

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). On January 24, 2023, the Department of Commerce published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comment on whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments identified in the docket(s) below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. See *Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments*, 88 FR 4155, January 24, 2023 (Notice). We received no public comments.

Docket Number: 23–004. Applicant: The Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA), 950 N Cherry Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719. Instrument: (4) Laser Launch Telescopes. Manufacturer: Officina Stellare, S.p.A., Italy. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study the creation of four artificial stars for the purpose of conducting Adaptive Optics scientific observations. Existing and upcoming next generation optical telescopes require highly reliable 589 nm high power lasers—to generate so-called Guide Star Lasers—for the implementation of adaptive optics facilities. The four Laser Launch Telescopes will be used to project these laser beacons to create a constellation of artificial laser guide stars on top of the telescope. The experiments to be conducted: The four Laser Launch Telescopes used as an accessory to the Adaptive Optics system GMAO (currently in development) will propagate a constellation of artificial guide stars to measure the incoming wavefront. The objectives pursued during the investigations will be used on selected nights for selected astronomical targets in hopes of attaining better scientific data.

Dated: February 21, 2023.

Gregory W. Campbell,

Director, Subsidies Enforcement and Economic Analysis, Enforcement and Compliance.

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Notice of Scope Ruling Applications Filed in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received scope ruling applications, requesting that scope inquiries be conducted to determine whether identified products are covered by the scope of antidumping duty (AD) and/or countervailing duty (CVD) orders and that Commerce issue scope rulings pursuant to those inquiries. In accordance with Commerce's regulations, we are notifying the public of the filing of the scope ruling applications listed below in the month of January 2023.

DATES: Applicable February 27, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Monroe, AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–1384.

Notice of Scope Ruling Applications: In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(3), we are notifying the public of the following scope ruling applications related to AD and CVD orders and findings filed in or around the month of January 2023. This notification includes, for each scope application: (1) identification of the AD and/or CVD orders at issue (19 CFR 351.225(c)(1)); (2) concise public descriptions of the products at issue, including the physical characteristics (including chemical, dimensional and technical characteristics) of the products (19 CFR 351.225(c)(2)(ii)); (3) the countries where the products are produced and the countries from where the products are exported (19 CFR 351.225(c)(2)(i)(B)); (4) the full names of the applicants; and (5) the dates that the scope applications were filed with Commerce and the name of the ACCESS scope segment where the scope applications can be found.¹ This notice

¹ See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300, 52316 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*) (“It is our expectation that the **Federal Register** list will include, where appropriate, for each scope application the following data: (1) identification of the AD and/or CVD orders at issue; (2) a concise public summary of the product's description, including the physical characteristics (including chemical, dimensional and technical characteristics) of the product; (3) the

does not include applications which have been rejected and not properly resubmitted. The scope ruling applications listed below are available on Commerce's online e-filing and document management system, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Electronic Service System (ACCESS), at <https://access.trade.gov>.

Scope Ruling Applications

Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China (China) (A–570–890); Certain side tables/end tables, certain sideboards/low chests, and certain tall cabinets/chests;² produced in and exported from China; submitted by Moe's Home Collection, Inc.; January 25, 2023; ACCESS scope segment “Moe's Home Collection.”

Alloy and Certain Carbon Steel Threaded Rod from China (A–570–104); Carbon Steel Wedge Anchors (Wedge Anchors);³ produced in and exported from China; submitted by Chun Yu Works USA Inc. (Chun Yu Works); January 31, 2023; ACCESS scope segment “Chun Yu Works-Carbon Steel Wedge Anchors.”

Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from China (C–570–105); Carbon Steel Wedge Anchors (Wedge Anchors);⁴ produced in and exported from China; submitted by Chun Yu Works; January 31, 2023; ACCESS scope segment “Chun Yu Works-Carbon Steel Wedge Anchors.”

country(ies) where the product is produced and the country from where the product is exported; (4) the full name of the applicant; and (5) the date that the scope application was filed with Commerce.”)

² The products are three types of side tables/end tables: (1) the Naples Side Table, having two drawers and measuring 24 x 19 x 22 inches; (2) the Leroy Side Table, having two drawers and measuring 20.5 x 18 x 19 inches; and (3) the Persela Side Table/End Table, having 1 drawer and measuring 20 x 18 x 20 inches; two types of sideboards/low chests: (1) the Naples Sideboard, having six drawers and measuring 64 x 20 x 32 inches; and (2) the Leroy Sideboard, having six drawers and measuring 65 x 16.5 x 31 inches; and one type of tall cabinets/chests: the Leroy Tall Cabinet, having four drawers and measuring 27.5 x 18 x 47 inches.

³ The products are wedge anchors consisting of four components of zinc-coated carbon steel: (1) a cone-headed bolt of Q215 steel, threaded for more than 50% of the shaft length, with a lip to keep the expansion clip in place; (2) an expansion clip permanently affixed to the bolt between the head and the lip; (3) a hex nut; and (4) a washer. Wedge anchors have a nominal length of 1¾–12 inches, and a nominal diameter of ¼–1 inches.

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Notification to Interested Parties

This list of scope ruling applications is not an identification of scope inquiries that have been initiated. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1), if Commerce has not rejected a scope ruling application nor initiated the scope inquiry within 30 days after the filing of the application, the application will be deemed accepted and a scope inquiry will be deemed initiated the following day—day 31.⁵ Commerce's practice generally dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend, Federal holiday, or other non-business day, the appropriate deadline is the next business day.⁶ Accordingly, if the 30th day after the filing of the application falls on a non-business day, the next business day will be considered the "updated" 30th day, and if the application is not rejected or a scope inquiry initiated by or on that particular business day, the application will be deemed accepted and a scope inquiry will be deemed initiated on the next business day which follows the "updated" 30th day.⁷

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(m)(2), if there are companion AD and CVD orders covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin, the scope inquiry will be conducted on the record of the AD proceeding. Further, please note that pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(m)(1), Commerce may either apply a scope ruling to all products from the same country with the same relevant physical characteristics, (including chemical, dimensional, and technical characteristics) as the product at issue, on a country-wide basis, regardless of the producer, exporter, or importer of those products, or on a company-specific basis.

For further information on procedures for filing information with Commerce through ACCESS and participating in scope inquiries, please refer to the Filing Instructions section of the Scope Ruling Application Guide, at <https://>

access.trade.gov/help/Scope_Ruling_Guidance.pdf. Interested parties, apart from the scope ruling applicant, who wish to participate in a scope inquiry and be added to the public service list for that segment of the proceeding must file an entry of appearance in accordance with 19 CFR 351.103(d)(1) and 19 CFR 351.225(n)(4). Interested parties are advised to refer to the case segment in ACCESS as well as 19 CFR 351.225(f) for further information on the scope inquiry procedures, including the timelines for the submission of comments.

Please note that this notice of scope ruling applications filed in AD and CVD proceedings may be published before any potential initiation, or after the initiation, of a given scope inquiry based on a scope ruling application identified in this notice. Therefore, please refer to the case segment on ACCESS to determine whether a scope ruling application has been accepted or rejected and whether a scope inquiry has been initiated.

Interested parties who wish to be served scope ruling applications for a particular AD or CVD order may file a request to be included on the annual inquiry service list during the anniversary month of the publication of the AD or CVD order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(n) and Commerce's procedures.⁸

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this monthly list of scope ruling applications received by Commerce. Any comments should be submitted to James Maeder, Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, via email to CommerceCLU@trade.gov.

This notice of scope ruling applications filed in AD and CVD proceedings is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(3).

Dated: February 21, 2023.

James Maeder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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International Trade Administration

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Sodium Nitrite From India: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: Based on affirmative final determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on sodium nitrite from India.

DATES: Applicable February 27, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Martin or Joy Zhang, AD/CVD Operations, Offices III and IV, Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3936 and (202) 482-1168, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with sections 705(d) and 735(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), on January 6, 2023, Commerce published its affirmative final determination of sales at less than fair value (LTFV) and its affirmative final determination that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of sodium nitrite from India.¹

On February 21, 2023, pursuant to sections 705(d) and 735(d) of the Act, the ITC notified Commerce of its final affirmative determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of LTFV imports and subsidized imports of sodium nitrite from India, within the meaning of sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i) and 735(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act.²

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these orders are sodium nitrite from India. For a full description of the scope of the orders, see the appendix to this notice.

AD Order

Based on the above-referenced affirmative final determinations by the

⁵ In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(2), within 30 days after the filing of a scope ruling application, if Commerce determines that it intends to address the scope issue raised in the application in another segment of the proceeding (such as a circumvention inquiry under 19 CFR 351.226 or a covered merchandise inquiry under 19 CFR 351.227), it will notify the applicant that it will not initiate a scope inquiry, but will instead determine if the product is covered by the scope at issue in that alternative segment.

⁶ 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).

⁷ This structure maintains the intent of the applicable regulation, 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1), to allow day 30 and day 31 to be separate business days.

⁸ See Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions, 86 FR 53205 (September 27, 2021).

¹ See Sodium Nitrite from India: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 88 FR 1052 (January 6, 2023); see also Sodium Nitrite from India: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, 88 FR 1042 (January 6, 2023).

² See ITC's Letter, "Notification of ITC Final Determinations," dated February 21, 2023 (ITC Notification Letter).