

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-533-878]

Stainless Steel Flanges From India: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that countervailable subsidies are being provided to a producer and exporter of stainless steel flanges from India during the period of review (POR), January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Additionally, Commerce is rescinding this review with respect to five companies. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable November 13, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sun Cho, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On October 5, 2018, Commerce published the countervailing duty order on stainless steel flanges from India.¹ On December 6, 2023, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the *Order*.² On May 30, 2024, Commerce extended the time period for issuing these preliminary results by 120 days, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative review by seven days.⁴ The deadline for these preliminary results is now November 6, 2024.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ A list of topics

discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is stainless steel flanges from India. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and the subsidy is specific.⁶ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Partial Rescission of Administrative Review

Commerce's practice is to rescind an administrative review of a countervailing duty order, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), when the interested party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. Commerce received timely-filed withdrawal requests with respect to five companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1): (1) BFN Forgings Private Limited; (2) Chandan Steel Limited; (3) Fivebros Forgings Private Limited; (4) Hilton Metal Forging Limited; and (5) Kisaan Die Tech Pvt Ltd.⁷ Because the withdrawal requests were timely-filed, and no other party requested a review of these companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding

Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Flanges from India; 2022," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁶ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁷ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at the section titled "Partial Rescission of Administrative Review."

this review of the *Order* with respect to these five companies.

Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, we preliminarily find that the following net countervailable subsidy rate exists:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Pradeep Metals Limited	1.75

Disclosure

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

Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.⁸ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁹

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹⁰ Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁰ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹ See *Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 50336 (October 5, 2018) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 84784 (December 6, 2023).

³ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated May 30, 2024.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty

requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹¹

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.¹² Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs.¹³ If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled date. Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries in accordance with the final results of this review. If the assessment rate calculated for Pradeep Metals Limited in the final results is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate all appropriate entries without regard to countervailing duties.

For the companies for which this review is rescinded, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i).

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results of this review in the **Federal Register** for those companies for which Commerce is rescinding the review and no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this

¹¹ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.310.

review in the **Federal Register** for Pradeep. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for the company listed above on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review, except where the rate calculated in the final results is zero or *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required. For all non-reviewed firms or companies for which we rescinded the review, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

Notification to Interested Parties

This administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b)(4).

Dated: November 5, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–588–874]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Japan: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2023

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that one of the two producers/exporters of hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from Japan, sold subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value during the period of review (POR) October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

DATES: Applicable November 13, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Zhao or Myrna Lobo, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1396 and (202) 482–2371, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled steel from Japan in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).¹ Commerce initiated this administrative review of the *Order* on December 6, 2023, covering ten producers and/or exporters.² On March 4, 2024, JFE Shoji Corporation and JFE Shoji America, LLC withdrew its request for review, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).³ On March 5, 2024, the petitioner withdrew its request for review with respect to JFE Steel Corporation and its affiliated companies.⁴ As all parties that

¹ See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determinations for Australia, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Turkey and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 67962 (October 3, 2016) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 84784 (December 6, 2023).

³ See JFE's Letter, "Withdrawal of Review Request," dated March 4, 2024 (JFE Letter of Withdrawal).

⁴ See Petitioner Letter, "Partial Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated March 5, 2024 (Petitioner Letter of Withdrawal).