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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Brass Sheet and Strip from France: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014-2015

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

SUMMARY: On December 1, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from France.¹ The review covers Griset SA (Griset) and KME France SAS (KME France). The period of review (POR) is March 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015. We invited interested parties to comment on our Preliminary Results. No parties commented, and our final results remain unchanged from our Preliminary Results. The final results are listed in the section entitled “Final Results of Review” below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (Insert date of publication in the Federal Register.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Flessner or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6312 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

¹ See Brass Sheet and Strip From France: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014–2015, 80 FR 75055 (December 1, 2015) (Preliminary Results).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 1, 2015, the Department published the preliminary results of this review in the Federal Register. See Preliminary Results. We invited parties to comment on the Preliminary Results. No party commented, nor did any party request a hearing.

As explained in the memorandum from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement & Compliance, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll all administrative deadlines due to the recent closure of the Federal Government. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by four business days. The revised deadline for the final results of this review is now April 5, 2016.²

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the order is brass sheet and strip, other than leaded and tinned brass sheet and strip, from France. The merchandise is currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers 7409.21.00 and 7409.29.00.³

Final Results of Review

As noted above, the Department has received no comments concerning the Preliminary Results on the record of this segment of the proceeding. As there are no changes from, or comments upon, the Preliminary Results, there is no decision memorandum accompanying this Federal Register notice. For further details of the issues addressed in this proceeding, see

² See Memorandum to the Record from Ron Lorentzen, Acting A/S for Enforcement & Compliance, regarding “Tolling of Administrative Deadlines As a Result of the Government Closure During Snowstorm Jonas,” dated January 27, 2016. Therefore, the deadline for signature of these final results will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

³ For a full description of the scope of the order, see the memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, entitled “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of the 2014-2015 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Brass Sheet and Strip from France,” dated November 17, 2015.

Preliminary Results. The final weighted-average dumping margin for the period March 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015, is as follows:

Producer or Exporter	Estimated Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (Percent)
Griset SA	42.24
KME France SAS	42.24

Assessment

The Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions for the companies subject to this review to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of these final results. We shall instruct CBP to apply an ad valorem assessment rate of 42.24 percent to all entries of subject merchandise during the POR which were produced and/or exported by Griset or KME France.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit rates will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of brass sheet and strip from France entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act): (1) for Griset or KME France, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin listed above; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which that manufacturer or exporter participated; (3) if the exporter is not a

firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the producer is a firm covered in this review, any previous review, or the original investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 42.24 percent ad valorem, the “all others” rate established in the LTFV investigation.⁴ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final 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 the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Administrative Protective Order Notification to Interested Parties

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), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

⁴ See Antidumping Duty Order: Brass Sheet and Strip From France, 52 FR 6995 (March 6, 1987).

Notification to Interested Parties

This administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

Dated: March 9, 2016.

Paul Piquado
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance

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