with regard to this program, which had the lowest rate in the *Preliminary* Determination among the programs alleged to be inconsistent with the SCM Agreement. In so doing, we intend to limit the corresponding offset to the dumping margin (if one is found) in the companion antidumping duty investigation, which best fulfills our statutory mandate "to ensure that the party does not obtain a more favorable result by failing to cooperate than if it had cooperated fully," 18 and induce future cooperation by companies in investigations where the petitioners allege the existence of programs potentially inconsistent with the SCM Agreement.

Because we preliminarily find that the "Export Assistance Grants" program is export contingent, we preliminarily find that the criterion under section 703(e)(1)(A) of the Act has been met. In addition, for the purposes of the "massive imports" analysis, we preliminarily determine, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act, that Fasa Industrial and Hero Stone shipped quartz surface products in "massive" quantities during the comparison period, thereby fulfilling the criteria under section 703(e)(1)(B) of the Act. 19 As a result, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist with regard to Fasa Industrial and Hero Stone.

All Other Companies

We based the all-others rate applied in the Preliminary Determination on the rate preliminarily calculated for Foshan Yixin. As noted above, we preliminarily found that Foshan Yixin did not use any countervailable subsidies inconsistent with the SCM Agreement. As a result, we also preliminarily determine that all other exporters of subject merchandise from China not selected as mandatory respondents did not use countervailable subsidies inconsistent with the SCM Agreement, and thus preliminarily find that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to the companies covered by the all-others rate.

Final Determination

We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances in the final determination of this investigation, which is currently scheduled for January 28, 2019.

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 issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.²⁰ 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.21

Electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due dates established above.²²

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, for Fasa Industrial and Hero Stone, we will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of any unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from the China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after June 23, 2018, which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of the *Preliminary* Determination in the Federal Register. For such entries, CBP shall require a cash deposit equal to the estimated preliminary subsidy rates established for Fasa Industrial and Hero Stone in the Preliminary Determination. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this preliminary determination of critical circumstances.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 8, 2018.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A-570-073]

Antidumping Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that common alloy aluminum sheet (common alloy sheet) from the People's Republic of China (China) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less-thanfair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) April 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017.

DATES: Applicable November 15, 2018. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Hoefke or Julie Geiger, 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) 482–4947 and (202) 482–2057, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 6, 2018, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the *Preliminary* Determination and invited interested parties to comment. On August 8, 2018, Commerce published in the Federal Register the Amended Preliminary Determination.² A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary* Determination, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum that is dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice.3

¹⁸ Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, H.R. Doc. 103–316, Vol. 1 (1994) at 870, reprinted in 1994 U.S.C.C.A.N. 4040, 4199.

¹⁹ See Critical Circumstances Allegation at Exhibit 1

²⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1).

²¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

²² See 19 CFR 351.303(b)(1).

¹ See Antidumping Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstance, and Postponement of Final Determination, 83 FR 29088 (June 22, 2018) (Preliminary Determination) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Amended Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 83 FR 39056 (August 8, 2018) (Amended Preliminary Determination).

³ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Continued

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 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 Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http:// enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version are identical in content.

Scope Comments

We invited parties to comment on Commerce's Scope Comments Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ Commerce has reviewed the briefs submitted by interested parties, considered the arguments therein, and has made no changes to the scope of the investigation. For further discussion, see Commerce's Scope Comments Final Decision Memorandum.⁵

Methodology

Commerce conducted this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For a full description of the methodology underlying our final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is common alloy sheet from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, in July, we conducted verification of the questionnaire responses submitted by Henan Mingtai Industrial Co., Ltd. and Zhengzhou Mingtai (collectively, Mingtai). We issued verification reports on August 28, 2018.

Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting and financial records, and original source documents provided by Mingtai.

Period of Investigation

The POI is April 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017.

Analysis of Comments Received

The issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues that parties raised, and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice at Appendix II.

Final Affirmative Determination, in Part, of Critical Circumstances

In the Preliminary Determination, we found that critical circumstances exist for to Nanjie Resources Co., Limited (Nanjie), Yong Jie New Material Co., Ltd. (Yong Jie New Material), and Zhejiang Yongjie Aluminum Co., Ltd. (Yongjie Aluminum) (collectively, Yongjie Companies); Zhejiang GKO Aluminium Stock Co., Ltd. (GKO Aluminium); the companies eligible for a separate rate; and the China-wide entity.⁷ After analyzing comments received from interested parties regarding our preliminary critical circumstances determinations, we continue to find that, in accordance with section 735(a)(3) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, critical circumstances exist with respect to Nanjie, the Yongjie Companies, GKO Aluminium, the companies eligible for a separate rate, and the China-wide entity.8

Use of Adverse Facts Available (AFA)

For the final determination we continue to rely upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences (AFA), for the China-wide entity, the Yongjie Companies, and GKO Aluminium, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our review and analysis of the comments received from parties, and minor corrections presented at verification, we made certain changes to Mingtai's margin calculation since the *Preliminary Determination*. For Mingtai, we calculated U.S. price and normal value using the same methodology stated in the *Preliminary Determination*, except as follows:

- We revised the surrogate value for Mingtai's argon factor of production using data from Bulgaria instead of South Africa.
- We revised the surrogate value for Mingtai's prompt aluminum scrap factor of production.
- We revised Mingtai's normal value calculation by: (1) Disallowing a claimed by-product offset; and (2) treating run-around aluminum scrap as a direct material input, not as a by-product.

China-Wide Entity

For the final determination, we continue to find that the China-wide entity, which includes certain Chinese exporters and/or producers that did not respond to Commerce's requests for information, including mandatory respondents GKO Aluminium and the Yongjie Companies, failed to provide necessary information, failed to provide information in a timely manner, and significantly impeded this proceeding by not submitting the requested information. We also continue to find that the China-wide entity failed to cooperate to the best of its ability. As a result, we continue to rely on AFA in determining the rate for the China-wide entity and, as AFA, we select the highest rate listed in the initiation of the investigation (i.e., 59.72 percent), which is greater than the revised weightedaverage dumping margin of Mingtai (i.e., 49.85 percent).9

Combination Rates

Consistent with *Preliminary Determination* ¹⁰ and Policy Bulletin 05.1, ¹¹ Commerce calculated combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in this investigation.

Final Determination

The final weighted-average antidumping margins are as follows:

⁴ See Memorandum, "Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Scope Comments Preliminary Decision Memorandum," dated June 15, 2018.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Scope Comments Final Decision Memorandum," dated concurrently with this memorandum.

⁶ See Commerce Memoranda, "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Henan Mingtai Al

Industrial Co., ltd. and Zhengzhou Mingtai Industry Co., Ltd. in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China," dated August 28, 2018.

See Preliminary Determination, 83 FR at 29089.
 See Issues and Decision Memorandum, at Comment 2.

⁹ See Issues and Decision Memorandum, at 5–7.
¹⁰ See Preliminary Determination, 83 FR at 29089–29090.

¹¹ See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy Bulletin 05.1), available on Commerce's website at http://enforcement.trade.gov/policy/bull05-1.pdf.

Exporter	Producer	Weighted- average margin (percent)	Cash deposit adjusted for subsidy offset (percent)
Henan Mingtai Al Industrial Co., Ltd./Zhengzhou	Henan Mingtai Al Industrial Co., Ltd./Zhengzhou	49.85	49.85
Mingtai Industry Co., Ltd.	Mingtai Industry Co., Ltd.		
Alcha International Holdings Limited	Jiangsu Alcha Aluminium Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Alumax Composite Material (Jiangyin) Co., Ltd	Chalco Ruimin Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Granges Aluminum (Shanghai) Co., Ltd	Granges Aluminum (Shanghai) Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Henan Founder Beyond Industry Co., Ltd	Henan Xintai Aluminum Industry Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Huafon Nikkei Aluminium Corporation	Huafon Nikkei Aluminium Corporation	49.85	49.85
Jiangsu Lidao New Material Co., Ltd	Henan Jinyang Luyue Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Jiangsu Lidao New Material Co., Ltd	Jiangsu Zhong He Aluminum Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Jiangyin Litai Ornamental Materials Co., Ltd	Jiangyin Litai Ornamental Materials Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Jiangyin New Alumax Composite Material Co. Ltd	Chalco Ruimin Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Shandong Fuhai Industrial Co., Ltd	Shandong Fuhai Industrial Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Tianjin Zhongwang Aluminium Co., Ltd	Tianjin Zhongwang Aluminium Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Xiamen Xiashun Aluminum Foil Co., Ltd	Xiamen Xiashun Aluminum Foil Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Yantai Jintai International Trade Co., Ltd	Shandong Nanshan Aluminium Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Yinbang Clad Material Co., Ltd	Yinbang Clad Material Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Zhengzhou Silverstone Limited	Henan Zhongyuan Aluminum Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Zhengzhou Silverstone Limited	Luoyang Xinlong Aluminum Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Zhengzhou Silverstone Limited	Shanghai Dongshuo Metal Trade Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
Zhengzhou Silverstone Limited	Zhengzhou Mingtai Industry Co., Ltd	49.85	49.85
China-Wide Entity 12		59.72	59.72

Disclosure

We intend to disclose to parties in this proceeding the calculations performed for this final determination within five days of the date of public announcement of our final determination, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, for this final determination, we will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of common alloy sheet from China, as described in Appendix I of this notice, which are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 6, 2018, the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the affirmative *Preliminary* Determination. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the weighted average amount by which normal value exceeds U.S. price, as indicated in the chart above as follows: (1) For the producer/exporter combinations listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping

margin listed for that combination in the table; (2) for all combinations of Chinese producers/exporters of merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for their own separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the estimated weightedaverage dumping margin established for the China-wide entity; and (3) for all third-county exporters of merchandise under consideration not listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Chinese producer/exporter combination (or the China-wide entity) that supplied that third country exporter. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of the final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because Commerce's final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation of common alloy sheet, no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that such injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits posted will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury

does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice will serve as a reminder to the parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of propriety information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return or 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.

Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

In the event the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply

¹² The China-wide entity also includes the following companies that filed separate rate applications: Nanjie Resources Co., Limited, Yong Jie New Material Co., Ltd., and Zhejiang Yongjie Aluminum Co., Ltd., Zhejiang GKO Aluminium Stock Co., Ltd.; Alnan Aluminium Inc.; Chalco Ruimin Co., Ltd.; CHALCO-SWA Cold Rolling Co., Ltd.; Luoyang Wanji Aluminium Processing Co., Ltd.; and Wanji Global (Singapore) PTE. LTD.

with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: November 5, 2018.

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 is aluminum common alloy sheet (common alloy sheet), which is a flatrolled aluminum product having a thickness of 6.3 mm or less, but greater than 0.2 mm, in coils or cut-to-length, regardless of width. Common alloy sheet within the scope of this investigation includes both not clad aluminum sheet, as well as multi-alloy, clad aluminum sheet. With respect to not clad aluminum sheet, common alloy sheet is manufactured from a 1XXX-, 3XXX-, or 5XXX-series alloy as designated by the Aluminum Association. With respect to multi-alloy, clad aluminum sheet, common alloy sheet is produced from a 3XXX-series core, to which cladding layers are applied to either one or both sides of the core.

Common alloy sheet may be made to ASTM specification B209–14, but can also be made to other specifications. Regardless of specification, however, all common alloy sheet meeting the scope description is included in the scope. Subject merchandise includes common alloy sheet that has been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to annealing, tempering, painting, varnishing, trimming, cutting, punching, and/or slitting, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the common alloy sheet.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation is aluminum can stock, which is suitable for use in the manufacture of aluminum beverage cans, lids of such cans, or tabs used to open such cans. Aluminum can stock is produced to gauges that range from 0.200 mm to 0.292 mm, and has an H-19, H-41, H-48, or H-391 temper. In addition, aluminum can stock has a lubricant applied to the flat surfaces of the can stock to facilitate its movement through machines used in the manufacture of beverage cans. Aluminum can stock is properly classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 7606.12.3045 and 7606.12.3055.

Where the nominal and actual measurements vary, a product is within the scope if application of either the nominal or actual measurement would place it within the scope based on the definitions set for the above.

Common alloy sheet is currently classifiable under HTSUS subheadings

7606.11.3060, 7606.11.6000, 7606.12.3090, 7606.12.6000, 7606.91.3090, 7606.91.6080, 7606.92.3090, and 7606.92.6080. Further, merchandise that falls within the scope of this investigation may also be entered into the United States under HTSUS subheadings 7606.11.3030, 7606.12.3030, 7606.91.3060, 7606.91.6040, 7606.92.3060, 7606.92.6040, 7607.11.9090. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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V. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 10-4A001]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to Alaska Longline Cod Commission ("ALCC"), Application No. 10–4A001.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis ("OTEA"), issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to ALCC on November 7, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Flynn, Director, OTEA, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at *etca@trade.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) ("the Act") authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2018). OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the Federal Register. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

ALCC's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

- 1. Add the following companies as new Members of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(l) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(l)):
- a. Alaskan Leader Vessel LLC, Lynden, WA
- b. Bristol Leader Fisheries LLC, Lynden, WA
- c. Bering Leader Fisheries LLC, Lynden, WA
- d. Northern Leader Fisheries LLC, Lynden, WA
- e. Prowler Fisheries, LLC, Seattle, WA 2. Delete the following companies as Members of the Certificate:
- a. Pathfinder Fisheries LLC, Seattle, WA
- b. Bering Select Seafoods Company, Seattle, WA
- c. Glacier Bay Fisheries LLC
- 3. Change/correct the name or location of the following Members of the Certificate:
- a. Alaskan Leader Fisheries, Inc., Lynden, WA changes to Alaskan Leader Fisheries LLC, Lynden, WA
- b. Coastal Villages Longline, LLC changes to Coastal Villages Longline LLC, Anchorage, AK
- c. Romanzoff Fishing Company, Seattle, WA changes to Romanzof Fishing Company, L.L.C., Seattle, WA
- d. Tatoosh Seafoods LLC, Seattle, WA changes to Tatoosh Seafoods, LLC, Edmonds, WA
- e. Beauty Bay Washington, LLC, Seattle, WA changes to Beauty Bay Washington, LLC, Edmonds, WA