

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan and Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Taiwan: Negative Preliminary Determinations of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (pipe and tube) and circular welded non-alloy steel pipe (CWP) imported into the United States during the period of inquiry, January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021, were not completed in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) using hot-rolled steel (HRS) manufactured in Taiwan, and, therefore, no such imports are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) orders on pipe and tube and CWP from Taiwan. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary determinations.

DATES: Applicable April 12, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicolas Mayora (Pipe and Tube) or Preston Cox and Scarlet Jaldin (CWP), AD/CVD Operations, Offices V and VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3053, (202) 482–5041, and (202) 482–4275, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On May 7, 1984 and November 2, 1992, Commerce published the orders on pipe and tube and CWP from Taiwan, respectively.¹ On August 4, 2022, Commerce initiated country-wide circumvention inquiries, pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.226, to determine whether imports of pipe and tube and CWP from Vietnam, completed in Vietnam from HRS manufactured in Taiwan, are circumventing the *Orders*.² On August

¹ See *Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Order*, 49 FR 19369 (May 7, 1984); see also *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan*, 57 FR 49454 (November 2, 1992) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China; Certain*

30, 2022, Commerce selected SeAH Steel VINA Corporation (SeAH VINA) and Vietnam Haiphong Hongyuan Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Vietnam Haiphong) as the mandatory respondents in these circumvention inquiries.³ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of these inquiries, see the Preliminary Decision Memoranda.⁴

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these *Orders* are pipe and tube from Taiwan and CWP from Taiwan. For a complete description of the scope of the *Orders*, see each respective Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiries

These circumvention inquiries cover pipe and tube and CWP completed in Vietnam using Taiwan-origin HRS and subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting these circumvention inquiries in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226. For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce's preliminary determinations, see the Preliminary Decision Memoranda. A list of topics discussed in each Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memoranda are public documents and are on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, complete

Circular Welded Non Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea; Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes from India; Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan; Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China; Light Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the Republic of Korea; Light Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing from Taiwan: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 87 FR 47711 (August 4, 2022).

³ See Memoranda, "Respondent Selection," dated August 30, 2022.

⁴ See Memoranda, "Preliminary Decision Memorandum for the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Taiwan," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice; and "Preliminary Decision Memorandum for the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Taiwan," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (collectively, Preliminary Decision Memoranda).

versions of the Preliminary Decision Memoranda can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Determinations of No Shipments

As detailed in the Preliminary Decision Memoranda, Commerce preliminarily determines that SeAH VINA and Vietnam Haiphong did not complete pipe and tube and CWP using Taiwanese HRS in Vietnam, nor did they export pipe and tube or CWP incorporating Taiwan HRS to the United States during the period of inquiry. Accordingly, Commerce is making negative preliminary findings of circumvention of the *Orders* on a country-wide basis.

Verification

As provided in 19 CFR 351.307, Commerce may verify information relied upon in making its final determinations.

Public Comment

Because Commerce intends to conduct verification, a timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments will be provided to interested parties at a later date.⁵ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.⁶ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in these proceedings 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, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined.

All submissions should be filed electronically via ACCESS.⁷ Alternative arrangements for manual filings must be made by contacting the official in charge

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(c). Interested parties will be notified through ACCESS regarding the deadline for submitting case briefs.

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.303.

at least 72 hours before the deadline. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.⁸

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(g)(1).

Dated: April 6, 2023.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memoranda

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Ask CHIPS Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

⁸ See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 12, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Nina Argent, Management Analyst, National Institute of Standards and Technology, at PRAComments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0693-0092 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Cierra Bean, Business Operations Analyst, CHIPS Program Office, askchips@chips.gov, (202) 815-2677.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The CHIPS Incentives Program is authorized by Title XCIX—Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283, referred to as the CHIPS Act or Act), as amended by the CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117-167). The CHIPS Incentives Program is administered by the CHIPS Program Office (CPO) within the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the United States Department of Commerce (Department). The Ask CHIPS web form will be available as a streamlined method for customers to submit requests to meet with the CHIPS team or request a speaker engagement. The information will be used by the CHIPS Program Office to schedule and coordinate engagements with CHIPS stakeholders.

Information to be collected includes: Basic customer contact information, details on who they would like to meet with and when/where, as well as CHIPS-related topics they would like to discuss. The data requested is limited to the information necessary to efficiently schedule these engagements and provide the customer with the desired information during these engagements.

II. Method of Collection

CHIPS engagement meeting requests may be submitted via the web portal at <https://askchips.chips.gov/> or submitted via email. The web form submission is the preferred method which the CHIPS program is adopting in order to provide the customer a simple method to provide all information associated with

an engagement request in one go (as opposed to time-consuming back-and-forth email correspondence).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0092.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 21 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$981.89.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117-167) (the Act).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 may 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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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