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**MEMORANDUM TO:** The File

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**SUBJECT:** Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter from the

People's Republic of China: Deemed Initiation of Scope Inquiry

On July 7, 2023, Dexstar Wheel Division of Americana Development Inc. (Dextar) submitted a scope ruling application<sup>1</sup> requesting that the Department of Commerce (Commerce) determine if steel wheels finished in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) from Chinese wheel components are covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain steel wheels 12 to 16.5 inches in diameter from the People's Republic of China.<sup>2</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1)(ii), because Commerce has not rejected Dextar's scope ruling application or initiated a scope inquiry based on this application within 31 days after the filing of the application, this application is now deemed accepted and the scope inquiry is deemed initiated. As a result, we are conducting this scope inquiry on the above-referenced merchandise. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(m)(2), we are initiating and conducting this scope inquiry only on the record of the AD proceeding. When we issue a final scope ruling, we intend to post a copy on the record of the companion CVD proceeding. With this memorandum, we are notifying interested parties that this scope inquiry was deemed initiated on August 7, 2023.

Interested parties are also notified that, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(f)(2), an interested party other than the applicant is permitted one opportunity to submit comments and factual information to rebut, clarify, or correct factual information contained in the scope ruling

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Certain Steel Trailer Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders, 84 FR 45952 (September 3, 2019).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Dextar's Letter, "Scope Ruling Application," dated July 7, 2023.

application within 30 days of the initiation of the scope inquiry.<sup>3</sup> Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(f)(2), if an interested party has filed comments and factual information to rebut, clarify, or correct factual information in the scope ruling application, the applicant (Dextar) will have 14 days to submit comments and factual information to rebut, clarify, or correct the factual information contained in the interested party's submission.

Interested parties should refer to Commerce's regulations at 19 CFR 351.225 for further information regarding the conduct of this scope inquiry.

If there are any questions about this matter, please contact Alex Cipolla at alexander.cipolla@trade.gov or (202) 482-4956.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For clarity, Commerce acknowledges that 19 CFR 351.225(f)(2) contains an errant cross-reference to 19 CFR 351.225(d)(2). The correct cross-reference should be to 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1). See Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws, 86 FR 52300, 52318 (Sept. 20, 2021) (Final Rule) (explaining changes adopted in the Final Rule to reflect that, under paragraph (f)(2), parties will have 30 days to submit comments and factual information after Commerce initiates a scope inquiry pursuant to a scope application).