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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Large Residential Washers from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2012-2013

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on large residential washers from the Republic of Korea (Korea). The period of review (POR) is June 5, 2012, through December 31, 2013. We preliminarily determine that Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung) and Daewoo Electronics Corporation (Daewoo) received countervailable subsidies during the POR. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Effective Date: **INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Justin Neuman, Office VII, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are all large residential washers and certain subassemblies thereof from Korea. The products are currently classifiable under subheadings 8450.20.0040 and 8450.20.0080 of the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to this order may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 8450.11.0040, 8450.11.0080, 8450.90.2000, and 8450.90.6000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to this scope is dispositive.¹

Methodology

The Department is conducting this CVD review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that confers a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.² For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and

¹ For a full description of the scope, *see* the Department Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Large Residential Washers from the Republic of Korea” (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with these results and hereby adopted by this notice.

² *See* sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and, section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

³ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found as an appendix to this notice.

Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).⁴ ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the countervailable subsidy rates for the mandatory respondents to be:

Company	Subsidy Rate (percent)
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	34.77 percent
Daewoo Electronics Corporation	81.91 percent

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with this preliminary determination within five days of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.⁵ Interested parties may submit case and rebuttal briefs, as well as request a hearing.⁶ Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.⁷ Rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs.⁸ Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs are requested to submit with the

⁴ On November 24, 2014, Enforcement and Compliance changed the name of Enforcement and Compliance's AD and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS) to (ACCESS). The website location changed from <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> to <http://access.trade.gov>. The Final Rule changing the references to the Regulations can be found at 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014).

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)-(d), 19 CFR 351.310(c).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2).

argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁹

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.¹⁰ Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.¹¹ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing. Issues addressed at the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.¹² All briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically and received successfully in their entirety through ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after issuance of these preliminary results.

Assessment Rates and Cash Deposit Requirement

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we assigned a subsidy rate for each producer/exporter subject to this administrative review. Upon issuance of the final results, the

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.310.

¹² See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, CVDs on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of review.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, the Department also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated CVDs, in the amounts shown above for each of the respective companies shown above, on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most-recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

These preliminary results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: March 2, 2015.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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