

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The AD order on fish fillets from Vietnam was published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 2003.¹ On February 28, 2014, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), and 19 CFR 351.214, the Department received NSR requests from Nam Phuong Seafood Co., Ltd. and NTACO Corporation (together, “the requesting companies”).² The requesting companies certified that they are the producers and exporters of the subject merchandise upon which the requests are based.³

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i), the requesting companies certified that they did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (“POI”).⁴ In addition, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), the requesting companies certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, they have never been affiliated with any Vietnamese exporter or producer who exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI, including those respondents not individually examined during the investigation.⁵ As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), the requesting companies also certified that their export activities were not controlled by the central government of Vietnam.⁶

In addition to the certifications described above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), the requesting companies submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) The date on which they first shipped subject merchandise for export to the United

States; (2) the volume of their first shipment; and (3) the date of their first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.⁷

Finally, the Department conducted a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) database query and confirmed the price, quantity, date of sale, and date of entry of the requesting companies’ sales.⁸

Initiation of New Shipper Reviews

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), and based on the evidence provided by the requesting companies, we find that the requests submitted by the requesting companies meet the requirements for initiation of the NSRs for shipments of fish fillets from Vietnam produced and exported by the requesting companies.⁹ The POR is August 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014.¹⁰ Absent a determination that the case is extraordinarily complicated, the Department intends to issue the preliminary results of these NSRs within 180 days from the date of initiation and the final results within 270 days from the date of initiation.¹¹

It is the Department’s usual practice, in cases involving non-market economies (“NMEs”), to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate from the NME entity-wide rate provide evidence of *de jure* and *de facto* absence of government control over the company’s export activities. Accordingly, we will issue questionnaires to the requesting companies that will include a section requesting information with regard to the requesting companies’ export activities for separate rate purposes. Each NSR will proceed if the responses provide sufficient indication that the requesting companies are not subject to either *de jure* or *de facto* government control with respect to their exports of subject merchandise.

We will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for

each entry of the subject merchandise from the requesting companies in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e). Because the requesting companies certified that they both produced and exported the subject merchandise, the sales of which are the basis for each new shipper review request, we will instruct CBP to permit the use of a bond only for subject merchandise which the requesting companies both produced and exported.

Interested parties requiring access to proprietary information in these NSRs should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 19 CFR 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.214, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: March 26, 2014.

Gary Taverman,

Senior Advisor for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-583-850]

Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From Taiwan: Amended Preliminary Negative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the correction of a significant ministerial error, the Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from Taiwan are not being, nor are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value, as provided in section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The period of investigation is July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Interested parties are invited to comment on this amended preliminary determination.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 25, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Schauer or Hermes Pinilla, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution

¹ See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*, 68 FR 47909 (August 12, 2003).

² See Letter from Nam Phuong regarding Request for Bi-Annual New Shipper Review: Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Review Period 8/1/13-1/31/14, dated February 28, 2014 (“Nam Phuong’s NSR Request”) and Letter from NTACO regarding Request for Bi-Annual New Shipper Review Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Review Period 8/1/13-1/31/14, dated February 28, 2014 (“NTACO’s NSR Request”).

³ See Nam Phuong’s NSR Request at Exhibit 1 and NTACO’s NSR Request at Exhibit 1.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See Nam Phuong’s NSR Request at Exhibits 2, 3, and 4; and NTACO’s NSR Request at Exhibits 2, 3, and 4.

⁸ The Department will place the results of the completed CBP database query along with Nam Phuong’s and NTACO’s entry documents on the record shortly after the publication of this notice.

⁹ See “Memorandum to the File, from Scot Fullerton, Program Manager, “Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: New Shipper Initiation Checklists”, dated concurrently with this notice and herein incorporated by reference.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(B).

¹¹ See section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0410 or (202) 482-3477, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We published the *Preliminary Determination* on February 25, 2014.¹ On February 24, 2014, Tension Steel Industries Co., Ltd. (Tension Steel), alleged that the Department made a significant ministerial error.

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by the investigation is certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG), which are hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing and tubing, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether seamless or welded, regardless of end finish (e.g., whether or not plain end, threaded, or threaded and coupled) whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished (including limited service OCTG products) or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products), whether or not thread protectors are attached. The scope of the investigation also covers OCTG coupling stock.

Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: Casing or tubing containing 10.5 percent or more by weight of chromium; drill pipe; unattached couplings; and unattached thread protectors.

The merchandise subject to the investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20, 7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40, 7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60, 7304.29.10.80, 7304.29.20.10, 7304.29.20.20, 7304.29.20.30, 7304.29.20.40, 7304.29.20.50, 7304.29.20.60, 7304.29.20.80, 7304.29.31.10, 7304.29.31.20, 7304.29.31.30, 7304.29.31.40, 7304.29.31.50, 7304.29.31.60, 7304.29.31.80, 7304.29.41.10, 7304.29.41.20, 7304.29.41.30, 7304.29.41.40, 7304.29.41.50, 7304.29.41.60, 7304.29.41.80, 7304.29.50.15, 7304.29.50.30, 7304.29.50.45, 7304.29.50.60, 7304.29.50.75, 7304.29.61.15, 7304.29.61.30, 7304.29.61.45, 7304.29.61.60, 7304.29.61.75, 7305.20.20.00, 7305.20.40.00,

7305.20.60.00, 7305.20.80.00, 7306.29.10.30, 7306.29.10.90, 7306.29.20.00, 7306.29.31.00, 7306.29.41.00, 7306.29.60.10, 7306.29.60.50, 7306.29.81.10, and 7306.29.81.50.

The merchandise subject to the investigation may also enter under the following HTSUS item numbers: 7304.39.00.24, 7304.39.00.28, 7304.39.00.32, 7304.39.00.36, 7304.39.00.40, 7304.39.00.44, 7304.39.00.48, 7304.39.00.52, 7304.39.00.56, 7304.39.00.62, 7304.39.00.68, 7304.39.00.72, 7304.39.00.76, 7304.39.00.80, 7304.59.60.00, 7304.59.80.15, 7304.59.80.20, 7304.59.80.25, 7304.59.80.30, 7304.59.80.35, 7304.59.80.40, 7304.59.80.45, 7304.59.80.50, 7304.59.80.55, 7304.59.80.60, 7304.59.80.65, 7304.59.80.70, 7304.59.80.80, 7305.31.40.00, 7305.31.60.90, 7306.30.50.55, 7306.30.50.90, 7306.50.50.50, and 7306.50.50.70.

The HTSUS subheadings above are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

Significant Ministerial Error

A ministerial error is defined in 19 CFR 351.224(f) as “an error in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of unintentional error which the Secretary considers ministerial.” Further, 19 CFR 351.224(e) provides that the Department “will analyze any comments received and, if appropriate, correct any significant ministerial error by amending the preliminary determination.” A significant ministerial error is defined as a ministerial error, the correction of which, singly or in combination with other errors, would result in: (1) A change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination; or (2) a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or *de minimis* and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than *de minimis* or vice versa.²

Ministerial Error Allegation

Tension Steel argues that the Department did not properly convert rebates and commissions reported for Canadian sales. Tension Steel asserts

that, although it reported rebates and commissions incurred on Canadian sales in U.S. dollars, the Department treated them as if they were reported in Taiwanese dollars.

We agree. Moreover, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(g)(2), this error is significant because the correction of the error results in a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than *de minimis* and a weighted-average dumping margin of zero or *de minimis*. Therefore, we are correcting the error alleged by Tension Steel and amending our preliminary determination accordingly.

Amended Preliminary Determination

We are amending the preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value for OCTG from Taiwan to reflect the correction of a ministerial error made in the margin calculations of that determination. Correcting this error results in an amended preliminary determination that sales were made at not less than fair value. As a result of the correction of the ministerial error, the revised weighted-average dumping margin is as follows:

| Exporter/manufacturer | Weighted-average dumping margin |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Tension Steel Industries Co., Ltd | 0.00% |

The other respondent selected for individual examination, Chung Hung Steel Corp, also received a zero margin in the *Preliminary Determination*. Consistent with section 733(d)(1)(A) of the Act, in this amended preliminary determination, the Department has not calculated a weighted-average dumping margin for all other producers or exporters because it has not made an affirmative amended preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value.

Postponement of Final Determination

In the *Preliminary Determination*, we postponed the final determination based on requests from the respondents, Chung Hung Steel Corp. and Tension Steel Industries Co., Ltd.³ Because this amended preliminary determination is negative, we are basing our postponement of the final determination on the request submitted by Maverick Tube Corporation, a petitioner in this investigation. Pursuant to section 735(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(i), on February 11, 2014, Maverick Tube Corporation requested that in the event of a negative preliminary determination in this

¹ See *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From Taiwan: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination*, 79 FR 10495 (February 25, 2014) (*Preliminary Determination*).

² See 19 CFR 351.224(g)(1) and (2).

³ See *Preliminary Determination*, 79 FR at 10497.

investigation, the Department postpone its final determination until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(i), because our amended preliminary determination is negative and no compelling reasons for denial exist, we are granting this petitioner's request and are continuing to postpone the final determination until not later than 135 days after the publication of the Department's original preliminary determination notice in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2014.

Suspension of Liquidation

We will instruct the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to terminate the suspension of liquidation of all entries of OCTG from Taiwan and release any cash deposits posted. These instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we notified the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our amended preliminary determination. If our final determination is affirmative, 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 of OCTG, or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation, of the merchandise under investigation, within 45 days of our final determination.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Dated: March 27, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD213

Marine Mammals; File No. 18694

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mervi Kunnasranta, Ph.D., University of Eastern Finland, University of Eastern Finland, P.O. Box 111, 80101 Joensuu Finland, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial/educational photography on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before May 5, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney Smith or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild.

Dr. Kunnasranta requests a three-year photography permit to film the freshwater harbor seal population at Lake Iliamna, Alaska. Filmmakers plan to obtain footage using digital and full high definition video and still cameras with telephoto lenses from several platforms: single or twin engine survey aircrafts, small vessels, or from shore. Additional footage may be obtained from static, digital cameras placed onshore and anchored underwater. Filming would take place for approximately one week between spring and fall annually, most likely during the seals' molt period in summer, after pupping; up to 280 seals may be

approached and filmed annually. Obtained footage will be part of an international documentary film presenting the world's other freshwater seal species, to be published in Europe.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 31, 2014.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the Advisory Board), which advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on policies and operations of the Service.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Friday, April 25, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will be held in Room 116 of the NTIS Facility at 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Borzino, (703) 605-6405, bborzino@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NTIS Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The morning session will focus on a review of NTIS performance in the first