

importation of the subject merchandise. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

Notification Regarding APO

This notice also serves as a reminder to the parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation. This determination and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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Dated: June 6, 2008.

David M. Spooner,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration (A-520-802)

Certain Steel Nails from the United Arab Emirates: Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: We determine that certain steel nails (nails) from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are not being, or are not likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margins of sales at not LTFV are shown in the "Final Determination" section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Goldberger or Kate Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4136 or (202) 482-4929, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 23, 2008, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary determination of sales at LTFV in the antidumping duty investigation of nails from the UAE. See *Certain Steel Nails From the United Arab Emirates: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination*, 73 FR 3945 (January 23, 2008) (*Preliminary Determination*).

In the *Preliminary Determination*, based on our examination of the petitioners'¹ targeted dumping allegation filed on October 26, 2007, we preliminarily determined that there is a pattern of export prices for comparable merchandise that differs significantly among purchasers. Therefore, based on the petitioners' allegation, we conducted an analysis to determine whether targeted dumping occurred. The Department further stated that it was in the process of re-assessing the framework and standards for both

¹ The petitioners are: Mid Continent Nail Corporation; Davis Wire Corporation; Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation (Atlas Steel & Wire Division); Maze Nails (Division of W.H. Maze Company); Treasure Coast Fasteners, Inc.; and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union.

targeted dumping allegations and targeted dumping analyses, and that it intended to develop a new framework in the context of this proceeding. We invited comments regarding certain principles involved in targeted dumping allegations and analyses. Accordingly, we received comments from the petitioners and the respondent Dubai Wire FZE/Global Fasteners Ltd (Dubai Wire) on February 15, 2008. These parties submitted rebuttal comments on March 10, 2008.

From March 3 through March 12, 2008, we verified the constructed value (CV) and sales questionnaire responses of Dubai Wire. On March 31 and April 1, 2008, we issued the CV and sales verification reports, respectively. See Memorandum to the File entitled "Verification of the Cost Response of Dubai Wire FZE in the Antidumping Investigation of Certain Steel Nails from the UAE," dated March 31, 2008 (CVR), and Memorandum to the File entitled "Verification of the Sales Response of Dubai Wire FZE and Its Affiliate Global Fasteners Ltd in the Antidumping Investigation of Certain Steel Nails from the United Arab Emirates," dated April 1, 2008 (SVR).

On April 21, 2008, the Department issued a decision memorandum in this investigation and the companion investigation on nails from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (*Nails from the PRC*), in which the Department described the application of a new methodology to analyze targeted dumping. Based on this analysis, the Department did not find a pattern of export prices for identical merchandise that differed significantly among purchasers. See Memorandum to David Spooner, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, entitled "Post-Preliminary Determinations on Targeted Dumping," dated April 21, 2008; and Memorandum to James Maeder, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, entitled "Post-Preliminary Determination on Targeted Dumping: Results for Dubai Wire FZE/Global Fasteners Ltd," dated April 21, 2008. As a result, we applied the average-to-average methodology to all U.S. sales and found a *de minimis* margin (0.09 percent) for Dubai Wire. On April 24, 2008, the Department issued a letter to all parties in the two investigations providing clarifications concerning the post-preliminary determinations.

On April 30, 2008, the petitioners and Hilti, Inc. (Hilti), an importer of the subject merchandise, filed case briefs. Dubai Wire filed a case brief on May 1, 2008. On May 7, 2008, the petitioners and Dubai Wire filed rebuttal briefs.

On May 6, 2008, National Nail Corp., an importer of subject merchandise in *Nails from the PRC*, requested that the Department confirm that the scope of this investigation excludes plastic cap roofing nails.² The Department rejected this request, and all submissions associated with this request, as untimely filed on June 2, 2008. See Letter from Irene Darzenta Tzafolias to White and Case, dated June 2, 2008.

On May 15, 2008, Illinois Tool Works, Inc. and Paslode Fasteners (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (collectively, ITW) submitted the public version of their scope arguments contained in the public version of ITW's rebuttal brief filed on May 8, 2008, in *Nails from the PRC*. See "Scope Comments" section, below.

As the Department established a separate briefing schedule on targeted dumping issues, the petitioners and Suzhou Xingya Nail Co., Ltd., Senco-Xingya Metal Products (Taicang) Co., Ltd., Senco Products, Inc., and Omnifast LLC (collectively, Xingya Group), a respondent in *Nails from the PRC*, submitted case briefs with respect to these issues on May 7, 2008.³ On May 14, 2008, the Xingya Group, ITW, and Dubai Wire submitted rebuttal briefs to the petitioners' targeted dumping brief.⁴ On May 19, 2008, we held a joint public hearing on the targeted dumping issues raised in this investigation and *Nails from the PRC*.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007. This period corresponds to the four most recent fiscal quarters prior to the month of the filing of the petition (*i.e.*, May 2007).

Scope of Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation includes certain steel nails having a shaft length up to 12 inches. Certain steel nails include, but are not

limited to, nails made of round wire and nails that are cut. Certain steel nails may be of one piece construction or constructed of two or more pieces. Certain steel nails may be produced from any type of steel, and have a variety of finishes, heads, shanks, point types, shaft lengths and shaft diameters. Finishes include, but are not limited to, coating in vinyl, zinc (galvanized, whether by electroplating or hot-dipping one or more times), phosphate cement, and paint. Head styles include, but are not limited to, flat, projection, cupped, oval, brad, headless, double, countersunk, and sinker. Shank styles include, but are not limited to, smooth, barbed, screw threaded, ring shank and fluted shank styles. Screw-threaded nails subject to this proceeding are driven using direct force and not by turning the fastener using a tool that engages with the head. Point styles include, but are not limited to, diamond, blunt, needle, chisel and no point. Finished nails may be sold in bulk, or they may be collated into strips or coils using materials such as plastic, paper, or wire. Certain steel nails subject to this proceeding are currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65 and 7317.00.75.

Excluded from the scope of this proceeding are roofing nails of all lengths and diameter, whether collated or in bulk, and whether or not galvanized. Steel roofing nails are specifically enumerated and identified in ASTM Standard F 1667 (2005 revision) as Type I, Style 20 nails. Also excluded from the scope of this proceeding are corrugated nails. A corrugated nail is made of a small strip of corrugated steel with sharp points on one side. Also excluded from the scope of this proceeding are fasteners suitable for use in powder-actuated hand tools, not threaded and threaded, which are currently classified under HTSUS 7317.00.20 and 7317.00.30. Also excluded from the scope of this proceeding are thumb tacks, which are currently classified under HTSUS 7317.00.10. Also excluded from the scope of this proceeding are certain brads and finish nails that are equal to or less than 0.0720 inches in shank diameter, round or rectangular in cross section, between 0.375 inches and 2.5 inches in length, and that are collated with adhesive or polyester film tape backed with a heat seal adhesive. Also excluded from the scope of this proceeding are fasteners having a case hardness greater than or equal to 50 HRC, a carbon content greater than or

² The May 6, 2008, submission was filed on the record of the UAE investigation on May 7, 2008. On May 12, 2008, the petitioners submitted a letter for the record of the PRC investigation opposing National Nail Corp.'s exclusion request. This letter was submitted for the record of the UAE investigation on May 27, 2008. National Nail Corp. responded to this letter on May 20, 2008.

³ The public version of Xingya Group's brief was submitted for the record of this investigation on May 12, 2008.

⁴ Dubai Wire resubmitted its rebuttal brief on May 16, 2008, as the Department rejected the original rebuttal brief because it contained arguments that did not address comments made in the petitioners' targeted dumping case brief. See Memorandum to The File entitled "Return of Dubai Wire FZE (Dubai Wire) Rebuttal Brief on Targeted Dumping Issues," dated May 16, 2008. The public versions of the petitioners' and ITW's targeted dumping rebuttal briefs filed in *Nails from the PRC* were submitted to this record on May 15, 2008.

equal to 0.5 percent, a round head, a secondary reduced-diameter raised head section, a centered shank, and a smooth symmetrical point, suitable for use in gas-actuated hand tools.

While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Scope Comments

Banded Brads and Finish Nails

On July 30, 2007,⁵ Stanley Fastening Systems, LP (Stanley), an interested party in this proceeding, requested that banded brads and finish nails imported with a “nailer kit” or “combo kit” as a single package be excluded from this investigation as being outside the “class or kind”⁶ of merchandise.⁷ Based on the scope exclusion request from Stanley, the fact that the petitioners are in agreement with this request, and that there appears to be no impediment to enforceability by CBP, we preliminarily determined that the above-described products are not subject to the scope of this investigation. Since the *Preliminary Determination*, no party to this proceeding has commented on this issue and we have found no additional information that would compel us to reverse our preliminary finding. Thus, for purposes of the final determination, we continue to find that the above-described products are not subject to the scope of this investigation.

Fasteners Suitable for Use in Gas-Actuated Hand Tools

In its case brief filed on April 30, 2008, Hilti, an interested party in this proceeding, reiterated its request, submitted on January 8, 2008, that the Department modify the scope of the investigation to exclude fasteners suitable for use in gas-actuated hand tools.⁸ Hilti claimed that modification of the scope to exclude these fasteners was

supported by the petitioners⁹ and, additionally, because the description of the excluded nails is framed solely in terms of their physical characteristics, the exclusion could be easily administered by CBP. Furthermore, Hilti pointed out that the principles and rationale the Department applied to Stanley’s scope request (see discussion above) in the *Preliminary Determination* applied equally to Hilti’s scope request.

Hilti rebutted ITW’s January 8, 2008, submission arguing that ITW offered no material reason for seeking the imposition of antidumping duties against the product at issue, other than its assertion that it is a U.S. manufacturer of such merchandise. Moreover, Hilti claimed that ITW has never opposed the petitioners’ own initial exclusion of nails suitable for use in powder-actuated hand tools, which Hilti claimed are functionally similar and competitive with nails suitable for use in gas-actuated tools, but simply classified under a different HTSUS subheading.

In its rebuttal brief submitted on May 8, 2008, in *Nails from the PRC*,¹⁰ ITW reiterated its arguments in its January 8, 2008, submission that, because it is the only U.S. producer of the product at issue, the petitioners’ agreement to the proposed exclusion is not relevant in light of ITW’s opposition. In addition, ITW claimed that it is perfectly reasonable and legitimate for it to oppose a petition generally, while at the same time opposing certain exclusions to that petition.

Based on the scope exclusion request from Hilti, the fact that the petitioners are in agreement with this request, and that there appears to be no impediment to enforceability by CBP,¹¹ we have determined that the above-described products are not subject to the scope of this investigation.¹²

Aluminum Nails and Stainless Steel Nails

On February 27, 2008, Duo-Fast Northeast (Duo-Fast), an interested party in this proceeding, requested that the Department exclude two types of nails from the scope of this proceeding:

⁹ On January 9, 2008, the petitioners filed a letter stating that they agree with Hilti’s January 8, 2008, scope exclusion request.

¹⁰ This brief was submitted for the UAE record on May 15, 2008.

¹¹ See Memorandum to the File from Kate Johnson, Senior Case Analyst, entitled “Scope Exclusion Request,” dated May 1, 2008.

¹² While the Department notes ITW’s objection, it strives to craft a scope that both includes the specific products for which the petitioners have requested relief, and excludes those products which may fall within the general scope definition, but for which the petitioners do not seek relief.

(1) aluminum nails, and (2) stainless steel nails.¹³ The plain language of the scope indicates that the scope does not cover aluminum nails because nails made from aluminum are not made from steel and are, thus, not subject merchandise. However, stainless steel nails are explicitly covered in the scope of this proceeding, as the plain language of the scope covers nails produced from any type of steel, without limitation. Therefore, we have not modified the scope of investigation in accordance with Duo-Fast’s requests.

Targeted Dumping

We have analyzed the case and rebuttal briefs with respect to targeted dumping issues submitted for the record in this investigation and in *Nails from the PRC*. As a result of our analysis, we made certain changes in the targeted dumping test we applied in the post-preliminary determination for purposes of the final determination. These changes continued to result in a negative targeted dumping finding for Dubai Wire. For further discussion, see Comments 1 through 9 in the “Issues and Decision Memorandum” (*Decision Memo*) from Stephen J. Claey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated June 6, 2008, which is hereby adopted by this notice. See also Memorandum to The File entitled “Dubai Wire FZE/Global Fasteners Ltd. Final Determination Margin Calculation,” dated June 6, 2008.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs submitted by the parties to this investigation are addressed in the *Decision Memo*. A list of the issues that parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the *Decision Memo*, is attached to this notice as an appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this investigation and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room 1117 of the main Department building. In addition, a complete version of the *Decision Memo* can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>. The paper copy and electronic version of the *Decision Memo* are identical in content.

¹³ On March 18, 2008, the petitioners submitted a letter for the record opposing Duo-Fast’s exclusion request.

⁵ This submission was filed on the record of Nails from the PRC on July 30, 2007, and on the record of the instant investigation on January 7, 2008.

⁶ A “nailer kit” consists of a pneumatic nailer, a “starter box” of banded products and a carrying case. A “combo kit” consists of an air compressor, a pneumatic nailer, and a “starter box” of banded products and related accessories, such as an air hose.

⁷ On December 12, 2007, Stanley revised its July 30, 2007, scope exclusion request arguing that its new request reflects a broader exclusion and could be easily administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) because the description of the excluded brads and finish nails is framed solely in terms of their physical characteristics.

⁸ We stated in the *Preliminary Determination* that we received this request too late to consider for purposes of the preliminary determination, but would consider it for the final determination.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we verified the sales and cost information submitted by Dubai Wire for use in our final determination. We used standard verification procedures including an examination of relevant accounting and production records, and original source documents provided by Dubai Wire. See CVR and SVR.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received and our findings at verification, we have made certain changes to the margin calculation for Dubai Wire. For a discussion of these changes, see the "Margin Calculations" section of the Decision Memo.

Final Determination Margins

We determine that the weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

%	Weighted-Average Margin Percentage
Dubai Wire FZE/Global Fasteners Ltd.	0.00
All Others	0.00

Disclosure

We will disclose the calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Termination of Suspension of Liquidation

Because the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for the sole investigated company is 0.00 percent (*de minimis*), we will direct CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation of all imports of subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 23, 2008, and to release any bond or other security, and refund any cash deposit.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our final determination.

Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

This notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or

conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this determination and notice in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: June 6, 2008.

David M. Spooner,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix - Issues in Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration A-570-865

Final Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 1, 2007, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period of review ("POR") November 1, 2006, through October 31, 2007. See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 72 FR 61859 (November 1, 2007). On November 30, 2007, Nucor Corporation ("Petitioner"), a domestic producer of certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Baosteel Group Corporation, Shanghai Baosteel International Economic & Trading Co., Ltd., and Baoshan Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. (collectively "Baosteel"). On December 27, 2007, the Department published a notice of initiation of an antidumping duty administrative review on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from the PRC. See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, ("Notice of Initiation"), 72 FR 73315 (December 27, 2007).

On April 14, 2008, we preliminarily rescinded this review based on evidence on the record indicating that there were no entries into the United States. See *Preliminary Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From The People's Republic of China*, ("Preliminary Rescission"), 73 FR 20021 (April 14, 2008). We invited interested parties to submit comments on our