COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Indiana Advisory Committee for a Meeting To Discuss Concept Papers on Potential Project Topics

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Indiana Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. EST for the purpose of discussing concept papers on civil rights topics in the state that Committee members drafted. The Committee may decide to vote on a future project of study at this meeting.

Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–430–8709, conference ID: 7603733. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and proceeding by first calling the Federal Relay Service to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Member of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by July 30, 2015. Written comments may be mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353–8324, or emailed to Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353–8311.

Public Call Information

Dial: 888–430–8709
Conference ID: 7603733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Dated: April 13, 2015.

David Mussatt,
Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–014]

53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers From the People’s Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value; Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that imports of 53-foot domestic dry containers (domestic dry containers) from the People’s Republic of China (PRC) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The final weighted-average dumping margins for the investigation on domestic dry
January 12, 2015, and January 23, 2015, the Department conducted verification of the mandatory respondents CIMC and Singamas. The Department issued the sales and factors-of-production verification reports for both CIMC and Singamas on February 26, 2015.8 On March 10, 2015, Petitioner, Crowley, CIMC, and Singamas filed case briefs (which included scope comments). On March 16, 2015, Petitioner, Crowley, CIMC, and Singamas filed rebuttal briefs (which included scope comments). The Department did not hold a hearing as all requests for a hearing were withdrawn.

Period of Investigation
The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014.

Scope Comments
The Department received comments regarding the scope of this investigation from interested parties. As detailed in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum,9 we have not made any changes to the scope.10

Scope of the Investigation
The merchandise subject to investigation is closed (i.e., not open top) van containers exceeding 14.63 meters (48 feet) but generally measuring 16.154 meters (53 feet) in exterior length, which are designed for the intermodal transport12 of goods other than bulk liquids within North America primarily by rail or by road vehicle, or by a combination of rail and road vehicle (domestic containers). Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under subheading 8609.00.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Imports of the subject merchandise which meet the definition of and requirements for “instruments of international traffic” pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1322 and 19 CFR 10.41a may be classified under subheading 9803.00.50, HTSUS. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Appendix II to this notice.

Analysis of Comments Received
All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum accompanying this notice, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which the parties raised and to which the Department responded in the memorandum appears in Appendix I of this notice. The Issues and 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 http://iaaccess.trade.gov and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at antidumping.trade.gov/fm/. The signed and electronic versions of the memorandum are identical in content.

Changes Since the Amended Preliminary Determination
Based on our review and analysis of the comments received from parties, and minor corrections presented at verification, we made certain changes to CIMC’s and Singamas’s margin calculations since the Amended Preliminary Determination. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum and the Final Analysis Memorandum, all dated concurrently with this notice.12

1 See 53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value; Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances; and Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures, 79 FR 70501 (November 26, 2014) (Preliminary Determination).
4 Petitioner is Stoughton Trailers, LLC.
5 Petitioner’s Letter to the Department, “53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers From the People’s Republic of China,” dated December 1, 2014.
6 C2M3 China International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd., China International Marine Containers (HK) Ltd., Xinhui CIMC Special Transportation Equipment Manufacture Co., Ltd., and Qingdao CIMC Container Manufacture Co., Ltd.
8 See Verification of the Sales and Factors of Production Response of CIMC International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd. (“CIMC Group”); China International Marine Containers (HK) Ltd. (“CIMC HK”); Guangdong Xinhui CIMC Special Transportation Equipment Co., Ltd. (“Xinhui Special”); Qingdao CIMC Containers Manufacture Co., Ltd. (“Qingdao”); Nantong CIMC Special Transportation Equipment Manufacture Co., Ltd. (“Nantong”); and Xinhui CIMC Container Co., Ltd. (“Xinhui Container”) (collectively “CIMC” in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of 53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers (“domestic dry containers”) from the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”), dated February 26, 2015 (CIMC Verification Report); and Verification of the Sales and Factors of Production (FOPs) Response of Hui Zhou Pacific Container Co., Ltd. (HPCL); Qingdao Pacific Container Co., Ltd. (QPCL); Qingdao Xinhui Energy Equipment Co., Ltd. (QSCL); Xinhui Container Holdings Limited (SCHL); and Singamas Management Services Limited (SMSL), collectively (singulatrly) in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of 53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers (domestic dry containers) from the People’s Republic of China (the PRC), dated February 26, 2015 (Singamas Verification Report).
9 See Memorandum to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, regarding “53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers From the People’s Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value,” dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).
10 See the Issues and Decision Memorandum at section, “Scope of the Investigation.”
11 “Intermodal transport” refers to a movement of goods using more than one mode of transportation, most commonly on a container chassis for on-the-road transportation and on a rail car for rail transportation.
12 See Final Analysis Memorandum for the PRG-Wide Entity, and Final Analysis Memorandum for Hui Zhou Pacific Container Co., Ltd. (HPCL).
Investigations involving Non-Market Economy Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Bulletin No. 05.1 “Separate-Rates Practice and Antidumping Duty Investigations, People’s Republic of China: Initiation of

Holdings Limited (collectively, Singamas), dated and their holding company Singamas Container Qingdao Pacific Container Co., Ltd./Qidong Singamas Energy Equipment Co., Ltd./Singamas Management Services Limited PRC-Wide Entity 15

Investigation” section of this notice and as described in the “Scope of the Investigation” section of this notice and which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 26, 2014, the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination in the Federal Register.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(b), we will instruct CBP to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of domestic dry containers from the PRC, as described in the “Scope of the Investigation” section of this notice and which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 26, 2014, the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination in the Federal Register.

We intend to disclose to parties the calculations performed in this proceeding within five days of any public announcement of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

No parties made any comments on our critical circumstances analysis announced in the Preliminary Determination, which is hereby adopted by this notice. In the Preliminary Determination, the Department stated that it did not preliminarily find critical circumstances because Petitioner did not allege that there has been a history of dumping and material injury pursuant to section 733(e)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, and did not provide any evidence that importers knew or should have known that there was likely to be material injury by reason of such sales in a situation where the U.S. industry has not been established. Thus, pursuant to 735(a)(3) of the Act, we continue to find that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of domestic dry containers from the PRC from Singamas and the company covered by the PRC-wide rate.

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of domestic dry containers from the PRC, as described in the “Scope of the Investigation” section of this notice and which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 26, 2014, the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination in the Federal Register.

We will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit for all suspended entries at an ad valorem rate equal to the weighted-average amount by which normal value exceeds U.S. price, adjusted where appropriate for export subsidies and estimated domestic subsidy pass-through, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the exporter/producer combination listed in the table above will be the rate identified for that combination in the table; (2) for all combinations of PRC exporters/ producers of merchandise under consideration that have not received their own separate rate above, the cash-deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established for the PRC-wide entity, 107.19 percent; and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of the merchandise under consideration which have not received their own separate rate above, the cash-deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate applicable to the PRC exporter/producer combination that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These suspension of liquidation and cash deposit instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Furthermore, as stated above and consistent with our practice, we will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the amount by which the normal value exceeds export price or constructed export price, less the amount of any countervailing duty (CVD) determined to constitute an export subsidy. With respect to the PRC-wide entity (which is based on CIMC’s data), export subsidies constitute 11.67 percent of CIMC’s final calculated CVD rate in the companion CVD investigation. Therefore, we will offset the PRC-wide rate of 107.19 percent by the CVD rate attributable to export subsidies (i.e., 11.67 percent) to calculate the final PRC-wide entity cash deposit rate for this LTFV investigation. With respect to Singamas, export subsidies constitute 10.54 percent of Singamas’s final calculated CVD rate in the companion CVD investigation. Therefore, we will offset Singamas’s rate of 111.22 percent by the CVD rate attributable to export subsidies (i.e., 10.54 percent) to calculate the final Singamas cash deposit rate for this LTFV investigation.

We are also adjusting the preliminary cash deposit rate for estimated domestic subsidy pass-through for Singamas (i.e., subsidies in investigations not in the margin-calculation program, but in the cash-deposit instructions issued to CBP. See Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value, and Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances: Certain Lined Paper Products from India, 71 FR 45012 (August 8, 2006), and accompanying issues and Decision memorandum at Comment 1.

See Preliminary Determination, Preliminary Determination Memorandum at 27–28.


20 Id.
This determination and notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 10, 2015.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

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Appendix II

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to investigation is closed (i.e., not open top) van containers exceeding 14.63 meters (48 feet) but generally measuring 16.154 meters (53 feet) in exterior length, which are designed for the intermodal transport 22 of goods other than bulk liquids within North America primarily by rail or by road vehicle, or by a combination of rail and road vehicle (domestic containers). The merchandise is known in the industry by varying terms including “53-foot containers,” “53-foot dry containers,” “domestic dry containers” and “domestic containers.” These terms all describe the same article with the same design and performance characteristics. Notwithstanding the particular terminology used to describe the merchandise, all merchandise that meets the definition set forth herein is included within the scope of this investigation.

Domestic containers generally meet the characteristic for closed van containers for domestic intermodal service as described in the American Association of Railroads (AAR) Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Intermodal Equipment Manual Closed Van Containers for Domestic Intermodal Service Specification M 930 Adopted: 1972; Last Revised 2013 (AAR Specifications) for 53-foot and 53-foot high cube containers. The AAR Specifications generally define design, performance and testing requirements for closed van containers, but are not dispositive for purposes of defining subject merchandise within this scope definition. Containers which may not fall precisely within the AAR Specifications or any successor equivalent specifications are included within the scope definition of the subject merchandise if they have the exterior dimensions referenced below, are suitable for use in intermodal transportation, are capable of and suitable for double-stacking 22 in intermodal transportation, and otherwise meet the scope definition for the subject merchandise.

Domestic containers have the following actual exterior dimensions: An exterior length exceeding 14.63 meters (48 feet) but not exceeding 16.154 meters (53 feet); an exterior width of between 2.438 meters and 2.60 meters (between 8 feet and 8 feet 6¾ inches); and an exterior height of between 2.438 meters and 2.908 meters (between 8 feet and 9 feet 6¾ inches), all subject to tolerances as allowed by the AAR Specifications. In addition to two frames (one at either end of the container), the domestic containers within the scope definition have two stacking frames located equidistant from each end of the container, as required by the AAR Specifications. These frames have four upper handling fittings and four bottom dual aperture handling fittings, placed at the respective corners of the stacking frames. Domestic containers also have two forward facing fittings at the front lower corners and two downward facing fittings at the rear lower corners of the container to facilitate chassis interface. All domestic containers as described herein are included within this scope definition, regardless of whether the merchandise enters the United States in a final, assembled condition, or as an unassembled kit or substantially complete domestic container which requires additional manipulation or processing after entry into the United States to be made ready for use as a domestic container.

The scope of this investigation excludes the following items: (1) Refrigerated containers; (2) trailers, where the cargo box

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21 “Intermodal transport” refers to a movement of freight using more than one mode of transportation, most commonly on a container chassis for on-the-road transportation and on a rail car for rail transportation.

22 “Double-stacking” refers to two levels of intermodal containers on a rail car, one on top of the other.
and rear wheeled chassis are of integrated construction, and the cargo box of the unit may not be separated from the chassis for further intermodal transport; (3) container chassis, whether or not imported with domestic containers, but the domestic containers remain subject merchandise, to the extent they meet the written description of the scope. Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under subheading 8609.00.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Imports of the subject merchandise which meet the definition of and requirements for “instruments of international traffic” pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1322 and 19 CFR 10.41a may be classified international traffic” pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1322 and 19 CFR10.41a may be classified.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As noted above, on April 1, 2015, the Department published in the Federal Register the Preliminary Determination that boltless steel shelving from the PRC is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV, as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“Act”).2 On March 30, 2015, Hoifat filed timely allegations of ministerial errors contained in the Department’s Preliminary Determination.3

The period of investigation (“POI”) is January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014.4

The scope of this determination covers boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale, with or without decks (“boltless steel shelving”). The term “prepackaged for sale” means that, at a minimum, the steel vertical supports (i.e., uprights and posts) and steel horizontal supports (i.e., beams, braces) necessary to assemble a completed shelving unit (with or without decks) are packaged together for ultimate purchase by the end-user. Subject boltless steel shelving enters the United States through Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) statistical subheadings 9403.20.0018 and 9403.20.0020, but may also enter through HTSUS 9403.10.0040. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise as set forth herein is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
A–570–018

Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale From the People’s Republic of China: Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

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

SUMMARY: On April 1, 2015, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) published the Preliminary Determination of sales at less than fair value (“LTFV”) in the antidumping duty investigation of boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale (“boltless steel shelving”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”).1 We are amending our Preliminary Determination to correct a ministerial error with respect to the identification of companies receiving a separate rate. Specifically, we are amending the Preliminary Determination to grant a separate rate to Hoifat (NingBo) Office Facilities Co., Ltd. (“Hoifat”).

DATES: Effective: April 1, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kabir Archuletta, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2593.

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Significant Ministerial Error

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e) and (g)(1), the Department is amending the Preliminary Determination to reflect the correction of a significant ministerial error it made in the margin assigned to Hoifat, a separate rate applicant. A ministerial error is defined as errors in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of unintentional error which the Secretary considers ministerial.4 A significant ministerial error is defined as a ministerial error, the correction of which, singly or in combination with other errors, would result in (1) a change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination, or (2) a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or de minimis and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than de minimis or vice versa.5 As a result of this amended preliminary determination, we have added Hoifat to the list of exporters that received a separate rate.8

Ministerial Error Allegations

On March 30, 2015, Hoifat, a separate rate applicant,9 submitted a ministerial error allegation claiming that although Hoifat filed a quantity and value response and a separate rate application in this investigation, its separate rate status was not analyzed and it was not named in the Preliminary Determination as one of the exporters receiving a separate rate.10 The Department reviewed the record and agrees that this constitutes a significant ministerial error within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(g). In its SRA, Hoifat submitted information supporting a preliminary finding of an absence of de jure and de facto government control.11 Accordingly, we preliminarily determine that Hoifat is eligible for a separate rate, because the failure to conduct a separate rate analysis was an unintentional error. Further, this error was significant because Hoifat’s margin increased from the separate rate of 52.23 to the PRC-wide rate of 112.68 as a result of this error, thus exceeding the significant error threshold because a correction of this error results in a change of at least five absolute percentage points.

The collection of cash deposits and suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly in accordance with

1 See Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 80 FR 17409 (April 1, 2015) (“Preliminary Determination”).

2 See Preliminary Determination.

3 See Letter to the Secretary of Commerce from Hoifat “Ministerial Error Comment” (March 30, 2015) (“Hoifat Ministerial Comment”).

4 See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1).

5 For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Memorandum from Kabir Archuletta, Senior International Trade Analyst, Office V, to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, “Antidumping Duty Investigation of Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale from the People’s Republic of China: Analysis of Ministerial Error Allegation,” which is dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice.

6 See section 735(e) of the Act.

7 See 19 CFR 351.224(g).

8 See the “Amended Preliminary Determination” section below.

9 See Letter to the Secretary of Commerce from Hoifat “Separate Rate Application” (November 21, 2014) (“SRA”).

10 See Hoifat Ministerial Comment.