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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2015

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on seamless refined copper pipe and tube from Mexico. The review covers three producers/exporters of the subject merchandise, GD Affiliates S. de R.L. de C.V. (Golden Dragon), Nacional de Cobre, S.A. de C.V. (Nacobre), and IUSA, S.A. de C.V. (IUSA). The period of review (POR) is November 1, 2014, through October 31, 2015. We have preliminarily found that sales of subject merchandise have been made at prices below normal value. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis McClure or George Ayache, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5973 or (202) 482-2623, respectively.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order*<sup>1</sup> is seamless refined copper pipe and tube. The product is currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 7411.10.1030 and 7411.10.1090, and also may enter under HTSUS subheadings 7407.10.1500, 7419.99.5050, 8415.90.8065, and 8415.90.8085. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written product description of the scope of the *Order* is dispositive.<sup>2</sup>

### Methodology

The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Constructed export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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 <http://access.trade.gov> and it is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B0824 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at

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<sup>1</sup> *See Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico and the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Orders and Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value from Mexico*, 75 FR 71070 (November 22, 2010) (the *Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *See* Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, entitled "Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2014-2015," dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), for a complete description of the Scope of the *Order*.

<http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as the Appendix to this notice.

#### Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

Among the companies under review, IUSA properly filed a statement reporting that it made no shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR.<sup>3</sup> Because U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) did not provide any information contradicting IUSA's claim to have made no shipments, the Department preliminarily determines that IUSA did not have any reviewable transactions during the POR. Consistent with our practice, we are not preliminarily rescinding the review with respect to IUSA but, rather, we will complete the review with respect to this company and issue appropriate instructions to CBP based on the final results of this review.<sup>4</sup>

#### Preliminary Results of Review

The Department preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist:

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<sup>3</sup> For a full explanation of the Department's analysis, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>4</sup> See e.g., *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Partial Rescission of Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2012-2013*, 79 FR 15951, 15952 (March 24, 2014), unchanged in *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Partial Rescission of Review; 2012-2013*, 79 FR at 51306 (August 28, 2014).

Producer/Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
GD Affiliates S. de R.L. de C.V. <sup>5</sup> .....	1.93
Nacional de Cobre, S.A. de C.V.....	6.50

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>6</sup> Interested parties may submit case briefs to the Department no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.<sup>7</sup> Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding 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.<sup>8</sup> Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS.<sup>9</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>10</sup> Hearing requests should contain: (1) the party’s name, address, and

<sup>5</sup> The Department previously treated GD Affiliates S. de R.L. de C.V. as part of a single entity including: GD Copper Cooperatief U.A./Hong Kong GD Trading Co. Ltd./Golden Dragon Holding (Hong Kong) International, Ltd./GD Copper U.S.A. Inc./GD Affiliates Servicios S. de R.L. de C.V./GD Affiliates S. de R.L. de C.V., which is collectively referred to as Golden Dragon. *See, e.g., Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Final Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review*, 77 FR 59178 (September 26, 2012), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>6</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>7</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d).

<sup>8</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>9</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>10</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.310(c).

telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing to be held at the U.S.

Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.<sup>11</sup>

The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h), unless this deadline is extended.

#### Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.<sup>12</sup> Golden Dragon and Nacobre reported the names of the importers of record and the entered value for all of their sales to the United States during the POR. If Golden Dragon's and Nacobre's weighted-average dumping margins are not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we 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 entered value of those sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), and we will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

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<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b).

In accordance with the Department's "automatic assessment" practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Golden Dragon and Nacobre for which they did not know their merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediary involved in the transaction.<sup>13</sup> Further, if we continue to find in the final results that IUSA had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR, we will instruct CBP to liquidate any suspended entries that entered under its antidumping duty case number at the all-others rate.

We intend to issue instructions to CBP 41 days after the publication date of the final results of this review.

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of seamless refined copper pipe and tube from Mexico entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rates for Golden Dragon and Nacobre will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margins established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently-completed segment for the manufacturer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 26.03 percent, the all-

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<sup>13</sup> For a full discussion of this clarification, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

others rate established in the *Order*. 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 the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

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

*Dated: December 5, 2016*

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Paul Piquado  
Assistant Secretary  
for Enforcement and Compliance

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