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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from the Russian Federation:  
Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products (hot-rolled steel) from the Russian Federation (Russia) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing a notice of continuation of this antidumping duty order.

DATES: Effective date: [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*.]

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

On December 24, 2014, the Department published the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled steel from Russia.<sup>1</sup> On May 2, 2016, the Department initiated a sunset review of the *Russia Order* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>2</sup>

As a result of this sunset review, the Department determined that revocation of the *Russia Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the USITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the order be revoked.<sup>3</sup>

On October 5, 2016, the USITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the *Russia Order* would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>4</sup>

### Scope of the Order

For the purposes of this order, “hot-rolled steel” means certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products of a rectangular shape, of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal and whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) regardless of thickness, and in straight lengths, of a thickness less than 4.75 mm and of a width measuring at least 10 times the thickness.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Termination of the Suspension Agreement on Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From the Russian Federation, Rescission of 2013-2014 Administrative Review, and Issuance of Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 77455 (December 24, 2014) (*Russia Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review*, 81 FR 26209 (May 2, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> See *Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From the Russian Federation: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 81 FR 62094 (September 8, 2016) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>4</sup> See *Investigation No. 731-TA-808 (Third Review)*, 81 FR 69079 (October 5, 2016), and USITC Publication 4639 (September 2016), entitled *Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Russia: Investigation No. 731-TA-808 (Third Review)*.

Universal mill plate (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 mm but not exceeding 1250 mm and of a thickness of not less than 4 mm, not in coils and without patterns in relief) of a thickness not less than 4.0 mm is not included within the scope of this order.

Specifically included in this scope are vacuum degassed, fully stabilized (commonly referred to as interstitial-free (IF)) steels, high strength low alloy (HSLA) steels, and the substrate for motor lamination steels. IF steels are recognized as low carbon steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as titanium and/or niobium added to stabilize carbon and nitrogen elements. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, titanium, vanadium, and molybdenum. The substrate for motor lamination steels contains micro-alloying levels of elements such as silicon and aluminum.

Steel products to be included in the scope of this order, regardless of Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions, are products in which: (1) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated: 1.80 percent of manganese, or 1.50 percent of silicon, or 1.00 percent of copper, or 0.50 percent of aluminum, or 1.25 percent of chromium, or 0.30 percent of cobalt, or 0.40 percent of lead, or 1.25 percent of nickel, or 0.30 percent of tungsten, or 0.012 percent of boron, or 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or 0.10 percent of niobium, or 0.41 percent of titanium, or 0.15 percent of vanadium, or 0.15 percent of zirconium.

All products that meet the physical and chemical description provided above are within the scope of this order unless otherwise excluded. The following products, by way of example, are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this order:

--Alloy hot-rolled steel products in which at least one of the chemical elements exceeds those listed above (including *e.g.*, ASTM specifications A543, A387, A514, A517, and A506).

--SAE/AISI grades of series 2300 and higher.

--Ball bearing steels, as defined in the HTSUS.

--Tool steels, as defined in the HTSUS.

--Silico-manganese (as defined in the HTSUS) or silicon electrical steel with a silicon level exceeding 1.50 percent.

--ASTM specifications A710 and A736.

--USS Abrasion-resistant steels (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).

--Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

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C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni
0.10-0.14%...	0.90% Max...	0.025% Max...	0.005% Max...	0.30-0.50%...	0.50-0.70%...	0.20-0.40%...	0.20% Max.

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Width = 44.80 inches maximum; Thickness = 0.063-0.198 inches; Yield Strength = 50,000 ksi minimum; Tensile Strength = 70,000-88,000 psi.

- Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

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C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni	Mo
0.10-0.16%...	0.70%-0.90%...	0.25% Max...	0.006% Max...	0.30-0.50%...	0.50-0.70%...	0.25% Max...	0.20% Max...	0.21% Max

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Width = 44.80 inches maximum; Thickness = 0.350 inches maximum; Yield Strength = 80,000 ksi minimum; Tensile Strength = 105,000 psi Aim.

- Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

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C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni	V(wt.)	Cb
0.10-0.14%...	1.30-1.80%...	0.025% Max...	0.005% Max...	0.30-0.50%...	0.50-0.70%...	0.20-0.40%...	0.20% Max...	0.10 Max...	0.08% Max...

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Width = 44.80 inches maximum; Thickness = 0.350 inches maximum; Yield Strength = 80,000 ksi minimum; Tensile Strength = 105,000 psi Aim.

- Hot-rolled steel coil which meets the following chemical, physical and mechanical specifications:

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C	Mn	P	S	Si	Cr	Cu	Ni	Nb	Ca	Al
0.15% Max...	1.40% Max...	0.025% Max...	0.010% Max...	0.50% Max...	1.00% Max...	0.50% Max...	0.20% Max...	0.005% Min...	Treated...	0.001-0.07%

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Width = 39.37 inches; Thickness = 0.181 inches maximum; Yield Strength = 70,000 psi minimum for thicknesses  $\leq 0.148$  inches and 65,000 psi minimum for thicknesses  $>0.148$  inches; Tensile Strength = 80,000 psi minimum.

- Hot-rolled dual phase steel, phase-hardened, primarily with a ferritic-martensitic microstructure, contains 0.9 percent up to and including 1.5 percent silicon by weight, further characterized by either (i) tensile strength between 540 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 640 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

and an elongation percentage 26 percent for thicknesses of 2 mm and above, or (ii) a tensile strength between 590 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 690 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and an elongation percentage 25 percent for thicknesses of 2 mm and above.

- Hot-rolled bearing quality steel, SAE grade 1050, in coils, with an inclusion rating of 1.0 maximum per ASTM E 45, Method A, with excellent surface quality and chemistry restrictions as follows:
  - 0.012 percent maximum phosphorus, 0.015 percent maximum sulfur, and 0.20 percent maximum residuals including 0.15 percent maximum chromium.
  - Grade ASTM A570-50 hot-rolled steel sheet in coils or cut lengths, width of 74 inches (nominal, within ASTM tolerances), thickness of 11 gauge (0.119 inch nominal), mill edge and skin passed, with a minimum copper content of 0.20 percent.

The covered merchandise is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings:

7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00. Certain hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel covered include: Vacuum degassed, fully stabilized; high strength low alloy; and the substrate for motor lamination steel may also enter under the following tariff numbers: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00,

7226.91.80.00, and 7226.99.00.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the USITC that revocation of the *Russia Order* would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the *Russia Order*.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of the continuation of this order will be the effective date listed above. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next sunset review of this order not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

This five-year (sunset) review and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

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