

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019 ANNUAL MATERIALS PLAN—Continued

Material	Unit	Quantity	Footnote
Electrolytic Manganese Metal	MT	3,000	.....
Europium	MT	35	.....
Ferro-niobium	MT	209	.....
Lithium Ion Precursors	kg	19,000	.....
Rare Earths Elements	MT	416	(³)
Rare Earth Magnet Feedstock	MT	100	(³)
Rayon	MT	600	.....
Silicon Carbide Fibers	Lbs	875	.....
TATB (Triamino-Trinitrobenzene)	LB	48,000	.....
Tantalum	Lb Ta	33,990	.....
Tin	MT	40	.....
Tungsten Rhenium Metal	kg	5,000	.....
Yttrium Oxide	MT	10	.....
Potential Conversions (Upgrade, rotation, reprocessing, etc.):			
Beryllium Metal	ST	5	.....
CZT (Cadmium Zinc Tellurium substrates)	cm ²	32,000	.....
High Modulus High Strength Carbon Fibers	MT	72	.....
Dysprosium	MT	0.5	.....
Europium	MT	35	.....
Germanium Scrap	kg	5,000	.....
Iridium Catalyst	Lbs	50	.....
Rare Earths Elements	MT	416	(³)
Silicon Carbide Fibers	Lbs	875	.....
Tin	MT	804	.....
Potential Recovery from Government Sources:			
Bearing Steel	MT	50	.....
E-Waste	MT	50	(²)
Gadolinium Oxide	MT	4	.....
Germanium (Scrap)	kg	5,000	.....
Iridium Catalyst (Scrap)	Lbs	50	.....
Lithium Ion Precursors	MT	25	.....
Magnesium Metal	MT	10	.....
Nickel Based Alloys	Lbs	150,000	.....
Rare Earth Elements—Magnets	MT	100	.....
Rhenium Metal	kg	500	.....
Permanent Magnet Alloys	kg	500	.....
Tantalum	MT	10	.....
Titanium Based Alloys (Scrap)	Lbs	75,000	.....
Yttrium Aluminum Garnet Rods (Scrap)	kg	250	.....
Zirconia Oxide	MT	4	.....

Footnote Key:

¹ Actual quantity will be limited to remaining inventory.² Strategic and Critical Materials collected from E-Waste.³ Excludes acquisition of yttrium, dysprosium and europium as these rare earths were requested under separate legislation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-489-832]

Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to

producers and exporters of carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey). The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

DATES: Applicable September 5, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Justin Neuman or Omar Qureshi, 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) 482-3813 or (202) 482-7438, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the

notice of initiation of this investigation on April 26, 2017.¹ On June 5, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now August 25, 2017.² For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision

¹ See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy and Turkey: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 19213 (April 26, 2017) (Initiation Notice).

² See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy and the Republic of Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 25771 (June 5, 2017).

³ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Turkey," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Memorandum is included 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 <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is wire rod from Turkey. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,⁴ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage, (*i.e.*, scope).⁵ Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice* as well as additional language proposed by the Department. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.⁶ The Department is not preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See scope in Appendix I.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, the Department preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that

gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁷

The Department notes that, in making these findings, it relied, in part, on facts available and, because it finds that one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to the Department's requests for information, it drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.⁸ For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

In accordance with section 703(e)(1) of the Act, the Department preliminarily determines that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of wire rod for all other exporters or producers not individually examined. For a full description of the methodology and results of the Department's analysis, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, the Department shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and *de minimis* rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act. In this investigation, the only rate that is not zero, *de minimis* or based entirely on facts otherwise available is the rate calculated for Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istih (Habas). Consequently, the rate calculated for Habas is also assigned as the rate for all-other producers and exporters.

Preliminary Determination

The Department preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate
Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istih.	2.27 percent.
Icdas Celik Eberji Tersane Ve Ulasim San (Icdas).	<i>de minimis</i> .
All-Others	2.27 percent.

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 See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), the Department will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above. Because the subsidy rate for Icdas is *de minimis*, the Department is directing CBP not to suspend liquidation of entries of the merchandise from this company.

Section 703(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered, or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. The Department preliminarily finds that critical circumstances exist for "all other" exporters or producers of subject merchandise. In accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of merchandise from the exporters/producers identified in this paragraph that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date which is 90 days before the publication of this notice.

Disclosure

The Department intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, the Department intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to

⁴ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁵ See *Initiation Notice*, 82 FR at 19214.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Belarus, Italy, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations," dated August 7, 2017 (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.⁹ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation 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.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. 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. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: August 25, 2017.

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.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation are certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional

diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high-nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (*i.e.*, products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.1 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorous, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium). All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

The products under investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3011, 7213.91.3015, 7213.91.3020, 7213.91.3093, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7227.20.0030, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6010, 7227.90.6020, 7227.90.6030, and 7227.90.6035 of the HTSUS. Products entered under subheadings 7213.99.0090 and 7227.90.6090 of the HTSUS also may be included in this scope if they meet the physical description of subject merchandise above. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-475-837]

Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Italy: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable

subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from Italy. The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

DATES: Applicable September 5, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yasmin Bordas or John Corrigan, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3813 or (202) 482-7438, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is wire rod from Italy. For

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² See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy and the Republic of Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 25771 (June 5, 2017).

³ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).