

advisory committee. The IAC shall advise the Secretary on U.S. government policies and programs that affect FDI; identify and recommend programs and policies to help the United States attract and retain FDI; and recommend ways to support the position of the United States as the world's preeminent destination for FDI. The IAC shall act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and shall provide a forum for the stakeholders on current and emerging issues regarding FDI. The IAC shall report to the Secretary on its activities and recommendations regarding FDI. In creating its reports, the IAC should survey and evaluate the investment and investment-facilitating activities of stakeholders, should identify and examine specific problems facing potential foreign investors, and should examine the needs of stakeholders to inform the IAC's efforts. The IAC should recommend specific solutions to the problems and needs that it identifies.

The IAC shall consist of no more than twenty members appointed by the Secretary. Members shall represent companies and organizations investing, seeking to invest, seeking foreign investors, or facilitating investment across many sectors, including but not limited to:

U.S.-incorporated companies that are majority-owned by foreign companies or by a foreign individual or individuals, or that generate significant foreign direct investment (e.g., through their supply chains);

U.S. companies or entities whose business includes FDI-related activities or the facilitation of FDI; and

Economic development organizations and other U.S. governmental and non-governmental organizations and associations whose missions or activities include the promotion or facilitation of FDI.

Members shall be selected based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the IAC, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, in a manner that ensures that the IAC is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, industry subsector, geography of the source and the destination of the FDI, and company size. Members shall represent a broad range of products and services and shall be drawn from large, medium, and small enterprises, private-sector organizations involved in investment, and other investment-related entities including non-governmental organizations, associations, and economic development organizations.

Priority may be given to executives (Chief Executive Officer, Executive

Chairman, President, or comparable level of responsibility).

Members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their sponsoring entity and those of their particular sector (if applicable). Members are not special government employees and will receive no compensation for their participation in IAC activities. Members will not be reimbursed for travel expenses related to IAC activities. Appointments to the IAC shall be made without regard to political affiliation. Because the IAC will advise the Secretary on U.S. international competitiveness in attracting and retaining FDI, each member must be a U.S. national.

Each member shall be appointed for a term of two years and will serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. The Secretary may at his/her discretion reappoint any member to an additional term or terms, provided that the member proves to work effectively on the IAC and that his/her knowledge and advice is still needed.

The Secretary shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members.

The IAC will meet a minimum of two times a year with, to the extent practical, additional meetings called at the discretion of the Secretary or his/her designee. Meetings will be held in Washington, DC or elsewhere in the United States, or by teleconference, as feasible. Members are expected to attend a majority of IAC meetings.

To be considered for membership, submit the following information by 5:00 p.m. EDT on May 10, 2016 to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.

2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on the sponsoring entity's letterhead containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the IAC. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant's experience and leadership related to foreign direct investment.

3. The applicant's personal resume and short bio (less than 300 words).

4. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria, including an affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

5. Information regarding the ownership and control of the sponsoring entity, including the stock holdings as appropriate.

6. The sponsoring entity's size, place of incorporation, product or service line, major markets in which the entity operates, and the entity's export or import experience.

7. A profile of the entity's foreign direct investment activities, including investment activities, investment plans, investment-facilitation activities, or other foreign direct investment activities.

8. Brief statement describing how the applicant will contribute to the work of the IAC based on his or her unique experience and perspective (not to exceed 100 words).

9. All relevant contact information, including mailing address, fax, email, phone number, and support staff information where relevant.

Dated: April 7, 2016.

**Li Zhou,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Advisory Committees & Industry Outreach.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-947]

#### **Certain Steel Grating From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2015**

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

**DATES:** Effective April 13, 2016.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel grating ("steel grating") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period of review ("POR") July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. This review covers two PRC companies.<sup>1</sup> The Department preliminarily finds that Ningbo Haitian has not demonstrated its eligibility for separate rate status and is, thus, part of the PRC-wide entity. The Department preliminarily finds that Yantai Xinke made no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

<sup>1</sup> The companies under review are Ningbo Haitian International Co., Ltd. ("Ningbo Haitian") and Yantai Xinke Steel Structure Co., Ltd. ("Yantai Xinke").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lilit Astvatsatryan, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement & Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Department published the notice of initiation of this administrative review on September 2, 2015.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this administrative review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum,<sup>3</sup> which is dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice. 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 in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Results Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

The Department has exercised its discretion to toll all administrative deadlines due to the recent closure of the Federal Government because of Snowstorm "Jonas." Thus, all of the deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by four business days. The revised deadline for the preliminary results of review is now April 7, 2016.<sup>4</sup>

**Scope of the Order**

The products covered by this order are certain steel grating, consisting of two or more pieces of steel, including

load-bearing pieces and cross pieces, joined by any assembly process.<sup>5</sup> This merchandise is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under item number 7308.90.7000. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

**Methodology**

The Department conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). For a full discussion of the decisions taken in these preliminary results, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Separate Rates**

Ningbo Haitian failed to submit a separate rate application or separate rate certification. Therefore, the Department preliminarily determines that Ningbo Haitian has not demonstrated its eligibility for a separate rate status and is part of the PRC-wide entity.<sup>6</sup> The PRC-wide entity rate is 145.18 percent.

**Preliminary Determination of No Shipments**

Yantai Xinke submitted a timely-filed certification that it had no exports, sales, or entries of subject merchandise during the POR.<sup>7</sup> Additionally, our inquiry to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") did not identify any POR entries of Yantai Xinke's subject merchandise. Based on the foregoing, the Department preliminarily determines that Yantai Xinke did not have any reviewable transactions during the POR. For additional information regarding this determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Consistent with our practice in NME cases, the Department is not rescinding this administrative review for Yantai Xinke, but intends to complete the review and issue appropriate instructions to CBP based on the final results of the review.<sup>8</sup>

**Preliminary Results of Review**

The Department preliminarily determines that Ningbo Haitian is not eligible for separate rates status. Moreover, the Department preliminarily determines that Yantai Xinke did not have reviewable transactions during the POR.

**Public Comment**

Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results and may submit case briefs and/or written comments, filed electronically using ACCESS, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).<sup>9</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, will be due five days after the due date for case briefs, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d). Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this review are requested to submit with each argument a statement of the issue, a summary of the argument not to exceed five pages, and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2).

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, U.S. Department of Commerce, filed electronically using ACCESS. Electronically filed case briefs/written comments and hearing requests must be received successfully in their entirety by the Department's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern 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 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 those issues raised in the respective case briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date of the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20230.

Unless extended, 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, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

<sup>9</sup> See also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

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

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 80 FR 53106 (September 2, 2015) ("Initiation Notice").

<sup>3</sup> See Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Steel Grating from the People's Republic of China ("Preliminary Decision Memorandum"), from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum to the Record from Ron Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement & Compliance, regarding "Tolling of Administrative Deadlines as a Result of the Government Closure during Snowstorm Jonas," dated January 27, 2016.

<sup>5</sup> For the full scope of the order, *see* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 2-3.

<sup>6</sup> See *Initiation Notice*, 80 FR 53106, 53107 ("All firms listed below that wish to qualify for separate rate status in the administrative reviews involving NME countries must complete, as appropriate, either a separate rate application or certification. . ."); Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 3.

<sup>7</sup> See Letter from Yantai Xinke to the Department, Re: "Certain Steel Grating from the People's Republic of China: A-570-947; No Shipment Certification," dated September 30, 2015.

<sup>8</sup> See *Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 76 FR 65694, 65694-95 (October 24, 2011) ("NME AD Assessment") and the "Assessment Rates" section, below.

### Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.<sup>11</sup> The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of the final results of this review. The Department intends to instruct CBP to liquidate any entries of subject merchandise from Ningbo Haitian at 145.18 percent (the PRC-wide rate).

Additionally, pursuant to the Department's practice in NME cases, if we continue to determine that Yantai Xinke had no shipments of subject merchandise, any suspended entries of subject merchandise from Yantai Xinke will be liquidated at the PRC-wide rate.<sup>12</sup>

### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters, which are not under review in this segment of the proceeding but which have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (2) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, including Ningbo Haitian, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate of 145.18 percent; and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise, which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter(s) that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These 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 Department'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.

Dated: April 6, 2016.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Results Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Nondestructive Evaluation Techniques for Assessing Alkali-Silica Reaction Degradation of Concrete Consortium

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is establishing the Non-destructive Evaluation Techniques for Assessing alkali-silica reaction (ASR) Degradation of Concrete Consortium ("Consortium") and invites organizations to participate in this Consortium. The Consortium will examine non-destructive evaluation (NDE) technologies that can be used to determine the presence and the evolution of ASR in concrete members. This notice is the initial step for the Consortium to provide participants' access to NIST concrete specimens constructed as large reinforced concrete blocks with ASR reactive aggregates ("NIST ASR Specimens"). Participants will use NIST ASR Specimens to determine whether NDE technologies are effective in identifying and quantifying degree of expansion and degradation of concrete members due to ASR. Participation in this Consortium is open to all eligible organizations, as described below.

**DATES:** NIST will accept responses for participation in this Consortium from prospective participants until May 13, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Information in response to this notice and requests for additional information about the Consortium can be directed via mail to Fahim Sadek, NIST Consortium Manager, Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8611, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, or via electronic mail to [fahim.sadek@nist.gov](mailto:fahim.sadek@nist.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about partnership opportunities or about terms and conditions of NIST's Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), please contact Honeyeh Zube, CRADA and License Officer at the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Technology Partnerships Office, by written correspondence to 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, by electronic mail to [honeyeh.zube@nist.gov](mailto:honeyeh.zube@nist.gov), or by telephone at (301) 975-2209.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ASR is a concrete degradation mechanism in which the alkalis that are typically found in Portland cement react with certain amorphous or micro-crystalline siliceous phases in the aggregate and, in the presence of moisture, form an expansive gel. The gel generates macroscopic expansions within the concrete, which causes the concrete to crack and change its mechanical properties. NIST and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are engaged in ongoing research to develop a standardized method for quantifying the degree of degradation resulting from ASR. NIST's research includes the construction of four large reinforced concrete specimens with a length of 16 feet and a cross section of 3.5 feet by 6 feet. Three of the specimens will be cast with reactive aggregates resulting in low-, mid-, and high-ASR expansion, while the fourth specimen will be cast with non-reactive aggregates. The NIST ASR Specimens will be conditioned in a large curing chamber at the NIST, under controlled temperature and humidity, for a duration of three (3) years.

The purpose of this Consortium is for participants to evaluate technologies that can be used to quantify the magnitude and evolution of expansion and degradation in structural concrete members. The intent is for eligible participants to use the NIST ASR Specimens as a testbed, free of charge, for experimenting with various non-invasive, non-destructive techniques to detect and monitor the progress of the concrete degradation over time.

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

<sup>12</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *NME AD Assessment*, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011).