

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0190.

Form Number(s): SM4217–A and SM4217–E.

Type of Review: Regular submission. Request for an Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S. merchant wholesale firms, excluding manufacturers' sales branches and office.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,200.

Estimated Time per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,880 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 131 and 182.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****South Dakota School of Mines and Technology et al., 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 June 16, 2025, and on July 1, 2025, 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*, 90 FR 25222, June 16, 2025 and *Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments*, 90 FR 28724, July 1, 2025. We received no public comments.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. We know of no instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order.

Docket Number: 25–013. Applicant: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 501 E Saint Joseph St., Rapid City, SD 57701. Instrument: 2D material transfer stage with an optical microscope. Manufacturer: High Hope Zhongding Corporation, China. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to control exciton-polariton interactions in 2D material heterostructures for applications in optoelectronic, electronic devices such as photodetectors, light-emitting devices.

Docket Number: 25–014. Applicant: William Marsh Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, MS094, Houston, TX 77251–1892. Instrument: Erbium Vacuum System. Manufacturer: Limit Vacuum Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to develop quantum simulation technologies to investigate fundamental

quantum mechanical properties of quantum matter and potentially develop new novel quantum materials.

Docket Number: 25–016. Applicant: University of Minnesota, 115 Union St. SE, PAN 241, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Instrument: High Temperature Laser Crystal Growth Furnace. Manufacturer: Scientific Instruments GmbH, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to synthesize single crystals of transition-metal-based oxide to discover new high high-temperature superconducting materials.

Docket Number: 25–017. Applicant: California Institute of Technology, 1200 E California Blvd., M/C 18–34, Pasadena, CA 91125. Instrument: Nd: Yag Laser System. Manufacturer: Laser Zentrum Hannover, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to detect gravitational waves.

Docket Number: 25–018. Applicant: Utah State University, 4415 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84322. Instrument: SLM–200 Spatial Light Modulator. Manufacturer: Santec USA Corporation, Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to generate holography and vortex optical beams to provide hands-on training on holographic optics, diffraction options, and Fourier optics.

Dated: August 11, 2025.

Tyler O'Daniel,

Acting Director, Subsidies and Economic Analysts, Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C–580–884]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Hyundai Steel Company (Hyundai Steel) and POSCO, producers/exporters of certain hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from the Republic of Korea (Korea), received countervailable subsidies during the period of review January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

DATES: Applicable August 14, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan James or Kelsie Hohenberger, 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) 482–5305 or (202) 482–2517, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 13, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review in the **Federal Register** and invited interested parties to comment.¹ On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative review by 90 days.² On May 30, 2025, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final results until August 8, 2025.³ For a complete description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁴

Scope of the Order⁵

The merchandise covered by this Order is hot-rolled steel from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of the Order, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

We addressed all issues raised in interested parties’ case briefs in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised by parties, to which Commerce responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is provided as an appendix to this notice. The Issues and 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 Issues and

Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on comments received from interested parties, we made certain changes to POSCO’s countervailable subsidy rate calculations from the *Preliminary Results*.⁶

Methodology

Commerce 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 find 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.⁷ For a full description of the methodologies underlying all of Commerce’s conclusions, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of Administrative Review

We determine that, for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the following total net countervailable subsidy rates exist:

| Producer/exporter | Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>) |
|---|---|
| Hyundai Steel Company ⁸ | 2.21 |
| POSCO ⁹ | 1.47 |

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed for these final results of review within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review, for the above-listed companies at the applicable *ad valorem* assessment rates listed. Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. 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 Rates

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for the companies listed above on shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the all-others rate or most recent company-specific rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposits, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

These final results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

¹ See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 2022, 89 FR 89610 (November 13, 2024) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated December 9, 2024.

³ See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review,” dated May 30, 2025.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea; 2022,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁵ See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Brazil and the Republic of Korea: Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determinations and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 81 FR 67960 (October 3, 2016) (*Order*).

⁶ For a discussion of these comments, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁷ 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.

⁸ As discussed in the *Preliminary Results* PDM, Commerce has found Hyundai Green Power Co., Ltd. to be cross-owned with Hyundai Steel Company.

⁹ As discussed in the *Preliminary Results* PDM, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with POSCO: POSCO Holdings, POSCO International Corporation, POSCO Chemical, POSCO M-Tech, Pohang Scrap Recycling Distribution Center Co. Ltd., POSCO Nippon Steel RHF Joint Venture Co., Ltd., and POSCO Mobility Solutions.

Dated: August 8, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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 - Comment 3: Whether the Benchmark Calculation for Electricity for More than Adequate Remuneration (MTAR) Program Correctly Reflects the Volume of Electricity Purchased
 - Comment 4: Whether Certain Tax Exemptions, Import Duty Exemptions, and Loans are Tied to the Production of Non-Subject Merchandise
- VII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF102]

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Southwest Fisheries Science Center Fisheries Research

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for Letter of Authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) for authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals incidental to conducting fisheries research over the course of 5 years from the date of issuance. Pursuant to regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing receipt of the SWFSC's request for the development and implementation of regulations

governing the incidental taking of marine mammals. NMFS invites the public to provide information, suggestions, and comments on the SWFSC's application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than September 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the applications should be addressed to the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Physical comments should be sent to 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and electronic comments should be sent to ITP.jacobus@noaa.gov.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristy Jacobus, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401. An electronic copy of the SWFSC's application may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An incidental take authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance, which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

Summary of Request

On June 12, 2025, NMFS received an application from the SWFSC requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to fisheries research conducted by SWFSC. After the SWFSC responded to our questions and submitted a revised application, we determined the application was adequate and complete on July 29, 2025. The requested regulations would be valid for 5 years, from January 15, 2026 through January 15, 2031. The SWFSC plans to conduct fisheries research surveys in the California Current Research Area (off of the U.S. west coast) and the Antarctic Research Area (in the Antarctic Scotia Sea). It is possible that marine mammals may interact with fishing gear (e.g., trawl nets, purse seines, longlines) used in the SWFSC's research, resulting in injury, serious injury, or mortality. In addition, Level B harassment due to physical disturbance of pinnipeds is possible due to the presence of research vessels in the Antarctic research area. Because the specified activities have the potential to take marine mammals present within these action areas, SWFSC requests authorization to take multiple species of