

will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Species Under Review

Entity listed: Steller's eiders (*Polysticta stelleri*).

Where listed: United States (Alaska-breeding population only).

Classification: Threatened.

Date listed (publication date for final listing rule): June 11, 1997.

Federal Register citation for final listing rule: 62 FR 31748.

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. For specific criteria, see What information do we consider in our review? If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. If you submit purported sightings of the species, please also provide supporting documentation in any form to the extent that it is available.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can 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.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which the Alaskan Region of the Service has lead responsibility is available at <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/endangered/reviews.htm>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 20, 2017.

Gregory Siekaniec,

Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NRNL-24738; PPWOCRADIO, PCU00RP14.R50000]

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before December 2, 2017, for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by January 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent via U.S. Postal Service and all other carriers to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, MS 7228, Washington, DC 20240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The properties listed in this notice are being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places. Nominations for their consideration were received by the National Park Service before December 2, 2017. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation.

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 can 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.

Nominations submitted by State Historic Preservation Officers:

ARIZONA

Pima County

Congdon, Stephen and Persis Hart Browne, House, 2928 N. Orlando St., Tucson, SG100001956

Woodrow House

8649 E Woodland, Tucson, SG100001957

MARYLAND

Baltimore Independent City

Union Bros. Furniture Company, 1120 S Hanover St., Baltimore (Independent City), SG100001959

MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire County

Tyringham Library, 118 Main Rd., Tyringham, SG100001960

Franklin County

Woodward, Robert Strong, House and Studio, 43 Upper St., Buckland, SG100001961

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Merrimack County

Concord Gas Light Company Gasholder House, Gas St., Concord, SG100001962

Strafford County

First Congregational Church, 400 Main St., Farmington, SG100001963

NEW YORK

Albany County

St. Casimir's Church Complex, 309-315, 317, 320 & 324 Sheridan Ave., Albany, SG100001964

Erie County

Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, SG100001965

Ziegele—Phoenix Refrigeration House and Office

835 Washington St., Buffalo, SG100001966

Additional documentation has been received for the following resources:

COLORADO

Denver County

Brown Palace Hotel, 17th St. and Tremont Pl., Denver, AD70000157

Authority: 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60.

Dated: December 6, 2017.

J. Paul Loether,

Chief, National Register of Historic Places/ National Historic Landmarks Program and Keeper, National Register of Historic Places.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-486 and 731-TA-1195-1196 (Review)]

Utility Scale Wind Towers From China and Vietnam; Institution of Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted reviews

pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), as amended, to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty order on utility scale wind towers from China and the antidumping duty orders on utility scale wind towers from China and Vietnam would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission.

DATES: Instituted January 2, 2018. To be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is February 1, 2018. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by March 16, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Messer (202–205–3193), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On February 15, 2013, the Department of Commerce issued a countervailing duty order on utility scale wind towers from China and antidumping duty orders on utility scale wind towers from China and Vietnam (78 FR 11146–11148 and 11150–11154). The Commission is conducting reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)), to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. Provisions concerning the conduct of this proceeding may be found in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure at 19 CFR parts 201, Subparts A and B and 19 CFR part 207, Subparts A and F. The Commission will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct full or expedited reviews. The Commission’s determinations in any expedited reviews will be based on the facts available, which may include

information provided in response to this notice.

Definitions.—The following definitions apply to these reviews:

(1) *Subject Merchandise* is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the scope of the five-year reviews, as defined by the Department of Commerce.

(2) The *Subject Countries* in these reviews are China and Vietnam.

(3) The *Domestic Like Product* is the domestically produced product or products which are like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with, the *Subject Merchandise*. In its original determinations, the Commission defined a single *Domestic Like Product* to include all wind towers as described in Commerce’s scope definition.

(4) The *Domestic Industry* is the U.S. producers as a whole of the *Domestic Like Product*, or those producers whose collective output of the *Domestic Like Product* constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of the product. In its original determinations, the Commission defined the *Domestic Industry* as all domestic producers of the *Domestic Like Product*.

(5) The *Order Date* is the date that the antidumping and countervailing duty orders under review became effective. In these reviews, the *Order Date* is February 15, 2013.

(6) An *Importer* is any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing the *Subject Merchandise* into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

Participation in the proceeding and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the *Subject Merchandise* and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the proceeding as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11(b)(4) of the Commission’s rules, no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the proceeding.

Former Commission employees who are seeking to appear in Commission five-year reviews are advised that they may appear in a review even if they participated personally and substantially in the corresponding underlying original investigation or an earlier review of the same underlying investigation. The Commission’s

designated agency ethics official has advised that a five-year review is not the same particular matter as the underlying original investigation, and a five-year review is not the same particular matter as an earlier review of the same underlying investigation for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 207, the post employment statute for Federal employees, and Commission rule 201.15(b) (19 CFR 201.15(b)), 79 FR 3246 (Jan. 17, 2014), 73 FR 24609 (May 5, 2008). Consequently, former employees are not required to seek Commission approval to appear in a review under Commission rule 19 CFR 201.15, even if the corresponding underlying original investigation or an earlier review of the same underlying investigation was pending when they were Commission employees. For further ethics advice on this matter, contact Charles Smith, Deputy Agency Ethics Official, at 202–205–3408.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and APO service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission’s rules, the Secretary will make BPI submitted in this proceeding available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the proceeding, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the proceeding. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Certification.—Pursuant to section 207.3 of the Commission’s rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with this proceeding must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter’s knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) By the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will

sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Written submissions.—Pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules, each interested party response to this notice must provide the information specified below. The deadline for filing such responses is February 1, 2018. Pursuant to section 207.62(b) of the Commission's rules, eligible parties (as specified in Commission rule 207.62(b)(1)) may also file comments concerning the adequacy of responses to the notice of institution and whether the Commission should conduct expedited or full reviews. The deadline for filing such comments is March 16, 2018. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's Handbook on E-Filing, available on the Commission's website at <https://edis.usitc.gov>, elaborates upon the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing. Also, in accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the proceeding must be served on all other parties to the proceeding (as identified by either the public or APO service list as appropriate), and a certificate of service must accompany the document (if you are not a party to the proceeding you do not need to serve your response).

No response to this request for information is required if a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") number is not displayed; the OMB number is 3117 0016/USITC No. 17-5-402, expiration date June 30, 2020. Public reporting burden for the request is estimated to average 15 hours per response. Please send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Inability to provide requested information.—Pursuant to section 207.61(c) of the Commission's rules, any interested party that cannot furnish the information requested by this notice in the requested form and manner shall notify the Commission at the earliest possible time, provide a full explanation of why it cannot provide the requested information, and indicate alternative forms in which it can provide equivalent information. If an interested party does not provide this notification (or the Commission finds the explanation provided in the notification inadequate) and fails to provide a complete response to this notice, the

Commission may take an adverse inference against the party pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677e(b)) in making its determinations in the reviews.

Information To Be Provided in Response to This Notice of Institution: If you are a domestic producer, union/worker group, or trade/business association; import/export *Subject Merchandise* from more than one *Subject Country*; or produce *Subject Merchandise* in more than one *Subject Country*, you may file a single response. If you do so, please ensure that your response to each question includes the information requested for each pertinent *Subject Country*. As used below, the term "firm" includes any related firms.

(1) The name and address of your firm or entity (including World Wide Web address) and name, telephone number, fax number, and Email address of the certifying official.

(2) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is an interested party under 19 U.S.C. 1677(9) and if so, how, including whether your firm/entity is a U.S. producer of the *Domestic Like Product*, a U.S. union or worker group, a U.S. importer of the *Subject Merchandise*, a foreign producer or exporter of the *Subject Merchandise*, a U.S. or foreign trade or business association (a majority of whose members are interested parties under the statute), or another interested party (including an explanation). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, identify the firms in which your workers are employed or which are members of your association.

(3) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is willing to participate in this proceeding by providing information requested by the Commission.

(4) A statement of the likely effects of the revocation of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on the *Domestic Industry* in general and/or your firm/entity specifically. In your response, please discuss the various factors specified in section 752(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675a(a)) including the likely volume of subject imports, likely price effects of subject imports, and likely impact of imports of *Subject Merchandise* on the *Domestic Industry*.

(5) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. producers of the *Domestic Like Product*. Identify any known related parties and the nature of the relationship as defined in section 771(4)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677(4)(B)).

(6) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise* and producers of the

Subject Merchandise in each *Subject Country* that currently export or have exported *Subject Merchandise* to the United States or other countries since the *Order Date*.

(7) A list of 3–5 leading purchasers in the U.S. market for the *Domestic Like Product* and the *Subject Merchandise* (including street address, World Wide Web address, and the name, telephone number, fax number, and Email address of a responsible official at each firm).

(8) A list of known sources of information on national or regional prices for the *Domestic Like Product* or the *Subject Merchandise* in the U.S. or other markets.

(9) If you are a U.S. producer of the *Domestic Like Product*, provide the following information on your firm's operations on that product during calendar year 2017, except as noted (report quantity data in number of towers and value data in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. plant). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms in which your workers are employed/which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. production of the *Domestic Like Product* accounted for by your firm's(s') production;

(b) Capacity (quantity) of your firm to produce the *Domestic Like Product* (that is, the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the year, assuming normal operating conditions (using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate), normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year), time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup, and a typical or representative product mix);

(c) the quantity and value of U.S. commercial shipments of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s);

(d) the quantity and value of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s); and

(e) the value of (i) net sales, (ii) cost of goods sold (COGS), (iii) gross profit, (iv) selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses, and (v) operating income of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s) (include both U.S. and export commercial sales, internal consumption, and company transfers) for your most recently completed fiscal year (identify the date on which your fiscal year ends).

(10) If you are a U.S. importer or a trade/business association of U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise*

from any *Subject Country*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 2017 (report quantity data in number of towers and value data in U.S. dollars). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) The quantity and value (landed, duty-paid but not including antidumping or countervailing duties) of U.S. imports and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. imports of *Subject Merchandise* from each *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') imports;

(b) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping and/or countervailing duties) of U.S. commercial shipments of *Subject Merchandise* imported from each *Subject Country*; and

(c) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping and/or countervailing duties) of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of *Subject Merchandise* imported from each *Subject Country*.

(11) If you are a producer, an exporter, or a trade/business association of producers or exporters of the *Subject Merchandise* in any *Subject Country*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 2017 (report quantity data in number of towers and value data in U.S. dollars, landed and duty-paid at the U.S. port but not including antidumping or countervailing duties). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total production of *Subject Merchandise* in each *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') production;

(b) Capacity (quantity) of your firm(s) to produce the *Subject Merchandise* in each *Subject Country* (that is, the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the year, assuming normal operating conditions (using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate), normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year), time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup, and a typical or representative product mix); and

(c) the quantity and value of your firm's(s') exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total exports to the United States of *Subject*

Merchandise from each *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') exports.

(12) Identify significant changes, if any, in the supply and demand conditions or business cycle for the *Domestic Like Product* that have occurred in the United States or in the market for the *Subject Merchandise* in each *Subject Country* since the *Order Date*, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the *Domestic Like Product* produced in the United States, *Subject Merchandise* produced in each *Subject Country*, and such merchandise from other countries.

(13) (OPTIONAL) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the *Domestic Like Product* and *Domestic Industry*; if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

Authority: This proceeding is being conducted under authority of Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: December 26, 2017.

Katherine M. Hiner,
Supervisory Attorney.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-488 and 731-TA-1199-1200 (Review)]

Certain Large Residential Washers From Korea and Mexico; Institution of Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the

Act"), as amended, to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty order on certain large residential washers from Korea and the antidumping duty orders on certain large residential washers from Korea and Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission.

DATES: Instituted January 2, 2018. To be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is February 1, 2018. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by March 16, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Messer (202-205-3193), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On February 15, 2013, the Department of Commerce issued a countervailing duty order on certain large residential washers from Korea and antidumping duty orders on certain large residential washers from Korea and Mexico (78 FR 11148-11150 and 11154-11155). The Commission is conducting reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)), to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. Provisions concerning the conduct of this proceeding may be found in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure at 19 CFR parts 201, Subparts A and B and 19 CFR part 207, Subparts A and F. The Commission will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct full or expedited reviews. The Commission's determinations in any expedited reviews will be based on the facts available, which may include

The Commission made this determination pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). It completed and filed its determination in this review on April 16, 2018. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4776 (April 2018), entitled *Honey from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-893 (Third Review)*.

By order of the Commission.
 Issued: April 16, 2018.

William Bishop,

Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-739 (Fourth Review)]

Clad Steel Plate From Japan; Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct a Full Five-Year Review

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it will proceed with a full review pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on clad steel plate from Japan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. A schedule for the review will be established and announced at a later date.

DATES: April 9, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Drew Dushkes (202-205-3229), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this review may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part

201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

SUMMARY: On April 9, 2018, the Commission determined that it should proceed to a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). The Commission found that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (83 FR 148, January 2, 2018) was adequate, and that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission also found that other circumstances warranted conducting a full review.¹ A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website.

Authority: This review is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's Rules.

By order of the Commission.
 Issued: April 13, 2018.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-486 and 731-TA-1195-1196 (Review)]

Utility Scale Wind Towers From China and Vietnam; Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct Full Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it will proceed with full reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty order on utility scale wind towers from China and the antidumping duty orders on utility scale wind towers from China and Vietnam would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. A schedule for the reviews will be established and announced at a later date.

DATES: April 9, 2018.

¹ Commissioner Irving A. Williamson voted to conduct an expedited review. Commissioner Jason E. Kearns did not participate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Calvin Chang (202-205-3062), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these reviews may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 9, 2018, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). The Commission found that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (83 FR 142, January 2, 2018) was adequate. The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate. The Commission also found that other circumstances warranted conducting full reviews.¹ A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website.

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's Rules.

By order of the Commission.
 Issued: April 16, 2018.

William Bishop,

Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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¹ Chairman Rhonda K. Schmidtlein and Commissioner Irving A. Williamson voted to conduct expedited reviews. Commissioner Jason E. Kearns did not participate.



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Dumping and Subsidization of Imports of Utility Scale Wind Towers from the People's Republic of China (China) and Dumping of Imports of Utility Scale Wind Towers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam)

- On December 18, 2012, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of utility scale wind towers from China (AD/CVD) and Vietnam (AD).
- The AD and CVD laws provide U.S. businesses, workers, and farmers with a transparent and internationally approved mechanism to seek relief from the market distorting effects caused by injurious dumping and subsidization of imports into the United States, and thus to have an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value. For the purpose of CVD investigations, countervailable subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production of goods from foreign companies and are limited to specific enterprises or industries, or are contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- Commerce determined that producers/exporters from China and Vietnam have sold utility scale wind towers in the United States at dumping margins of 44.99 percent to 70.63 percent and 51.50 percent to 58.49 percent, respectively.
- Commerce also determined that producers/exporters from China have received countervailable subsidies of 21.86 percent to 34.81 percent.
- In the China AD investigation, mandatory respondents Chengxi Shipyard Co., Ltd. ("CXs") and Titan Wind Energy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. were determined to have final dumping margins of 47.59 percent and 44.99 percent, respectively. Three other exporters qualified for a separate rate of 46.38 percent. All other producers/exporters from China received a final dumping margin of 70.63 percent.
- In the China CVD investigation, mandatory respondent CS Wind China Co., Ltd., CS Wind Tech (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., and CS Wind Corporation (collectively, CS Wind) was determined to have a final net subsidy rate of 21.86 percent. Mandatory respondent Titan Wind Energy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (Titan Wind), Titan Lianyungang Metal Product Co. Ltd. (Titan Lianyungang), Baotou Titan Wind Power Equipment Co., Ltd. (Titan Baotou), and Shenyang Titan Metal Co., Ltd. (Titan Shenyang) (collectively, Titan Companies) was determined to have a final net subsidy rate of 34.81 percent. All other producers/exporters from China received a final net subsidy rate of 28.34 percent.
- In the Vietnam AD investigation, mandatory respondent, CS Wind Corporation and CS Wind Vietnam Co. Ltd. (collectively, "CS Wind Group") was determined to have a final dumping margin of 51.50 percent. All other producers/exporters from Vietnam received a final dumping margin of 58.49 percent.

- As a result of the final AD determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits equal to the applicable weighted-average dumping margins. As a result of the affirmative final CVD determination, Commerce will order the resumption of the suspension of liquidation and require a cash deposit equal to the final net subsidy rates if the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination.
- In the CVD investigation, Commerce concluded that all producers and exporters benefited from an export subsidy. Commerce, in accordance with the statute, is required to adjust the China AD rates to account for such export subsidies. In keeping with Commerce's practice in investigations, if Commerce orders the resumption of the suspension of liquidation and requires a cash deposit equal to the final subsidy rates, Commerce will require cash deposits in the China AD proceeding equal to the calculated dumping margins reduced by the appropriate export subsidy rates.
- The petitioner for these investigations is the Wind Tower Trade Coalition. The Wind Tower Trade Coalition is comprised of the following member companies: Broadwind Towers, Inc. (Manitowoc, WI); DMI Industries (Fargo, ND); Katana Summit LLC (Columbus, NE); and Trinity Structural Towers, Inc. (Dallas, TX).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is utility scale wind towers which are the steel towers that support the nacelle (an enclosure for an engine) and rotor blades for use in wind turbines that have electrical power generation capacities in excess of 100 kilowatts.
- Specifically excluded from the scope are nacelles and rotor blades, regardless of whether they are attached to the wind tower. Also excluded are any internal or external components which are not attached to the wind towers or sections thereof.
- Imports of subject merchandise are provided for under the following categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): HTSUS 7308.20.0020 and 8502.31.0000. Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. Note HTS code 7308.20.0000 was in effect for subject merchandise prior to 2011 and is included for historic data purposes. These HTS numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.
- In 2011, imports of utility scale wind towers from China and Vietnam were valued at an estimated \$222 million and \$79 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determinations on or before January 31, 2013.
- If the ITC makes affirmative final determinations that imports of utility scale wind towers from China and/or Vietnam materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD and CVD orders. If the ITC makes a negative determination of injury for China and/or Vietnam, the investigation(s) will be terminated.

CHINA FINAL MARGINS AND RATES:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS	CASH DEPOSIT RATE*
Chengxi Shipyard Co., Ltd./Chengxi Shipyard Co., Ltd.	47.59%	36.98%
Titan Wind Energy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd./Titan Wind Energy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	44.99%	34.33%
Titan Wind Energy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd./Titan (Lianyungang) Metal Product Co., Ltd.	44.99%	34.33%
SEPARATE RATE COMPANIES:		
CS Wind Corporation/CS Wind China Co., Ltd.	46.38%	35.81%
Guodian United Power Technology Baoding Co., Ltd./Guodian United Power Technology Baoding Co., Ltd.	46.38%	35.77%
Sinovel Wind Group Co., Ltd./ Qiangsheng Wind Equipment Co., Ltd.	46.38%	35.77%
China-Wide Rate	70.63%	60.02%

* The cash deposit rates take into account the applicable export subsidy rates of 10.66 percent (Titan), 10.57 percent (CS Wind), and 10.615 percent (CXS, Guodian United Power Technology Baoding Co., Ltd., Sinovel Wind Group Co., Ltd., and the China-Wide Rate).

CHINA FINAL SUBSIDY RATES:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	SUBSIDY RATE*
CS Wind China Co., Ltd., CS Wind Tech (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., and CS Wind Corporation (collectively, CS Wind)	21.86%
Titan Wind Energy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (Titan Wind), Titan Lianyungang Metal Product Co. Ltd. (Titan Lianyungang), Baotou Titan Wind Power Equipment Co., Ltd. (Titan Baotou), and Shenyang Titan Metal Co., Ltd. (Titan Shenyang)(collectively, Titan Companies)	34.81%
All Others	28.34%

*The subsidy rate and the cash deposit rate are the same.

VIETNAM FINAL MARGINS:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS
CS Wind Group	51.50%
Vietnam-Wide Entity	58.49%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petition Filed	December 29, 2011	December 29, 2011
DOC Initiation Date	January 18, 2012	January 18, 2012
ITC Preliminary Determination	February 13, 2012	February 13, 2012
DOC Preliminary Determination	May 29, 2012	July 26, 2012
DOC Final Determination	December 17, 2012	December 17, 2012
ITC Final Determination	January 31, 2013	January 31, 2013
Issuance of Order*	February 7, 2013	February 7, 2013

NOTE: Department preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by the statute. For CVD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For AD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 735(a) of the Act. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

*This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative injury determination from the ITC.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

China	2009	2010	2011
Value (USD)	177,732,000	103,572,000	222,085,000
Vietnam	2009	2010	2011
Value (USD)	67,741,000	51,852,000	78,754,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7308.20.0000, 7308.20.0020, and 8502.31.0000). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. Note: Prior to 2011, subject merchandise was classified under HTS 7308.20.0000. Volume could not be calculated, as imports of subject merchandise are reported in multiple units of measure.