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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 11, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of aluminum wire cable (AWC) from China.¹ Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 28, 2019.² The revised deadline for the preliminary determination is now April 9, 2019.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1) require Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an AD investigation no later than 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner³ makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.⁴

The petitioners submitted a timely request on February 15, 2019, that we postpone the preliminary determination

in this LTFV investigation.⁵ The petitioners stated that a postponement is warranted to provide Commerce and all parties sufficient time to develop the record in this investigation, and the current April 9, 2019 deadline does not provide adequate time for Commerce to review questionnaires, receive responses, and follow up with supplemental questionnaires.

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the due date for the preliminary AD determination to no later than 190 days after the day on which the investigation was initiated. As a result of this postponement, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination is now May 29, 2019. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: March 14, 2019.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From the Federal Republic of Germany, Mexico and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable March 19, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 10, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of refillable stainless steel kegs from the Federal Republic of Germany, Mexico, and the People's Republic of China.¹ Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from December 22, 2018, through January 28, 2019. Accordingly, the revised deadline for the preliminary determinations in these investigations is April 8, 2019.²

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner³ makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On March 8, 2019, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in these LTFV investigations.⁴ The petitioner stated

¹ See *Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From the People's Republic of China, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Mexico: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 83 FR 52195 (October 16, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019 (Tolling Memorandum). All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

³ The petitioner is the American Keg Company, LLC.

⁴ See Letters from the petitioner, "Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China, the Federal Republic of Germany, and

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¹ See *Aluminum Wire and Cable From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 83 FR 52811 (October 18, 2018).

² See memorandum to the Record from Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

³ The petitioners are Encore Wire Corporation and Southwire Company, LLC.

⁴ See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

⁵ See Letter from the petitioners, "Aluminum Wire and Cable from China: Petitioner's Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination," dated February 15, 2019.

that it requests postponement of the preliminary determinations of these investigations to allow Commerce and the parties to fully develop and review the record and relevant issues in anticipation of the preliminary determinations.⁵

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated plus 40 days for tolling). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations no later than May 28, 2019. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of publication of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: March 13, 2019.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From India, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable March 13, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petitions

On February 21, 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod (steel threaded rod) from India, Taiwan, Thailand, and China.¹ The AD Petitions, as amended, were filed in proper form by Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (the petitioner).² The AD Petitions, as amended, were accompanied by countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of steel threaded rod from India and China.

On February 26, March 4, and March 6, 2019, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the AD Petitions in separate supplemental questionnaires.³ Responses to the supplemental questionnaires were filed on February 28, March 6, and March 7, 2019.⁴

¹ See the Petitioner's Letter, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand," dated February 21, 2019 (the AD Petitions).

² See the Petitioner's Letter, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand: Clarification of Petitioner's Name," dated March 1, 2019.

³ See Commerce Letters, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand: Supplemental Questions;" "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India: Supplemental Questions;" "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan: Supplemental Questions;" "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand: Supplemental Questions;" and "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions." All of these documents are dated February 26, 2019. See also Commerce Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand: Second Supplemental Questions," dated March 4, 2019. See also Commerce's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan: Second Supplemental Questions," dated March 4, 2019; and Memorandum, "Phone Call with Counsel to the Petitioner," dated March 6, 2019.

⁴ See the Petitioner's Letters, "Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India: Response to Questionnaire on Antidumping Petition" (India AD Supplement); "Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan: Response to Questionnaire on Antidumping Petition" (Taiwan AD Supplement); "Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that imports of steel threaded rod from India, Taiwan, Thailand, and China are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing steel threaded rod in the United States. Consistent with section 732(b)(1) of the Act, the AD Petitions, as amended, are accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the AD Petitions, as amended, on behalf of the domestic industry, because the petitioner is an interested party, as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested AD investigations.⁵

Periods of Investigation

Because the AD Petitions, as amended, were filed on February 21, 2019, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1), the period of investigation (POI) for the India, Taiwan, and Thailand investigations is January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. Because China is a non-market economy (NME) country, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1), the POI for the China investigation is July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

Thailand: Response to Questionnaire on Antidumping Petition" (Thailand AD Supplement); and "Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Response to Questionnaire on Antidumping Petition" (China AD Supplement). All of these documents are dated February 28, 2019. See also the Petitioner's Letter, "Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China, India, Taiwan, and Thailand: Response to General Issues Questionnaire," dated February 28, 2019 (General Issues Supplement); see also the Petitioner's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan: Responses to Second Supplemental Questions," dated March 6, 2019 (Second Taiwan AD Supplement); the Petitioner's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan: Responses to Third Supplemental Questions," dated March 7, 2019 (Third Taiwan AD Supplement); see also the Petitioner's Letter, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand: Responses to Second Supplemental Questions," dated March 6, 2019 (Second Thailand AD Supplement); see also "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand: Amended Calculations," dated March 7, 2019 (Third Thailand AD Supplement).

⁵ See the AD Petitions at 2-3.

Mexico: Petitioner's Request to Extend Preliminary Determinations," dated March 8, 2019 (Requests for Postponement).

⁵ See Requests for Postponement.