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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that carbon and alloy wire rod (wire rod) from Italy is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. The final dumping margins of sales at LTFV are listed below in the “Final Determination” section of this notice.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 31, 2017, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* of sales at LTFV of wire rod from Italy.¹ On November 7, 2017, Commerce published the postponement of the final determinations of LTFV investigations and extension of provisional measures.² On

¹ See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 82 FR 50381 (October 31, 2017) (*Preliminary Determination*).

² See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom:*

December 21, 2017, Commerce published the *Amended Preliminary Determination* of sales at LTFV of wire rod from Italy.³ Commerce has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the final determination of this investigation is now March 19, 2018.⁴ A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice.⁵

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of the investigation covers wire rod from Italy. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, *see* Appendix I.

Scope Comments

During the course of this investigation, Commerce received numerous scope comments from interested parties. Prior to the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce issued a Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum to address these comments. As a result of these comments, Commerce made no changes to the scope of this investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*.⁶

Postponement of Final Determinations of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation and Extension of Provisional Measures, 82 FR 51613 (November 7, 2017).

³ *See Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy: Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 82 FR 60586 (December 21, 2017) (*Amended Preliminary Determination*).

⁴ *See* Memorandum for The Record from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government" (Tolling Memorandum), dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days

⁵ *See* Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁶ For discussion of these comments, *see* Memorandum, "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Belarus, Italy, the

In September 2017, we received scope case and rebuttal briefs. On November 20, 2017, we issued the Final Scope Decision Memorandum in response to these comments in which we did not change the scope of this investigation.⁷

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised is attached to this notice as Appendix II. The Issues and 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>, and it is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B-8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed and electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (the Act) in November and December 2017, we conducted verification of the sales and cost information submitted by Ferriere Nord S.p.A. (Ferriere Nord) for use in our final determination. We used

Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination" (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum), dated August 7, 2017; *see also Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Belarus, Italy, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 19207 (April 20, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁷ For discussion of these comments, *see* Memorandum, "Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Belarus, Italy, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom: Final Scope Memorandum" (Final Scope Decision Memorandum), dated November 20, 2017.

standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting and production records, and original source documents provided by Ferriere Nord.⁸

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received and our findings at verification, we made certain changes to the margin calculations for Ferriere Nord. For a discussion of these changes, *see* the “Margin Calculations” section of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Adverse Facts Available

In the *Preliminary Determination*, because mandatory respondent Ferriera Valsider S.p.A. (Ferriera Valsider) failed to respond to Commerce’s questionnaire, we applied adverse facts available (AFA) to Ferriera Valsider, in accordance with sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.308. We corroborated the petition dumping margin of 18.89 percent to the extent practicable within the meaning of section 776(c) of the Act. This is the sole rate identified in the petition, and, thus, we assigned this dumping margin to Ferriera Valsider as AFA.

All-Others Rate

Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provides that the estimated all-others rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated excluding any zero or *de minimis* margins, and margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. Ferriere Nord is the only respondent for which Commerce calculated a company-specific margin that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available. Therefore, for purposes of determining the “all-others” rate and pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, we are using

⁸ For discussion of our verification findings, *see* the following memoranda: Memorandum, “Verification of the Cost Response of Ferriere Nord in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy,” dated January 5, 2018; and Memorandum, “Verification of the Sales Responses of Ferriere Nord in the Antidumping Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Wire Rod from Italy,” dated January 10, 2018.

the dumping margin calculated for Ferriere Nord, as referenced in the “Final Determination” section below.

Final Determination

The final weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

| Exporter/Manufacturer | Weighted-Average Dumping Margins (percent) |
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| Ferriere Nord S.p.A./ Acciaierie di Verona S.p.A. ⁹ | 12.41 |
| Ferriera Valsider S.p.A. | 18.89 |
| All Others | 12.41 |

Disclosure

We will disclose the calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of wire rod from Italy, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 31, 2017, the date of publication of the preliminary determination of this investigation in the *Federal Register*.

Further, Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as shown above.

⁹ We continue to treat Ferriere Nord and Acciaierie di Verona S.p.A. as a single entity for the final determination.

International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of the final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because the final determination in this proceeding is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of wire rod from Italy no later than 45 days after our final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders (APO)

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely 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.

This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the
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Dated: March 19, 2018.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high-nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; or (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free cutting steel (also known as free machining steel) products (i.e., products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.1 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorous, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium). All products meeting the physical description of subject merchandise that are not specifically excluded are included in this scope.

The products under investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3011, 7213.91.3015, 7213.91.3020, 7213.91.3093, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7227.20.0030, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6010, 7227.90.6020, 7227.90.6030, and 7227.90.6035 of the HTSUS. Products entered under subheadings 7213.99.0090 and 7227.90.6090 of the HTSUS may also be included in this scope if they meet the physical description of subject merchandise above. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these proceedings is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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