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Dated: April 27, 2023.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-834-811]

#### **Silicon Metal From Kazakhstan: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on silicon metal from the Republic of Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan) for the period of review (POR) December 3, 2020, through December 31, 2021.

**DATES:** Applicable May 3, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Genevieve Coen, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3251.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On April 1, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on silicon metal from Kazakhstan.<sup>1</sup> On June 9, 2022, pursuant to a request from interested parties, Commerce initiated an administrative review with respect to JSC NMC Tau-Ken Samruk and Tau-Ken Temir LLP (collectively, TKT),<sup>2</sup> in

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 87 FR 35165 (April 1, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See *Silicon Metal from the Republic of Kazakhstan: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 85 FR 78122 (December 3, 2020),

accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b).<sup>3</sup> On June 22, 2022, we placed on the record U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for entries of silicon metal from Kazakhstan during the POR, showing no reviewable POR entries.<sup>4</sup> We sought comments regarding the data and indicated our intent to rescind this review.<sup>5</sup> TKT, the Government of Kazakhstan (GOK), and the petitioners<sup>6</sup> filed comments and rebuttal comments.<sup>7</sup> No parties argued that there are any reviewable POR entries of subject merchandise. For a full discussion of the comments raised by interested parties and our analysis, see the Rescission Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

##### **Rescission of Review**

It is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of a CVD order, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), when there are no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.<sup>9</sup> Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the CVD assessment rate calculated for the review period.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended

and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 6, unchanged in *Silicon Metal from the Republic of Kazakhstan: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 86 FR 11725 (February 26, 2021).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 35165 (June 9, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "CBP Data Release and Intent to Rescind," dated June 22, 2022.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> The petitioners in this proceeding are Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. and Mississippi Silicon LLC.

<sup>7</sup> See TKT's Letters, "Tau-Ken Temir LLP (TKT) Comments on Intent to Rescind," dated July 13, 2022; "Silicon Metal from Kazakhstan," and "Tau-Ken Temir LLP (TKT) Comments on Intent to Rescind," dated July 18, 2022; and "Silicon Metal from Kazakhstan—This CVD Administrative Review Should Continue," dated August 1, 2022; see also the GOK's Letter, "Rebuttal Comments," dated July 20, 2022; and Petitioners' Letters, "Petitioners' Rebuttal Comments Supporting Commerce's Intent to Rescind the Administrative Review," dated July 20, 2022; and "Petitioners' Request to Reject TKT's August 1 Submission," dated August 3, 2022.

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, "First Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Silicon Metal from the Republic of Kazakhstan: Rescission of the Review," dated concurrently with this notice (Rescission Memorandum).

<sup>9</sup> See *Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2015*, 82 FR 14349 (March 20, 2017); see also *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2019*, 86 FR 36522 (July 12, 2021).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2).

entry that Commerce can instruct CBP to liquidate at the CVD assessment rate calculated for the review period.<sup>11</sup> Accordingly, in the absence of suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR for TKT, we are hereby rescinding this administrative review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

##### **Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order**

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition 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 with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

##### **Notification to Interested Parties**

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: April 27, 2023.

**James Maeder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-044]

#### **1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Partial Rescission, and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2021-2022**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the sole mandatory respondent under review sold subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022. Additionally, Commerce preliminarily finds that one company had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR and that it is appropriate to rescind this review with

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

respect to 22 companies because all requests for review of these companies were withdrawn. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable May 3, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Barton, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On April 19, 2017, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty (AD) order on 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from the People’s Republic of China (China).<sup>1</sup> On June 9, 2022, pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce initiated an administrative review of *Order*.<sup>2</sup> The review covers 25 companies, including mandatory respondent Zhejiang Sanmei Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd. (Zhejiang Sanmei).<sup>3</sup>

For events that occurred since the *Initiation Notice* and the analysis behind the preliminary results herein, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup> The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary

Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I to this notice.

**Scope of the Order**<sup>5</sup>

The product covered by the *Order* is R-134a from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Partial Rescission of Review**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. On September 7, 2022, the American HFC Coalition (the petitioner) timely withdrew its review request for 22 companies listed in the *Initiation Notice*. No other parties requested a review of these companies. Accordingly, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding the administrative review with respect to the companies listed in Appendix II. Zhejiang Sanmei, T.T. International Co., Ltd. (TTI), and Zhejiang Quhua Fluor-Chemistry Co., Ltd. (Zhejiang Quhua) remain under review.<sup>6</sup>

**Preliminary Determination of No Shipments**

We preliminarily determine that TTI had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. Consistent with our practice in non-market economy (NME) cases, Commerce is not rescinding this review with respect to TTI but, rather, we intend to complete the review and issue appropriate instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) based on the final results of the review.<sup>7</sup> For further discussion, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Separate Rates**

We preliminarily determine that the Zhejiang Sanmei single entity is entitled to separate rate status. Moreover, because Zhejiang Quhua did not submit a separate rate application or certification, we preliminarily find that the company has not established its eligibility for a separate rate.

**The China-Wide Entity**

Commerce’s policy regarding conditional review of the China-wide entity applies to this administrative review.<sup>8</sup> Under this policy, the China-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the China-wide entity, the entity is not under review, and the entity’s rate, *i.e.*, 167.02 percent, is not subject to change.<sup>9</sup> Because Zhejiang Quhua did not establish its eligibility for a separate rate in this administrative review, we preliminarily consider Zhejiang Quhua to be part of the China-wide entity.

**Methodology**

We are conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213. We calculated export prices for Zhejiang Sanmei in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Because China is an NME within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, we calculated NV in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary results of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Results of Review**

We preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022:

| Exporter  | Weighted-average dumping margin (percent) |
|---|---|
| Zhejiang Sanmei Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd./Jiangsu Sanmei Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd./Fujian Qingliu Dongying Chemical Ind. Co. Ltd .... | 147.08                                    |

<sup>1</sup> See 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order, 82 FR 18422 (April 19, 2017) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 35165 (June 9, 2022) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> We have preliminarily determined to treat Zhejiang Sanmei, Jiangsu Sanmei Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd. (Jiangsu Sanmei), and Fujian Qingliu Dongying Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd. (Fujian Qingliu) as a single entity for purposes of this administrative review. For further discussion, see Memorandum,

“Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from the People’s Republic of China; 2021–2022,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>5</sup> See *Order*.

<sup>6</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum; see also Petitioner’s Letter, “Partial Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review of Antidumping Duty Order,” dated September 7, 2022.

<sup>7</sup> See *Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 76 FR 65694, 65694–95 (October 24, 2011) (*NME AD Assessment*).

<sup>8</sup> See *Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

<sup>9</sup> See *Order*, 82 FR at 18423.

## Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed for these preliminary results in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review.<sup>10</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than seven days after the deadline date for case briefs.<sup>11</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review 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. Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS<sup>12</sup> and must be served on interested parties.<sup>13</sup> Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.<sup>14</sup>

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, filed electronically via Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS. An electronically-filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>15</sup> 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.<sup>16</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date and time

of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Unless otherwise extended, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

## Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 35 days after the publication of the final results of this review. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

If the *ad valorem* weighted-average dumping margin for the Zhejiang Sanmei, Jiangsu Sanmei, and Fujian Qingliu single entity is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, Commerce will calculate importer-specific assessment rates on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales and the total quantity of those sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).<sup>17</sup> We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review when the importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is not zero or *de minimis*.

In addition, if in the final results we continue to find no shipments of subject merchandise for TTI, any suspended entries of subject merchandise associated with TTI will be liquidated at the China-wide rate.<sup>18</sup>

For the companies for which the administrative review is rescinded, antidumping duties shall be assessed at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from

warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR

351.212(c)(1)(i). We intend to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP with respect to the companies for which this administrative review is rescinded 35 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

## Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this review for all shipments of the subject merchandise from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the Zhejiang Sanmei, Jiangsu Sanmei, and Fujian Qingliu single entity will be that rate established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is *de minimis*, then a cash deposit rate of zero will be required); (2) for a previously investigated or reviewed exporter of subject merchandise not listed in the final results of review that has a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter's existing cash deposit rate; (3) for all Chinese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate for the China-wide entity (*i.e.*, 167.02 percent); and (4) for all exporters of subject merchandise that are not located in China and are not eligible for a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Chinese exporter(s) that supplied that non-Chinese exporter. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

## Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

## Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the preliminary results of this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4), 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1), and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c).

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 17006, 17007 (March 26, 2020) ("To provide adequate time for release of case briefs via ACCESS, E&C intends to schedule the due date for all rebuttal briefs to be 7 days after case briefs are filed (while these modifications remain in effect).").

<sup>12</sup> See generally 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>13</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303(f).

<sup>14</sup> See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>16</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>17</sup> In these preliminary results, Commerce applied the assessment rate calculation method adopted in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>18</sup> See *NME AD Assessment*.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

**Lisa W. Wang,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

## Appendix I

### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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### Companies for Which the Administrative Review Is Being Rescinded

1. Electrochemical Factory of Zhejiang Juhua Co., Ltd.
2. Fujian Qingliu Dongying Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd.
3. Hongkong Richmax Ltd.
4. Huantai Dongyue International Trade Co. Ltd.
5. Jiangsu Bluestar Green Technology Co., Ltd.
6. Jiangsu Sanmei Chemicals Co., Ltd.
7. Jinhua Binglong Chemical Technology Co., Ltd.
8. Jinhua Yonghe Fluorochemical Co., Ltd.
9. Puremann, Inc.
10. Shandong Dongyue Chemical Co., Ltd.
11. Shandong Huaan New Material Co., Ltd.
12. Sinochem Environmental Protection Chemicals (Taicang) Co., Ltd.
13. Weitron International Refrigeration Equipment (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. (aka Weichang Refrigeration Equipment (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.)
14. Zhejiang Juhua Co., Ltd.
15. Zhejiang Morita New Materials Co., Ltd.
16. Zhejiang Organic Fluor-Chemistry Plant, Zhejiang Juhua Co., Ltd.
17. Zhejiang Quhua Juxin Fluorochemical Industry Co., Ltd.
18. Zhejiang Quzhou Juxin Fluorine Chemical Co., Ltd.
19. Zhejiang Quzhou Lianzhou Refrigerants Co., Ltd.
20. Zhejiang Yonghe Refrigerant Co., Ltd.
21. Zhejiang Zhonglan Refrigeration Technology Co., Ltd.
22. Zibo Feiyuan Chemical Co., Ltd.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-857]

### Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof From Mexico: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain freight rail couplers and parts thereof (freight rail couplers) from Mexico are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable May 3, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Hall-Eastman, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1468.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on October 25, 2022.<sup>1</sup> On February 10, 2023, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until April 26, 2023.<sup>2</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China and Mexico: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 87 FR 64444 (October 25, 2022) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof From Mexico: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 88 FR 10092 (February 16, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from Mexico" dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

#### Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are freight rail couplers from Mexico. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

#### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> Commerce preliminarily modified the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice. Commerce established a separate briefing schedule for interested parties to address the preliminary scope determination.<sup>7</sup>

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Constructed export prices have been calculated in accordance with section 772(b) of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Freight Rail Couplers from Mexico and the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum," dated March 28, 2023 (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 3.