

postponed, the Department would issue its preliminary determination for this investigation no later than 140 days after the date of the initiation in accordance with section 773(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1). The preliminary determination of the antidumping duty investigation is currently due no later than April 24, 2013.

On March 27, 2013, Utah Refractories Corporation (“Petitioner”) made a timely request pursuant to section 773(c)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2) and (e) for postponement of the preliminary determination in this investigation.² Petitioner requested a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determination in order to provide sufficient time for review of the questionnaire responses, comment on the responses, issuance of appropriate requests for clarification and/or additional information, and consideration of the surrogate value information for properly valuing the critical factors of production of subject merchandise.

For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department, in accordance with section 773(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e), is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 190 days after the date on which the Department initiated this investigation. Therefore, the new deadline for issuing the preliminary determination is June 13, 2013.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 773(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: April 2, 2013.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–489–502]

Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Turkey: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; Calendar Year 2011

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Turkey (pipes and tubes from Turkey) for the period of review (POR) of January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. The review covers the following three producers/exporters of subject merchandise: Borusan Group, Borusan Mannesmann Boru Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (BMB), and Borusan Istikbal Ticaret T.A.S. (Istikbal), (collectively, Borusan); Erbosan Erciyas Boru Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Erbosan) and Erbosan Erciyas Pipe Industry and Trade Co. Kayseri Free Zone Branch (Erbosan FZB), (collectively Erbosan); and Tosyali dis Ticaret A.S. (Tosyali) and Toscelik Profil ve Sac Endustrisi A.S. (Toscelik Profil), (collectively, Toscelik). We preliminarily determine that Borusan, Erbosan, and Toscelik received countervailable subsidies during the POR but that the companies’ respective total net subsidy rates are less than 0.5 percent *ad valorem* and, therefore, are *de minimis*.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 9, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jolanta Lawska at 202–482–8362 (for Borusan and Erbosan) at 202–482–8362 and John Conniff at 202–482–1009 (for Toscelik), AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this order are certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube with an outside diameter of 0.375 inch or more, but not over 16 inches, of any wall thickness (pipe and tube) from Turkey. These products are currently provided for under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) as item numbers 7306.30.10, 7306.30.50, and 7306.90.10. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes,

the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Methodology

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific. *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. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, please *see* Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty (CVD) Administrative Review: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Turkey (Preliminary Decision Memorandum) from Edward C. Yang, Senior Director China/Non-Market Economy Unit, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated concurrently with these results and hereby adopted by this notice.

In making these findings, we have relied, in part, on an adverse inference in selecting from among the facts otherwise available because one of our respondents, Erbosan, did not act to the best of its ability to respond to the Department’s requests for information as it pertains to the “Deduction from Taxable Income for Export Revenue” program. *See* section 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Import Administration’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> and in the Central Records Unit (CRU), room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://www.trade.gov/ia/>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Preliminary Results of Review

The Department has determined that the following preliminary net subsidy

² *See* Letter from Petitioner to the Honorable Rebecca Blank, Secretary of Commerce, regarding “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties: Silica Bricks and Shapes from the People’s Republic of China,” dated March 27, 2013.

rates exist for the period January 1, 2011, through, December 31, 2011:

Company	Net subsidy rate
Borusan Group, Borusan Mannesmann Boru Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Borusan)	0.24 percent <i>ad valorem</i> (<i>de minimis</i>).
Erbosan Erciyas Boru Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Erbosan)	0.30 percent <i>ad valorem</i> (<i>de minimis</i>).
Toscelik Profil ve Sac Endustrisi A.S. (Toscelik)	0.29 percent <i>ad valorem</i> (<i>de minimis</i>).

Assessment and Cash Deposit Requirements

The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate without regard to countervailing duties all shipments of subject merchandise produced by Borusan, Erbosan, and Toscelik, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. The Department will also instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of zero percent on shipments of the subject merchandise produced by Borusan, Erbosan, and Toscelik entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

We will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company. Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to companies covered by this order, but not examined in this review, are those established in the most recently completed administrative proceeding for each company. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested.

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department will disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of these preliminary results.¹ Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.² Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument:

(1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities. All briefs must be filed electronically using Import Administration's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department's electronic records system, IA ACCESS.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, using Import Administration's IA ACCESS system.³ Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.⁴ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, the Department will 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 issuance of these preliminary results.

These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 2, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix

Analysis of Programs

- I. *Programs Preliminarily Determined to be Countervailable*
- A. Deduction from Taxable Income for Export Revenue

- B. Short Term Pre-Shipment Rediscount Program
- C. Law 5084: Withholding of Income Tax on Wages and Salaries
- D. Law 5084: Incentive for Employers' Share in Insurance Premiums
- E. Law 5084: Allocation of Free Land and Purchase of Land for less than Adequate Remuneration (LTAR)
- F. Law 5084: Energy Support
- G. Organized Industrial Zone (OIZ): Exemption from Property Tax
- H. Corporate Income Tax Exemption under the Free Zones Law
- II. *Programs Preliminarily Determined To Not Confer Countervailable Benefits During the POR*
 - A. Inward Processing Certificate Exemption
 - B. Investment Encouragement Program (IEP): Customs Duty Exemptions
 - C. Provision of Buildings and Land Use Rights for LTAR under the Free Zones Law
- III. *Programs Preliminarily Found Not Countervailable*
 - A. Deductions on Social Security Payments Program under Law 5510
 - B. Deductions on Social Security Payments Program under Law 5921
 - C. Customs Duties and Value-Added Tax (VAT) Exemptions under the Free Zones Law
- IV. *Programs Preliminarily Determined to Not Be Used*
 - A. Stamp Duties and Fees Exemptions under the Free Zones Law
 - B. Other Programs Not Used
 - Post-Shipment Export Loans
 - Export Credit Bank of Turkey Buyer Credits
 - Subsidized Turkish Lira Credit Facilities
 - Subsidized Credit for Proportion of Fixed Expenditures
 - Subsidized Credit in Foreign Currency
 - Regional Subsidies
 - VAT Support Program (Incentive Premium on Domestically Obtained Goods)
 - IEP: VAT Exemptions
 - IEP: Reductions in Corporate Taxes
 - IEP: Interest Support
 - IEP: Social Security Premium Support
 - IEP: Land Allocation
 - National Restructuring Program
 - Regional Incentive Scheme: Reduced Corporate Tax Rates
 - Regional Incentive Scheme: Social Security Premium Contribution for Employees
 - Regional Incentive Scheme: Allocation of State Land
 - Regional Incentive Scheme: Interest Support
 - OIZ: Waste Water Charges

¹ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

² See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

³ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

⁴ See 19 CFR 351.310.

- OIZ: Exemptions from Customs Duties, VAT, and Payments for Public Housing Fund, for Investments for which an Income Certificate is Received
- OIZ: Credits for Research and Development Investments, Environmental Investments, Certain Technology Investments, Certain "Regional Development" Investments, and Investments Moved from Developed regions to "Regions of Special Purpose"
- Foreign Trade Companies Short Term Export Credits
- Pre-Export Credits
- Pre-shipment Export Credits
- OIZ: Exemption from Building and Construction Charges
- OIZ: Exemption from Amalgamation and Allotment Transaction Charges

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Center for Nebraska; Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce (DoC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NIST invites applications from eligible applicants for funding projects that provide manufacturing extension services to primarily small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the United States. Specifically, NIST seeks applications to re-establish an MEP center in Nebraska.

DATES: Electronic applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 10, 2013. Paper applications must be received by NIST by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 10, 2013.

ADDRESSES: For applicants without Internet access, the standard application package may be obtained by contacting Diane Henderson, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800, phone (301) 975-5105, or by downloading the application package through Grants.gov.

Paper submissions should be sent to: Diane Henderson, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800. Electronic submissions should be submitted to www.grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Administrative, budget, cost-sharing, and eligibility questions and other programmatic questions should be directed to Diane Henderson at Tel: (301) 975-5105; Email: diane.henderson@nist.gov; Fax: (301) 963-6556. Grants Administration questions should be addressed to: Scott McNichol, Grants and Agreements Management Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1650, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1650; Tel: (301) 975-5603; Email: scott.mcnichol@nist.gov; Fax: (301) 926-6458. For assistance with using Grants.gov contact Christopher Hunton at Tel: (301) 975-5718; Email: christopher.hunton@nist.gov; Fax: (301) 840-5976. All questions and responses will be posted on the MEP Web site, www.nist.gov/mep.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic access: Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the corresponding Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement available at www.grants.gov for complete information about this program, including all program requirements and instructions for applying by paper or electronically. The FFO may be found by searching under the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number provided below.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 278k, as implemented in 15 CFR part 290

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Manufacturing Extension Partnership—11.611

Webinar Information Session: NIST MEP will hold an information session for organizations considering applying to this opportunity. An information session in the form of a webinar will be held approximately 14 business days after publication of this notice. The exact date and time of the webinar will be posted on the MEP Web site at www.nist.gov/mep. Organizations

wishing to participate in the webinar must sign up by contacting Diane Henderson at diane.henderson@nist.gov.

Program Description: NIST invites applications from eligible applicants for funding one (1) MEP center to provide manufacturing extension services to primarily small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the state of Nebraska. The MEP center will become part of the MEP national system of extension service providers, currently comprised of more than 400 centers and field offices located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

The objective of an MEP center is to provide manufacturing extension services that enhance productivity, innovative capacity, and technological performance, and strengthen the global competitiveness of primarily small- and medium-sized U.S.-based manufacturing firms in its service region. Manufacturing extension services are provided by utilizing the most cost effective, local, leveraged resources for those services through the coordinated efforts of a regionally-based MEP center and local technology resources. The management and operational structure of an MEP center is not prescribed, but should be based upon the characteristics of the manufacturers in the region and locally available resources with demonstrated experience working with manufacturers.

It is not the intent of this program that the centers perform research and development.

Information regarding MEP and these centers is available at www.nist.gov/mep.

Funding Availability: NIST anticipates funding one (1) application at the level of up to \$600,000 for an MEP Center in the state of Nebraska. The project awarded under this notice and the corresponding FFO will have a budget and performance period of one (1) year. The award may be renewed on an annual basis subject to the review requirements described in 15 CFR 290.8.

Cost Share Requirements: This Program requires a non-Federal cost share of at least 50 percent of the total project cost for the first year of operation. Any renewal funding of an award will require non-Federal cost sharing as follows:

Year of center operation	Maximum NIST share	Minimum non-federal share
1-3	1/2	1/2
4	2/5	3/5
5 and beyond	1/3	2/3