

publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 6, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–428–850]

#### Thermal Paper From Germany: Preliminary Results and Rescission, In Part, 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 sales of thermal paper from Germany were not made at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable December 13, 2024.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Entz, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3845.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 22, 2021, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on thermal paper from Germany.<sup>1</sup> On November 2, 2023, Commerce published in the

**Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* for the POR.<sup>2</sup> On December 29, 2023, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the *Order*.<sup>3</sup> On March 15, 2024, Lollicup USA Incorporated (Lollicup) withdrew its request for review of Mitsubishi Hitec Paper (Mitsubishi).<sup>4</sup> Therefore, Commerce is examining Koehler Paper SE and Koehler Kehl GmbH (collectively, Koehler) as the sole mandatory respondent in this review.<sup>5</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>6</sup> In July 2024 and November 2024, we extended the deadline for preliminary results of this administrative review. The deadline to issue the preliminary results is no later than December 6, 2024.<sup>7</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

##### Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is thermal paper from Germany. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

##### Partial Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested a review withdraws its request within 90 days of

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 88 FR 75270 (November 2, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 90168 (December 29, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See Lollicup's Letter, "Withdrawal of Administrative Request," dated March 15, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated February 29, 2024; see also Memorandum, "Suspension of Deadlines for Mitsubishi Hitec Paper; and Commerce's Letters, "Affiliation Between Koehler and Matra," dated April 10, 2024).

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2022–2023 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated July 15, 2024; see also Memorandum, "Second Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2022–2023 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated November 8, 2024.

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2022–2023 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Thermal Paper from the Republic of Germany," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

the date of publication of notice of initiation. As noted above, Lollicup withdrew its request for review of Mitsubishi within the 90-day deadline. As no other party requested for review of Mitsubishi, we are rescinding this administrative review with respect to Mitsubishi, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

##### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). We calculated constructed export price in accordance with section 772 of the Act. We calculated NV in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached 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>.

##### Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Koehler Paper SE; Koehler Kehl GmbH <sup>9</sup> .....	0.00

##### Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results to interested parties within five days of any public

<sup>9</sup> In accordance with our collapsing determination in the prior administrative review, Commerce continues to collapse these companies and treat them as a single entity. See *Thermal Paper From the Republic of Germany: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021–2022*, 88 FR 83397 (November 29, 2023), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 4–5, unchanged in *Thermal Paper From the Federal Republic of Germany: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021–2022*, 89 FR 47517 (June 3, 2024).

<sup>1</sup> See *Thermal Paper from Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Spain: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 86 FR 66284 (November 22, 2021) (*Order*).

announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

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 case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>10</sup> Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.<sup>11</sup> All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

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.<sup>12</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the 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 executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>13</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and

telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing.<sup>14</sup>

Unless otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

#### Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), because Koehler reported the entered value for all of its U.S. sales, we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales for which entered value was reported. Where either Koehler's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c), or an importer-specific rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Commerce's "automatic assessment" will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Koehler for which it did not know that the merchandise it sold to an intermediary (*e.g.*, a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>15</sup>

For Mitsubishi, the company for which Commerce is rescinding this review, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to

issue assessment instructions to CBP regarding Mitsubishi no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, the final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable. 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 Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the company listed above will be that established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not covered by this review, the cash deposit will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the company participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent segment for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers and/or exporters will continue to be 2.90 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>16</sup> These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1); *see also* *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>12</sup> We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>13</sup> See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>15</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, *see* *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

<sup>16</sup> See *Order*, 86 FR at 66286.

the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 6, 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–580–809]

#### Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results 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 finds that circular welded non-alloy steel pipe (CWP) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) was sold at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023. Additionally, Commerce determines that one mandatory respondent did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than NV during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable December 13, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Benjamin Nathan or Mira Warrior, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3834 or 202–482–8031, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 2, 1992, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty (AD) order on CWP from Korea.<sup>1</sup> On November 1, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order*.<sup>2</sup> On December 29, 2023, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the *Order* covering 26 producers/exporters.<sup>3</sup> On February 27, 2024, we selected Husteel Co., Ltd. (Husteel) and Hyundai Steel Company (Hyundai Steel)<sup>4</sup> for individual examination as mandatory respondents in this administrative review.<sup>5</sup>

On July 17, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline to issue the preliminary results of this review until November 29, 2024.<sup>6</sup> On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.<sup>7</sup> The deadline for the preliminary results is now December 6, 2024. For a complete description of the events that

<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Antidumping Orders: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Brazil, the Republic of Korea (Korea), Mexico, and Venezuela, and Amendment to Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Korea*, 57 FR 49453 (November 2, 1992) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 87 FR 65750 (November 1, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 90168 (December 29, 2023); see also *Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea; Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the Republic of Korea; Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Korea; and Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews*, 89 FR 89962 (November 14, 2024) (Hyundai Steel CCR), determining that Hyundai Steel Pipe Co., Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to Hyundai Steel Company.

<sup>4</sup> We note that in the context of the *Hyundai Steel CCR*, Commerce determined that Hyundai Steel Pipe Co., Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to the mandatory respondent, Hyundai Steel. At the completion of the final results of this review, the cash deposit rate applicable to Hyundai Steel will be applicable to Hyundai Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, “Respondent Selection,” dated February 27, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results,” dated July 17, 2024.

followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

#### Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the scope of the *Order* is CWP from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Rescission of Administrative Review in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. On March 13, 2024, Wheatland Tube Company timely withdrew its request for review with respect to three companies.<sup>9</sup> Because no other parties requested a review of these companies, we are rescinding this review, in part, with respect to the following three companies: SeAH Steel VINA Corporation, Hoa Sen Group, and Hoa Phat Steel Pipe Co Ltd.

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Constructed export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying these preliminary results, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as Appendix II 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>.

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2022–2023 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>9</sup> See Wheatland Tube Company's Letter, “Withdrawal Request for Administrative Reviews,” dated March 13, 2024.