination" section of this notice. The period of investigation is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.

DATES: Effective September 29, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Mallott at 202-482-6430, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published the *Preliminary Determination* on March 11, 2016,¹ and issued a Post-Preliminary Memorandum on August 23, 2016.² A summary of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determination*, and a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized

¹ See *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 81 FR 12871 (March 11, 2016) ("*Preliminary Determination*").

² See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Post-Preliminary Analysis in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from India," dated August 23, 2016 ("*Post-Preliminary Memorandum*").

³ See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby incorporated by reference and adopted by, this notice ("*Issues and Decision Memorandum*").

Electronic Service System (“ACCESS”). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter, from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix II. The Department did not receive comments regarding the scope of this investigation.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty (“CVD”) investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁴ For a

full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues that parties raised, and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice at Appendix I.

Use of Adverse Facts Available

In making this final determination, the Department relied, in part, on facts available with regard to specificity and financial contribution of the electricity duty rebate provided to Steamline Industries Limited (“Steamline”), as well as an adjustment to Steamline’s reported total sales value and total export sales value.⁶ Because neither Steamline nor the Government of India acted to the best of their ability to respond to the Department’s requests for information, we drew an adverse inference, where appropriate, in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.⁷ For further information, see the section “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our review and analysis of the comments received from parties, we made certain changes to the subsidy program rate calculations since the *Preliminary Determination*. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Determination

In accordance with section 705(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Act, we calculated an individual rate for each producer/exporter of the subject merchandise individually investigated. In accordance with section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, for companies not individually examined, we apply an “all-others” rate, which is normally calculated by weighting the subsidy rates of the companies that the Department individually investigated by those companies’ exports of the subject merchandise to the United States. Under section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act, the all-others rate should exclude zero and *de minimis* rates or any rates based entirely on facts otherwise available pursuant to section 776 of the Act. Accordingly, in these final results, we have calculated the “all-others” rate by weight-averaging the calculated subsidy rates of the two individually investigated respondents, using the respondent’s publicly-ranked sales data for exports of subject merchandise to the United States.⁸

Exporter/producer	Subsidy rate (percent)
Steamline Industries Limited	3.13
Sunrise Stainless Private Limited, Sun Mark Stainless Pvt. Ltd., and Shah Foils Ltd. (collectively, “Sunrise Group”)	6.22
All-Others	4.65

Disclosure

We intend to disclose to parties in this proceeding the calculations performed for this final determination within five days of the date of public announcement of our final determination, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our *Preliminary Determination*, and pursuant to section 703(d) of the Act, we instructed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) to suspend liquidation of entries of

merchandise under consideration from India that were entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after March 11, 2016, which is the publication date in the **Federal Register** of the *Preliminary Determination*. In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we issued instructions to CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation for CVD purposes for subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after July 9, 2016 but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise from March 11, 2016 through July 8, 2016.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (“ITC”) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a CVD order and will reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act and will require a cash deposit of estimated CVDs for such entries of subject merchandise in the amounts indicated above. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all estimated duties deposited as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled.

⁴ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁵ See also *Preliminary Determination* and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum; and Post-Preliminary Memorandum.

⁶ See Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comments 5 and 6.

⁷ See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

⁸ See Memorandum to the File, “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from India: Final Determination Margin Calculation for All-Others,” dated concurrently with this memorandum.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

In the event the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (“APO”) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: September 22, 2016.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary, for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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 - Comment 2: Whether the Duty Drawback (“DDB”) Program Provides a Countervailable Subsidy
 - Comment 3: Whether the Export Promotion of Capital Goods Scheme (“EPCGS”) Provides a Countervailable Subsidy and Whether the Department Should Use a Different Denominator for the Benefit Calculation
 - Comment 4: Whether the Department Should Investigate and Countervail

Marketable Certificates Purchased From Third Parties

Comment 5: Whether Steamline’s Total Sales and Total Export Sales Figures Are Overstated

Comment 6: Whether the Electricity Duty Exemption Provided by the Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited Is a Countervailable Subsidy Program

Comment 7: Whether the Department Should Countervail Preferential Water Rates Provided by the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (“GIDC”) Under the GIDC Water Supply Regulation of 1991

Comment 8: Whether the Provision of Land for Less Than Adequate Remuneration (“LTAR”) Provides a Countervailable Subsidy Recommendation

Appendix II

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter. References to size are in nominal inches and include all products within tolerances allowed by pipe specifications. This merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (“ASTM”) A-312 or ASTM A-778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications. ASTM A-358 products are only included when they are produced to meet ASTM A-312 or ASTM A-778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (1) Welded stainless mechanical tubing, meeting ASTM A-554 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; (2) boiler, heat exchanger, superheater, refining furnace, feedwater heater, and condenser tubing, meeting ASTM A-249, ASTM A-688 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; and (3) specialized tubing, meeting ASTM A-269, ASTM A-270 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

The subject imports are normally classified in subheadings 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, and 7306.40.5085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). They may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7306.40.1010, 7306.40.1015, 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5080, and 7306.40.5090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 20599

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Antarctic Ecosystem Research Division, La Jolla, California, (Responsible Party: George Watters, Ph.D., Director), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals in the Antarctic.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before October 31, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 20599 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests a five-year permit to take Antarctic fur seals