DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
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Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the People’s Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 20, 2014, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod (steel wire rod) from the People’s Republic of China (PRC).1 Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than April 28, 2014.2

Postponement of Due Date for the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, the Department may postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation if, among other reasons, the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act.

On March 31, 2014, the petitioner, Nucor Corporation (Nucor), timely requested that the Department postpone its preliminary CVD determination to 130 days from the initiation date.3 Pursuant to 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act and because the Department does not find any compelling reason to deny the request, we are extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, or June 30, 2014.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: April 7, 2014.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Meeting of the Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, to discuss and deliberate on proposed recommendations addressing workforce development best practices; strategies to address misconceptions of manufacturing careers; innovation, research and development in manufacturing; and manufacturing energy policy. The Council will also hear an update from its subcommittee on tax policy and export growth. Additionally, the Council will receive updates from representatives of the U.S. government on the manufacturing initiatives taking place across federal agencies. A final agenda will be available on the Council’s Web site one week prior to the meeting. The Council advises the Secretary of Commerce on government programs and policies that affect U.S. manufacturing and provide a means of ensuring regular contact between the U.S. Government and the manufacturing sector.


2 The statutory deadline for the preliminary determination is Saturday, April 26, 2014. When the statutory deadline falls on a weekend, it is the Department’s practice to issue the determination on the next business day, which in this case would be Monday, April 28, 2014. See Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as Amended, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

3 See 19 CFR 351.205(e) and Letter from Nucor, “Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the People’s Republic of China: Request for Extension of Preliminary Determination” (March 31, 2014).