

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if a petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), a petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reason for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.²

On November 27, 2019, Bonney Forge Corporation and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (collectively, petitioners) submitted a timely request pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) to postpone fully the preliminary determination. The petitioners stated that the purpose of their request was to provide Commerce with sufficient time to select appropriate respondents and conduct a full investigation in light of the complex nature of the basket categories in which subject imports are classified.³

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the reason for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination and the record does not present any compelling reasons to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to March 23, 2020.⁴ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

² See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Forged Steel Fittings from India: Request to Postpone Preliminary Determination," dated November 27, 2019.

⁴ In this case, 130 days after initiation falls on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Commerce's practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Polyester Textured Yarn From the People's Republic of China and India: Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing countervailing duty orders on polyester textured yarn from the People's Republic of China (China) and India.

DATES: Applicable January 10, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janae Martin (India) or Joseph Dowling (China), 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) 482-0238 or (202) 482-1646, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 19, 2019, Commerce published its final determinations in the countervailing duty investigations of polyester textured yarn from China and India.¹

On January 3, 2020, the ITC notified Commerce of its final affirmative determinations pursuant to sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i) and 705(d) of the Act that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of polyester textured yarn from China and India, and of its determination that critical circumstances do not exist with respect

¹ See *Polyester Textured Yarn from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 84 FR 63845 (November 19, 2019), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM); see also *Polyester Textured Yarn from India: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 84 FR 63848 (November 19, 2019) and accompanying IDM (collectively, *Final Determinations*).

to imports of polyester textured yarn from China.²

Scope of the Orders

The product covered by these orders is polyester textured yarn from China and India. For a complete description of the scope of these orders, see the Appendix to this notice.

Countervailing Duty Orders

On January 3, 2020, in accordance with sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i) and 705(d) of the Act, the ITC notified Commerce of its final determinations in these investigations, in which it found that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of polyester textured yarn from China and India. In accordance with section 705(c)(2) Act, we are publishing these countervailing duty orders.

Therefore, in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on unliquidated entries of polyester textured yarn from China and India entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after May 3, 2019, the date on which Commerce published its preliminary countervailing duty determinations in the **Federal Register**,³ and before August 31, 2019, the effective date on which Commerce instructed CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation in accordance with section 703(d) of the Act. Section 703(d) of the Act states that the suspension of liquidation pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months. Therefore, entries of polyester textured yarn from China and India made on or after August 31, 2019, and prior to the date of publication of the ITC's final determination in the **Federal Register**, are not subject to the assessment of countervailing duties due to Commerce's discontinuation of the suspension of liquidation.

² See ITC Notification Letter, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-612-613 and 731-TA-1429-1430 (January 3, 2020) (ITC Notification).

³ See *Polyester Textured Yarn from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 84 FR 19040 (May 3, 2019), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM); see also *Polyester Textured Yarn from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 84 FR 19036, and accompanying PDM (May 3, 2019) (collectively, *Preliminary Determinations*).

Critical Circumstances

With regards to the ITC’s negative critical circumstances determination on imports of polyester textured yarn from China discussed above, we will instruct CBP to lift suspension and to refund any cash deposits made to secure the payment of estimated countervailing duties with respect to entries of polyester textured yarn from China, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after February 2, 2019 (*i.e.*, 90 days prior to the date of

publication of the preliminary determination), but before May 3, 2019 (*i.e.*, the date of the publication of the preliminary determination for this investigation).

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 706 of the Act, Commerce will direct CBP to reinstitute the suspension of liquidation of polyester textured yarn from China and India, effective the date of publication of the ITC’s notice of final determinations in the **Federal Register**,

and to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce pursuant to section 706(a)(1) of the Act, countervailing duties for each entry of the subject merchandise in an amount based on the net countervailable subsidy rates for the subject merchandise. On or after the date of publication of the ITC’s final injury determinations in the **Federal Register**, CBP must require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the rates noted below:

Country	Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
China	Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd ⁴	32.18
	Suzhou Shenghong Fiber Co., Ltd ⁵	473.09
	Suzhou Shenghong Garmant Development Co	472.51
	All Others	32.18
India	JBF Industries Limited	21.83
	Reliance Industries Limited	4.29
	All Others	4.65

Provisional Measures

Section 703(d) of the Act states that the suspension of liquidation pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months. Therefore, entries of polyester textured yarn from China and India made on or after August 31, 2019, and prior to the date of publication of the ITC’s final determination in the **Federal Register**, are not subject to the assessment of countervailing duties due to Commerce’s discontinuation of the suspension of liquidation.

In accordance with section 733(d) of the Act, Commerce instructed CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to CVD duties, unliquidated entries of polyester textured yarn from China and India entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 31, 2019, the date on which the provisional CVD measures expired, through the day preceding the date of publication of the

ITC final injury determinations in the **Federal Register**. Suspension of liquidation will resume on the date of publication of the ITC final injury determination in the **Federal Register**.

Notifications to Interested Parties

This notice constitutes the countervailing duty orders with respect to polyester textured yarn from China and India pursuant to section 706(a) of the Act. Interested parties can find a list of countervailing duty orders currently in effect at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/stats/iastats1.html>.

These orders are issued and published in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: January 6, 2020.

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Assistance Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these orders, polyester textured yarn, is synthetic multifilament yarn that is manufactured from polyester (polyethylene terephthalate). Polyester textured yarn is produced through a texturing process, which imparts special properties to the filaments of the yarn, including stretch, bulk, strength, moisture absorption, insulation, and the appearance of a natural fiber. This scope includes all forms of polyester textured yarn, regardless of surface texture or appearance, yarn density and thickness (as measured in denier), number of filaments, number of plies, finish (luster), cross section, color, dye method, texturing method, or packing method (such as spindles, tubes, or beams).

Excluded from the scope of these orders is bulk continuous filament yarn that: (a) Is

polyester synthetic multifilament yarn; (b) has denier size ranges of 900 and above; (c) has turns per meter of 40 and above; and (d) has a maximum shrinkage of 2.5 percent.

The merchandise subject to these orders is properly classified under subheadings 5402.33.3000 and 5402.33.6000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Merchandise subject to these orders may also enter under HTSUS subheading 5402.52.00.⁶ Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Conference on Weights and Measures Interim Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Interim Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) will be held in Riverside, CA, from Sunday, January 26, 2020, through Wednesday, January 29, 2020. This notice contains information about significant items on the NCWM Committee agendas but does not include all agenda items. As a result, the items are not consecutively numbered.

⁶ HTSUS subheading 5402.52 includes subheadings 5402.52.10.00 and 5402.52.90.00.

⁴ As discussed in the PDM, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with Fujian Billion: (1) Billion Development (Hong Kong) Limited, and (2) Billion Industrial Investment Limited.

⁵ As discussed in the PDM, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with Suzhou Shenghong Fiber Co., Ltd.: (1) Jiangsu Zhonglu Technology Development Co., Ltd., (2) Jiangsu Guowang High-Technique Fiber Co., Ltd., (3) Jiangsu Shenghong Science and Technology Co., Ltd., (4) Jiangsu Honggang Petrochemical Co., Ltd., (5) Shenghong Group Co., Ltd., (6) Shenghong Holding Group, Co., Ltd., (7) Shenghong (Suzhou) Group Co., Ltd., (8) Jiangsu Shenghong Investment Development Co., Ltd., (9) Jiangsu Shenghong New Material Co., Ltd., and (10) Jiangsu Shenghong Textile Imp & Exp Co. and its successor Jiangsu Huahui Import and Export Co., Ltd.