DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee: Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, February 10, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call. The call-in number and passcode will be provided by email to registrants. Requests to register (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted to: Mr. Jonathan Chesebro, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, Room 20010, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230. (Fax: 202-482-5665; email: jonathan.chesebro@trade.gov). Members of the public are encouraged to submit registration requests and written comments via email to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan Chesebro, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, Room 20010, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-1297; Fax: 202-482-5665; email: jonathan.chesebro@trade.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The CINTAC was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce in response to an identified need for consensus advice from U.S. industry to the U.S. Government regarding the development and administration of programs to expand United States exports of civil nuclear goods and services in accordance with applicable U.S. laws and regulations, including advice on how U.S. civil nuclear goods and services export policies, programs, and activities will affect the U.S. civil nuclear industry’s competitiveness and ability to participate in the international market.

Topics to be considered: The agenda for the Thursday, February 16, 2017 CINTAC meeting is as follows: Discussion on activities related to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Civil Nuclear Trade Initiative.

Public attendance is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Mr. Jonathan Chesebro at the contact information above by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, February 10, 2017 in order to pre-register. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill.

A limited amount of time will be available for brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of 20 minutes.

Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must contact Mr. Chesebro and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the comments and the name and address of the proposed participant by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, February 10, 2017. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, ITA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers.

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the CINTAC’s affairs at any time before and after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 20010, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230. For consideration during the meeting, and to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, February 10, 2017. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of CINTAC meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India: Affirmative Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) is amending its final negative determination of sales at less-than-fair-value (LTFV) with respect to certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (OTR tires) from India to correct ministerial errors in the calculation of the weighted-average dumping margin of Alliance Tires Private Limited (ATC), one of the mandatory respondents in the investigation. Correction of these errors results in a revised margin for ATC that is above de minimis, and, thus, also results in an affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. The Department is also assigning a new “All-Others” rate.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lilit Astvatsatrian or Trisha Tran, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6412, or (202) 482-4852, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: On January 6, 2017, the Department publicly announced its Final Determination 1 in the LTFV investigation on OTR tires from India. On January 9, 2017, Petitioners 2 alleged...
that the Department made certain ministerial errors related to the application of partial adverse facts available (AFA) in the Final Determination.\(^3\) On January 17, 2017, ATC submitted its rebuttal comments.\(^4\)

Based on an analysis of the allegations submitted by Petitioners, the Department determined that it did not make ministerial errors with respect to the application of partial AFA, as defined by section 735(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.224(f).\(^5\) However, in the context of evaluating Petitioner’s allegation, the Department determined that it made ministerial errors within the meaning of section 735(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(f) with respect to ATC’s freight expenses, home market credit expenses and U.S. indirect selling expenses.\(^6\) Accordingly, the Department revised the margin calculation for ATC, and assigned a new “All-Others” rate, as discussed below.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are OTR tires from India. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Appendix I of this notice.

Ministerial Errors

Section 735(e) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.224(f) define a “ministerial error” as an error “in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any similar type of unintentional error which the Secretary considers ministerial.”\(^7\)

The Department finds that the purported errors alleged by Petitioners do not constitute ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f).\(^8\) Specifically, the Department did not state that it intended to determine, as partial AFA, that 66 percent of the value of ATC’s U.S. sales passed the Cohen’s d test in order to apply the average-to-transaction methodology.\(^9\) The Department intentionally applied partial AFA to the standard average-to-average differential pricing methodology in the final margin program because 65.33 percent of the value of ATC’s U.S. sales passed the Cohen’s d test, and the mixed methodology margin did not result in a meaningful difference between the standard and mixed methodology margins.\(^10\) Moreover, the Department did not intend, as Petitioners allege, to apply partial AFA to all three methodologies, prior to determining whether there was a meaningful difference.\(^11\)

Additionally, in reviewing the record, the Department found that: (1) The Department inadvertently omitted additional fields reported by ATC as part of its minor corrections that should have been part of the final margin calculation; (2) ATC did not revise the home market credit expenses to include the correct payment dates for the particular sales identified as minor corrections at the home market sales verification; and (3) the Department inadvertently included the costs associated with the unreported sample U.S. sales in the indirect selling expenses. These are unintentional errors, similar to the errors identified as ministerial errors in the regulations, and, therefore, constitute ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f). Therefore, the Department corrected these errors in the final margin program by: (1) Including the two additional freight expense fields (i.e., OTHFRTU, PICKUP_CHGCU); (2) revising the home market credit expenses to include the correct payment dates for the particular sales identified at the home market sales verification; and (3) revising the indirect selling expenses to exclude the costs associated with the free sample U.S. sales used in the application of partial AFA to those U.S. sales. Based on the above analysis, ATC’s weighted-average dumping margin increased from zero percent to 3.67 percent.

Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In the Final Determination, the Department considered the Petitioners’ critical circumstances allegation with respect to producers and exporters subject to the all others rate and determined that the finding for whether critical circumstances exist with respect to such producers and exporters was moot because the antidumping duty margins for ATC and Balkrishna Industries Limited (BKT), the other mandatory respondent, were zero.\(^12\) ATC’s weighted-average dumping margin increased from zero percent to 3.67 percent as a result of corrections to ministerial errors, which has resulted in a similar increase in the “All-Others” rate. Accordingly, we are addressing whether critical circumstances exist with respect to the “All-Others” rate.

Section 735(a)(3) of the Act provides that the Department will determine that critical circumstances exist in antidumping duty investigations if:

(A)(i) There is a history of dumping and material injury by reason of dumped imports in the United States or elsewhere of the subject merchandise, or

(ii) the person by whom, or for whose account, the merchandise was imported, knew or should have known that the exporter was selling the subject merchandise at LTFV and that there would be material injury by reason of such sales, and

(B) there have been massive imports of the subject merchandise over a relatively short period.

To determine whether there is a history of dumping and material injury, the Department generally considers previous antidumping duty orders on subject merchandise from the country in question in the United States or current orders imposed by other countries with regard to imports of the same merchandise.\(^13\) Because there is no previous antidumping duty order on OTR tires from India or record evidence of current orders imposed by other countries with regard to imports of the same merchandise, the Department finds that there is no history of injurious dumping of OTR tires form India pursuant to section 735(a)(3)(A)(i) of the Act.

Furthermore, the Department normally considers dumping margins of 25 percent or more for export price sales

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\(^{6}\) Id.

\(^{7}\) See section 735(e) of the Act.

\(^{8}\) See Ministerial Error Memorandum.

\(^{9}\) Id.; see also, Memorandum, “Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires (OTR) from India: Analysis of the Final Negative Determination Margin Calculation for ATC Tires Private Limited,” dated January 3, 2017 (ATC’s Final Analysis Memorandum) at 5–6 and Attachment 2.

\(^{10}\) See Final IDM at 19.

\(^{11}\) Id. at 3–4.

\(^{12}\) See Final Determination, 82 FR at 4849.

and 15 percent or more for constructed export price sales sufficient to impute importer knowledge of sales at LTFV.\textsuperscript{14} The estimated weighted-average dumping margins in this investigation do not exceed the threshold sufficient to impute knowledge of dumping (i.e., 25 percent for EP or 15 percent for CEP sales). Therefore, the Department finds that there is an insufficient basis to find that importers knew or should have known that exporters in India were selling subject merchandise at LTFV.\textsuperscript{15} As such, we find that critical circumstances do not exist.

Amended Final Determination

As a result of correcting the ministerial errors, we determine that the weighted-average dumping margins and cash deposit rates are as follows:

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As stated above, the weighted-average dumping margin for BKT in the Final Determination (i.e., 0.00 percent) is unchanged, the Department is not directing CBP to suspend liquidation of entries of OTR tires from India produced and exported by this entity. The instructions suspending liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

The Department will also instruct CBP to require cash deposits for suspended entries equal to the amounts as indicated above, which are adjusted for certain countervailable subsidies, where appropriate. The all-others rate applies to all producers or exporters not specifically listed. For the purpose of determining cash deposit rates, the estimated weighted-average dumping margins for imports of subject merchandise from India have been adjusted, as appropriate, for export subsidies found in the final determination of the companion countervailing duty investigation of this merchandise imported from India.\textsuperscript{16}

U.S. International Trade Commission

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of the Final Determination and our amended final determination. As the preliminary determination was negative and the amended final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(3) of the Act, the ITC will determine within 75 days of the affirmative amended final determination whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation of the subject merchandise. If the ITC determines that such injury exists, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by the Department, antidumping duties on all appropriate imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

This amended final determination is published in accordance with section 735(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(e).


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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

\textbf{Agency:} National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

\textbf{Title:} Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Amendment 14 Data Collection.

\textbf{OMB Control Number:} 0648–0679.

\textbf{Form Number(s):} None.

\textbf{Type of Request:} Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

\textbf{Number of Respondents:} 426.

\textbf{Average Hours Per Response:} Vessel trip reports, 5 minutes; VMS activity declarations, 5 minutes; released catch affidavit form, 5 minutes observer pre-trip notification of trip, 5 minutes; trip cancellation, 1 minute.

\textbf{Burden Hours:} 3,385.

\textbf{Needs and Uses:} This request is for extension of a current information collection. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Under this stewardship role, the Secretary was given certain regulatory authorities to ensure the most beneficial uses of these resources. One of the regulatory steps taken to carry out the conservation and management objectives is to collect information from users of the resources. This collection requires vessel trip reports (VTRs) to be submitted weekly.

\textsuperscript{14} See \textit{et al., Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination: Bottom Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers from Mexico}, 77 FR 17422, 17425 (March 26, 2012).
