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January 4, 2017

The Honorable Irving A. Williamson, Chairman U.S. International Trade Commission 500 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20436

Re: Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India and Sri Lanka: Notice of Final Determinations of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with sections 705 and 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department of Commerce has issued its final determinations in the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires from India and Sri Lanka. Pursuant to sections 705(d) and 735(d) of the Act, you are hereby formally notified of these determinations and the bases for them, which are summarized in the enclosed *Federal Register* notices.

You will be accorded full access to all non-privileged and non-proprietary information in our files. All privileged and business proprietary information in the files will be made available upon confirmation that the confidentiality of such information will be maintained and that it will not be disclosed, either publicly or under administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Sincerely,

Gary Taverman

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary

for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations

Enclosures



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

C-542-801

Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from Sri Lanka: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Final Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (off road tires) from Sri Lanka. The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. For information on the estimated subsidy rates, *see* the "Final Determination" section of this notice.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Whitley Herndon, Office II, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The petitioners in this investigation are Titan Tire Corporation and the United Steel,
Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers

International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC. In addition to the Government of Sri Lanka, the mandatory respondent in this investigation is Camso Loadstar (Private) Ltd. (Camso Loadstar).

The events that occurred since the Department published the *Preliminary Determination*¹ on June 20, 2016, are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice.² The Issues and Decision Memorandum also details the changes we made since the *Preliminary Determination* to the subsidy rates calculated for the mandatory respondent and all other producers/exporters. 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 http://access.trade.gov, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 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 Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of the investigation covers off road tires, which are tires with an off road tire size designation. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Appendix I.

¹ See Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from Sri Lanka: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Determination, 81 FR 39900 (June 20, 2016) (Preliminary Determination), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum from Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, entitled, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from Sri Lanka," dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues that parties raised, and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice as Appendix II.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our review and analysis of the comments received from parties, and minor corrections presented at verification, we made certain changes to Camso Loadstar's subsidy rate calculations since the *Preliminary Determination*. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum and the Final Analysis Memorandum.³

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

On May 24, 2016, the petitioners filed a timely critical circumstances allegation, pursuant to section 703(e)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), alleging that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of off road tires from Sri Lanka.⁴ We preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for Camso Loadstar and the companies covered by the "all others" rate. For this final determination, in accordance with section 705(a) of the Act, we continue to find that critical circumstances exist for Camso Loadstar and the companies covered by the "all others" rate. For a discussion, *see* the "Critical Circumstances" section and "Comment 7" of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

³ See Memorandum "Final Determination Calculation Memorandum for Camso Loadstar (Private) Ltd. and Loadstar (Private) Ltd. (collectively Camso Loadstar)," dated concurrently with this notice (Final Analysis Memorandum) ⁴ See Letter from Petitioners, regarding Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from Sri Lanka – Petitioners' Critical Circumstances Allegation, dated May 24, 2016.

Final Determination

In accordance with section 705(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Act, we calculated a rate for Camso Loadstar (the only individually investigated exporter/producer of subject merchandise). Section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act states that, for companies not individually investigated, we will determine an "all others" rate equal to the weighted-average countervailable subsidy rates established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* countervailable subsidy rates, and any rates determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. Where the rates for investigated companies are zero or *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, section 705(c)(5)(A)(ii) of the Act instructs the Department to establish an "all others" rate using "any reasonable method."

Because the only individually calculated rate is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, in accordance with 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act, the rate calculated for Camso Loadstar is assigned as the all-others rate. We determine the total estimated net countervailable subsidy rates to be:

Company	Subsidy Rate
Camso Loadstar (Private), Ltd.	2.18 percent
All Others	2.18 percent

Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our affirmative *Preliminary Determination* and our affirmative critical circumstances determination, pursuant to sections 703(d) and 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, we instructed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise from Sri Lanka which were entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption

on or after March 22, 2016, which is 90 days before the date of the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the *Federal Register*.⁵

In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we later issued instructions to CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation for CVD purposes for subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after October 18, 2016, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries from March 22, 2016, through October 17, 2016, as appropriate.

We will issue a CVD order and reinstate the suspension of liquidation in accordance with our final determination and under section 706(a) of the Act if the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, and we will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties for such entries of merchandise in the amounts indicated above. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all estimated duties deposited as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information related to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

⁵ See Preliminary Determination.

Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

In the event that the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to the APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

/S/ Paul Piquado

Paul Piquado Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance

January 3, 2017

Date

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation is certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (certain off road tires). Certain off road tires are tires with an off road tire size designation. The tires included in the scope may be either tube-type⁶ or tubeless, radial, or non-radial, regardless of whether for original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market.

Subject tires may have the following prefix or suffix designation, which appears on the sidewall of the tire:

Prefix designations:

- DH Identifies a tire intended for agricultural and logging service which must be mounted on a DH drop center rim.
- VA Identifies a tire intended for agricultural and logging service which must be mounted on a VA multipiece rim.
- IF Identifies an agricultural tire to operate at 20 percent higher rated load than standard metric tires at the same inflation pressure.
- VF Identifies an agricultural tire to operate at 40 percent higher rated load than standard metric tires at the same inflation pressure.

Suffix designations:

- ML Mining and logging tires used in intermittent highway service.
- DT Tires primarily designed for sand and paver service.
- NHS Not for Highway Service.
- TG Tractor Grader, off-the-road tire for use on rims having bead seats with nominal +0.188" diameter (not for highway service).
- K Compactor tire for use on 5° drop center or semi-drop center rims having bead seats with nominal minus 0.032 diameter.
- IND Drive wheel tractor tire used in industrial service.
- SL Service limited to agricultural usage.

⁶ While tube-type tires are subject to the scope of this proceeding, tubes and flaps are not subject merchandise and therefore are not covered by the scope of this proceeding, regardless of the manner in which they are sold (*e.g.*, sold with or separately from subject merchandise).

FI – Implement tire for agricultural towed highway service.

CFO - Cyclic Field Operation.

SS – Differentiates tires for off-highway vehicles such as mini and skid-steer loaders from other tires which use similar size designations such as 7.00-15TR and 7.00-15NHS, but may use different rim bead seat configurations.

All tires marked with any of the prefixes or suffixes listed above in their sidewall markings are covered by the scope regardless of their intended use.

In addition, all tires that lack any of the prefixes or suffixes listed above in their sidewall markings are included in the scope, regardless of their intended use, as long as the tire is of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the following sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set forth below. The sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book listing numerical size designations of covered certain off road tires include:

The table of mining and logging tires included in the section on Truck-Bus tires;

The entire section on Off-the-Road tires;

The entire section on Agricultural tires; and

The following tables in the section on Industrial/ATV/Special Trailer tires:

- Industrial, Mining, Counterbalanced Lift Truck (Smooth Floors Only);
- Industrial and Mining (Other than Smooth Floors);
- Construction Equipment;
- Off-the-Road and Counterbalanced Lift Truck (Smooth Floors Only);
- Aerial Lift and Mobile Crane; and
- Utility Vehicle and Lawn and Garden Tractor.

Certain off road tires, whether or not mounted on wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported mounted on a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope. Subject merchandise includes certain off road tires produced in the subject countries whether mounted on wheels or rims in a subject country or in a third country. Certain off road tires are covered whether or not they are accompanied by other parts, *e.g.*, a wheel, rim, axle parts, bolts, nuts, etc. Certain off road tires that enter attached to a vehicle are not covered by the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope are passenger vehicle and light truck tires, racing tires, mobile home tires, motorcycle tires, all-terrain vehicle tires, bicycle tires, on-road or on-highway trailer tires, and truck and bus tires. Such tires generally have in common that the symbol "DOT" must appear on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle

safety standards. Such excluded tires may also have the following prefixes and suffixes included as part of the size designation on their sidewalls:

Prefix letter designations:

AT – Identifies a tire intended for service on All-Terrain Vehicles;

P – Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars;

LT – Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks;

T – Identifies a tire intended for one-position "temporary use" as a spare only; and

ST – Identifies a special tire for trailers in highway service.

Suffix letter designations:

TR – Identifies a tire for service on trucks, buses, and other vehicles with rims having specified rim diameter of nominal plus 0.156" or plus 0.250";

MH – Identifies tires for Mobile Homes;

HC – Identifies a heavy duty tire designated for use on "HC" 15" tapered rims used on trucks, buses, and other vehicles. This suffix is intended to differentiate among tires for light trucks, and other vehicles or other services, which use a similar designation.

Example: 8R17.5 LT, 8R17.5 HC;

LT – Identifies light truck tires for service on trucks, buses, trailers, and multipurpose passenger vehicles used in nominal highway service;

ST – Special tires for trailers in highway service; and

M/C – Identifies tires and rims for motorcycles.

The following types of tires are also excluded from the scope: Pneumatic tires that are not new, including recycled or retreaded tires and used tires; non-pneumatic tires, including solid rubber tires; aircraft tires; and turf, lawn and garden, and golf tires. Also excluded from the scope are mining and construction tires that have a rim diameter equal to or exceeding 39 inches. Such tires may be distinguished from other tires of similar size by the number of plies that the construction and mining tires contain (minimum of 16) and the weight of such tires (minimum 1500 pounds).

The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4011.20.1025, 4011.20.1035, 4011.20.5030,

4011.20.5050, 4011.61.0000, 4011.62.0000, 4011.63.0000, 4011.69.0050, 4011.92.0000, 4011.93.4000, 4011.93.8000, 4011.94.4000, 4011.94.8000, 8431.49.9038, 8431.49.9090, 8709.90.0020, and 8716.90.1020. Tires meeting the scope description may also enter under the following HTSUS subheadings: 4011.99.4550, 4011.99.8550, 8424.90.9080, 8431.20.0000, 8431.39.0010, 8431.49.1090, 8431.49.9030, 8432.90.0005, 8432.90.0015, 8432.90.0030, 8432.90.0080, 8433.90.5010, 8503.00.9560, 8708.70.0500, 8708.70.2500, 8708.70.4530, 8716.90.5035 and 8716.90.5055. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Appendix II List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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Comment 1: Whether Camso Loadstar Benefited from Exemptions/Concessions for Fiscal Levies on Imports of Spare Parts

Comment 2: Whether the Provision of Tax Concession for Exporters of Non-

Traditional Products Program is Countervailable

Comment 3: Whether the Nation Building Tax Preferences Program is Specific and

Constitutes a Financial Contribution

Comment 4: Whether Camso Loadstar Benefited from the Guaranteed Price

Scheme for Rubber

Comment 5: Whether to Use U.S. Dollar Amounts Recorded by Camso Loadstar to

Determine Subsidy Rates

Comment 6: Whether to Use Camso Loadstar's Revised FOB Sales Data for

Denominator

Comment 7: Whether the Department Should Continue to Find Critical

Circumstances

Comment 8: Whether to Terminate the Investigation

VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

C-533-870

Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road tires from India: Final Affirmative Determination, and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (off road tires) from India. For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the "Final Determination" section of this notice. The period of investigation is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Spencer Toubia or Gene Calvert, AD/CVD

Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S.

Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone

(202) 482-0123 or (202) 482-3586, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published the *Preliminary Determination* on June 20, 2016.¹ A summary of the events that occurred since the Department published the *Preliminary*

¹ Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Determination 81 FR 39903 (June 20, 2016) (Preliminary Determination).

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.² 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 http://access.trade.gov, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 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/. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version are identical in content.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department set aside a period of time for parties to address scope issues in case briefs or other written comments on scope issues.³ In the *Preliminary Determination*, we did not modify the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. A No interested party submitted scope comments in case or rebuttal briefs. Therefore, the scope of this investigation remains unchanged for this final determination.⁵ *Scope of the Investigation*

The products covered by this investigation are certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see the "Scope of the Investigation," in Appendix I of this notice.

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India," (Issues and Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice.

³ See Preliminary Determination at 81 FR 39903, and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at "Scope Comments."

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ The Department has added two additional subheadings from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to the list included for convenience and customs purposes since the Preliminary Determination. No revisions were made to the written description of the subject merchandise.

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues that parties raised, and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice at Appendix II.

Use of Adverse Facts Available

The Department, in making these findings, relied, in part, on facts available and, because one or more respondent companies failed to cooperate to the best of their ability in responding to the Department's requests for information, we made adverse inferences. Further, because the Government of India did not cooperate to the best of its ability in this investigation, we also determine that adverse inferences are warranted, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act. A full discussion of our decision to rely on adverse facts available is presented in the "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" section of the Issues and Decision Memorandum. *Changes Since the Preliminary Determination*

Based on our review and analysis of the comments received from parties, and minor corrections presented at verification, we made certain changes to the respondents' subsidy rate calculations set forth in the *Preliminary Determination*. For a discussion of these changes, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum and the Final Analysis Memoranda.⁷

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

In the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department found that critical circumstances exist with respect to off road tires from India for All Other exporters or producers not individually

⁶ See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

⁷ See Issues and Decision Memorandum; see also Memoranda, "Final Determination Analysis for ATC Tires Private Limited.," and "Final Determination Analysis for Balkrishna Industries Limited," both dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice.

examined, but did not exist for ATC Tires Private Limited (ATC) and Balkrishna Industries Limited (BKT).⁸ Upon further analysis of the data and comments submitted by interested parties following the *Preliminary Determination*, we are modifying our findings for the *Final Determination*.⁹ Specifically, in accordance with section 705(a)(2) of the Act, we find that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports from ATC, and All Other producers or exporters, but do not exist for BKT.

Final Determination

In accordance with section 705(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Act, we determined a countervailable subsidy rate for each individually investigated exporter/producer of the subject merchandise (*i.e.*, ATC and BKT). Section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act states that for companies not individually investigated, we will determine an "all-others" rate equal to the weighted average of the countervailable subsidy rates established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any *de minimis* countervailable subsidy rates and rates determined entirely by adverse facts available, under section 776 of the Act. Accordingly, in this final determination, we have calculated the "all-others" rate by weight-averaging the calculated subsidy rates of the two individually investigated respondents, using the respondents' publicly-ranged sales data for exports of subject merchandise to the United States. ¹⁰

We determine the estimated net countervailable subsidy rates are as follows.

⁸ See Preliminary Determination, 81 FR at 39903.

⁹ For a full description of the methodology and results of our analysis, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁰ See Memorandum, "Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India: Final Determination Margin Calculation for All-Others," dated concurrently with this memorandum.

Company	Subsidy Rate
ATC Tires Private Limited	4.90 percent ad valorem
Balkrishna Industries Limited	5.36 percent ad valorem
All-Others	5.06 percent ad valorem

Disclosure

We intend to disclose to parties in this proceeding the calculations performed for this final determination within five days of the date of public announcement of our final determination, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension Liquidation

As a result of our *Preliminary Determination*, and pursuant to section 703(d) of the Act, we instructed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of merchandise under consideration from India that were entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after June 20, 2016, which is the publication date in the *Federal Register* of the *Preliminary Determination*. In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we issued instructions to CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation for CVD purposes for subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after October 17, 2016, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise from March 22, 2016, through October 16, 2016.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a CVD order and will reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act and will require a cash deposit of estimated CVDs for such entries of subject merchandise in the amounts indicated above. If the ITC determines that material injury,

or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all estimated duties deposited as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information related to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. *Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders*

In the event the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation that is subject to sanction.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Paul Piquado

Paul Piquado
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance

January 3, 2017

Date

Appendix I

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Suffix designations:

ML – Mining and logging tires used in intermittent highway service.

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IND – Drive wheel tractor tire used in industrial service.

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Example: 8R17.5 LT, 8R17.5 HC;

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-533-869

Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India: Final Negative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) determines that imports of certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (OTR tires) from India are not being, or are not likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The final estimated weighted-average dumping margins of sales at LTFV are listed below in the section entitled "Final Determination." The finding for whether critical circumstances exist for producers and exporters subject to the all-others rate is moot because the antidumping duty margins for Alliance Tires Private Limited (ATC) and Balkrishna Industries Limited (BKT) are zero. The period of investigation is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lilit Astvatsatrian or Trisha Tran, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6412, or (202) 482-4852, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 19, 2016, the Department published the *Preliminary Determination* in the *Federal Register*. ¹ In the *Preliminary* Determination, we postponed the final determination until no later than 135 days after the date of publication of the *Preliminary* Determination in accordance with section 735(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). ²

A summary of the events that occurred since the Department 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.³ 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 http://access.trade.gov, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 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. The signed and electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preliminary Determination*, the Department set aside a period of time for parties to address scope issues in case briefs or other written comments on scope issues.⁴

¹ See Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires: Negative Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination, 81 FR 55431 (August 19, 2016) ("Preliminary Determination") and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Preliminary Determination, 81 FR at 55432.

³ See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance "Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value," dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice ("Issues and Decision Memorandum").

⁴ See Preliminary Determination, 81 FR at 55432, and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at "Scope Comments."

In the *Preliminary Determination*, we did not modify the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. No interested party submitted scope comments in case or rebuttal briefs.

Therefore, the scope of this investigation remains unchanged for this final determination. Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are OTR tires from India. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, *see* Appendix I of this notice.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of these issues is attached to this notice at Appendix II.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, in August and September 2016, we conducted sales and cost verifications of the questionnaire responses submitted by ATC and BKT. We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting and production records, as well as original source documents provided by both respondents.

Changes to the Dumping Margin Calculations Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received, pre-verification findings, and our findings at verification, we made certain changes to the dumping margin calculations for each respondent, ATC and BKT. For a discussion of these changes, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁵ Id.; see also Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India and the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations, 81 FR 7073 (February 10, 2016) ("Initiation Notice").

⁶ The Department has added two additional subheadings from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to the list included for convenience and customs purposes since the *Preliminary Determination*. No revisions were made to the written description of the subject merchandise.

Use of Adverse Facts Available

The Department has relied on partial adverse facts available under sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. A full discussion of our decision to rely on adverse facts available is presented in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Determination of Critical Circumstances

On December 9, 2016, Petitioners⁸ filed a timely critical circumstances allegation pursuant to section 733(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(b), alleging that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the merchandise under consideration.⁹ The finding for whether critical circumstances exist with respect to producers and exporters subject to the all others rate is moot because the antidumping duty margins for ATC and BKT are zero.

Final Determination

The Department determines, as provided in section 735 of the Act, that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015:

Exporter/Producer	Weighted-Average Margin (percent)	Cash Deposit Adjusted for Subsidy Offset
ATC Tires Private Ltd.	0.00 percent	Not Applicable
Balkrishna Industries Limited	0.00 percent	Not Applicable
All-Others	0.00 percent	Not Applicable

Consistent with section 735(c)(1) of the Act, the Department has not determined an estimated all-others rate because it has not made an affirmative final determination of sales at LTFV.

Suspension of Liquidation

Because the Department has not made an affirmative final determination of sales at

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⁷ See Sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

⁸ Titan Tire Corporation (Titan) and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL–CIO, CLC (USW) (collectively, Petitioners).

⁹ Letter from ATC, "Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India - Petitioners' Critical Circumstances Allegation," dated December 9, 2016.

LTFV, we are not directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of any entries of OTR tires from India.

In the final determination of the companion countervailing duty investigation of OTR tires from India, the Department determined that the all other companies received a benefit from export subsidies.¹⁰ In the instant investigation, the antidumping duty margins ATC and BKT are zero and no cash deposits will be collected. Therefore, no adjustment is required for export subsidies pursuant to sections 735(c)(1) and 772(c)(1)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d).

Disclosure

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

U.S. International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the U.S. International Trade Commission of our final determination.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders (APOs)

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

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¹⁰ See Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from India: Final Affirmative Determination, and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part, dated concurrently with this notice.

This determination and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Paul Piquado
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance

January 3, 2017

/S/Paul Piquado

Date

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation is certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (certain off road tires). Certain off road tires are tires with an off road tire size designation. The tires included in the scope may be either tube-type¹¹ or tubeless, radial, or non-radial, regardless of whether for original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market.

Subject tires may have the following prefix or suffix designation, which appears on the sidewall of the tire:

Prefix designations:

DH – Identifies a tire intended for agricultural and logging service which must be mounted on a DH drop center rim.

VA – Identifies a tire intended for agricultural and logging service which must be mounted on a VA multipiece rim.

IF – Identifies an agricultural tire to operate at 20 percent higher rated load than standard metric tires at the same inflation pressure.

VF – Identifies an agricultural tire to operate at 40 percent higher rated load than standard metric tires at the same inflation pressure.

Suffix designations:

ML – Mining and logging tires used in intermittent highway service.

DT – Tires primarily designed for sand and paver service.

NHS – Not for Highway Service.

TG – Tractor Grader, off-the-road tire for use on rims having bead seats with nominal +0.188" diameter (not for highway service).

K-Compactor tire for use on 5° drop center or semi-drop center rims having bead seats with nominal minus 0.032 diameter.

IND – Drive wheel tractor tire used in industrial service.

SL – Service limited to agricultural usage.

¹¹ While tube-type tires are subject to the scope of this proceeding, tubes and flaps are not subject merchandise and therefore are not covered by the scope of this proceeding, regardless of the manner in which they are sold (*e.g.*, sold with or separately from subject merchandise).

FI – Implement tire for agricultural towed highway service.

CFO - Cyclic Field Operation.

SS – Differentiates tires for off-highway vehicles such as mini and skid-steer loaders from other tires which use similar size designations such as 7.00-15TR and 7.00-15NHS, but may use different rim bead seat configurations.

All tires marked with any of the prefixes or suffixes listed above in their sidewall markings are covered by the scope regardless of their intended use.

In addition, all tires that lack any of the prefixes or suffixes listed above in their sidewall markings are included in the scope, regardless of their intended use, as long as the tire is of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the following sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set forth below. The sections of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book listing numerical size designations of covered certain off road tires include:

The table of mining and logging tires included in the section on Truck-Bus tires;

The entire section on Off-the-Road tires;

The entire section on Agricultural tires; and

The following tables in the section on Industrial/ATV/Special Trailer tires:

- Industrial, Mining, Counterbalanced Lift Truck (Smooth Floors Only);
- Industrial and Mining (Other than Smooth Floors);
- Construction Equipment;
- Off-the-Road and Counterbalanced Lift Truck (Smooth Floors Only);
- Aerial Lift and Mobile Crane; and
- Utility Vehicle and Lawn and Garden Tractor.

Certain off road tires, whether or not mounted on wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported mounted on a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope. Subject merchandise includes certain off road tires produced in the subject countries whether mounted on wheels or rims in a subject country or in a third country. Certain off road tires are covered whether or not they are accompanied by other parts, *e.g.*, a wheel, rim, axle parts, bolts, nuts, etc. Certain off road tires that enter attached to a vehicle are not covered by the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope are passenger vehicle and light truck tires, racing tires, mobile home tires, motorcycle tires, all-terrain vehicle tires, bicycle tires, on-road or on-highway trailer tires, and truck and bus tires. Such tires generally have in common that the symbol "DOT" must appear on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle

safety standards. Such excluded tires may also have the following prefixes and suffixes included as part of the size designation on their sidewalls:

Prefix letter designations:

AT – Identifies a tire intended for service on All-Terrain Vehicles;

P – Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars;

LT – Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks;

T – Identifies a tire intended for one-position "temporary use" as a spare only; and

ST – Identifies a special tire for trailers in highway service.

Suffix letter designations:

TR – Identifies a tire for service on trucks, buses, and other vehicles with rims having specified rim diameter of nominal plus 0.156" or plus 0.250";

MH – Identifies tires for Mobile Homes;

HC – Identifies a heavy duty tire designated for use on "HC" 15" tapered rims used on trucks, buses, and other vehicles. This suffix is intended to differentiate among tires for light trucks, and other vehicles or other services, which use a similar designation.

Example: 8R17.5 LT, 8R17.5 HC;

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