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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–02–2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone 104—Savannah, Georgia; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by World Trade Center Savannah, LLC, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 104, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the FTZ Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on January 14, 2020.

FTZ 104 was approved by the FTZ Board on April 18, 1984 (Board Order 256, 49 FR 17789, April 25, 1984), reorganized under the ASF on January 12, 2011 (Board Order 1736, 76 FR 4865, January 27, 2011) and the ASF service area was expanded on June 10, 2013 (Board Order 1904, 78 FR 36165, June 17, 2013) and on March 12, 2015 (Board Order 1965, 80 FR 14940–14941, March 20, 2015). The zone currently has a service area that includes Bulloch, Bryan, Candler, Chatham, Columbia, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, Richmond, Screven, Tattnal, Toombs and Treulden Counties, Georgia.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Burke County, Georgia, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the expanded service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed expanded

service area is adjacent to the Savannah, Georgia U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry

In accordance with the FTZ Board’s regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is March 27, 2020. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 13, 2020.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov or (202) 482–0862.

Dated: January 16, 2020.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–028]

Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From the People’s Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order; Unfinished R–32/R–125 Blends

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that imports of unfinished blends of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) components R–32 and R–125 from the People’s Republic of China (China) are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on HFC blends from China. As a result, imports of blends of HFC components R–32 and R–125 from China will be subject to suspension of liquidation effective June 18, 2019. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Medley or Jacob Garten, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement

and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4987 or (202) 482–3342, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce received information from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) relating to the *Order* on HFC blends from China regarding certain blends comprised of HFC components R–32 and R–125,¹ which closely resemble subject HFC blends from China.² On April 2, 2018, Commerce published a notice that it was opening a scope segment of the proceeding and provided an opportunity for interested parties to comment.³ On June 12, 2018, the American HFC Coalition (the petitioner) filed comments on the CBP entry packages;⁴ on June 18, 2018, Weitron, Inc. and Weitron International Refrigeration Equipment (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. (Weitron Kunshan) (collectively, Weitron) filed rebuttal comments.⁵

On August 14, 2018, the petitioner filed a request that, pursuant to section 781(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry regarding imports of unfinished blends of HFC components R–32 and R–125 from China that are further processed into finished HFC blends in the United States, which the petitioner alleged are circumventing the *Order*.⁶ On August 23, 2018, Weitron submitted rebuttal comments.⁷

¹ R–32 is also known as Difluoromethane; R–125 is also known as Pentafluoroethane.

² See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 81 FR 55436 (August 19, 2016) (*Order*).

³ See *1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People’s Republic of China; Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan; Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People’s Republic of China: Opening of Scope Segments and Opportunity to Comment*, 83 FR 13952 (April 2, 2018).

⁴ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Comments on Scope Segment for Certain R–32/R–125 Blends,” dated June 12, 2018.

⁵ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Weitron’s Response to American HFC Coalition’s Comments on Scope Segment, Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China,” dated June 18, 2018.

⁶ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Scope Investigation Regarding Certain R–32/R–125 Blends: Request to Apply Section 781(a) to Prevent Circumvention,” dated August 14, 2018 (Initiation Request).

⁷ See Weitron’s Letter, “Weitron’s Response to Anti-Circumvention Allegation; Request to Reject, or Alternatively, Request for Extension of Time to Reply: Antidumping Duty Order on

On June 18, 2019, Commerce initiated the anti-circumvention inquiry with respect to unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125 from China that are further processed into finished HFC blends in the United States.⁸ On June 24, 2019, we requested comments from interested parties on respondent selection and the period of inquiry (POI).⁹ In July 2019, we received comments on respondent selection and the POI from the petitioner and ICool International Commerce Limited (ICool).¹⁰ ICool requested treatment as a voluntary respondent.¹¹

On October 31, 2019, we placed on the record CBP data for U.S. imports under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) numbers 3824.78.0020 and 3824.78.0050, and solicited comments on these data.¹² We issued quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaires to 19 companies on the same date.¹³

On November 7, 2019, we received comments on the CBP data from Shandong Huanan New Material Co. Ltd. (Shandong Huanan), Zhejiang Quhua Fluor-Chemistry Co., Ltd. (Zhejiang Quhua), Zhejiang Yonghe New Type Refrigerant Co., Ltd. (Zhejiang Yonghe), and Zibo Feiyuan Chemical Co., Ltd. (Zibo Feiyuan).¹⁴ The Q&V

questionnaire responses indicate that, of the 15 companies responding, Weitron Inc. is the only importer of R-32/R-125 blends, and Weitron Kunshan is the only exporter/producer of R-32/R-125 blends after the imposition of the *Order*.

On December 13, 2020, we selected Weitron Inc. and Weitron Kunshan as the only mandatory respondents in this inquiry.¹⁵ On that same date we issued an initial questionnaire to Weitron Inc. and Weitron Kunshan.¹⁶ On January 3, 2020, Weitron Inc. and Weitron Kunshan notified Commerce that they did not intend to respond to the initial questionnaire issued by Commerce.¹⁷

Scope of the Order

The products subject to the *Order* are HFC blends. HFC blends covered by the scope are R-404A, a zeotropic mixture consisting of 52 percent 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane, 44 percent Pentafluoroethane, and 4 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; R-407A, a zeotropic mixture of 20 percent Difluoromethane, 40 percent Pentafluoroethane, and 40 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; R-407C, a zeotropic mixture of 23 percent Difluoromethane, 25 percent Pentafluoroethane, and 52 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; R-410A, a zeotropic mixture of 50 percent Difluoromethane and 50 percent Pentafluoroethane; and R-507A, an azeotropic mixture of 50 percent Pentafluoroethane and 50 percent 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane also known as R-507. The foregoing percentages are nominal percentages by weight. Actual percentages of single component refrigerants by weight may vary by plus

or minus two percent points from the nominal percentage identified above.¹⁸

Any blend that includes an HFC component other than R-32, R-125, R-143a, or R-134a is excluded from the scope of the *Order*.

Excluded from the *Order* are blends of refrigerant chemicals that include products other than HFCs, such as blends including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), hydrocarbons (HCs), or hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs).

Also excluded from the *Order* are patented HFC blends, including, but not limited to, ISCEON® blends, including MO99™ (R-438A), MO79 (R-422A), MO59 (R-417A), MO49Plus™ (R-437A) and MO29™ (R-4 22D), Genetron® Performax™ LT (R-407F), Choice® R-421A, and Choice® R-421B.

HFC blends covered by the scope of the *Order* are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings 3824.78.0020 and 3824.78.0050. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.¹⁹

Merchandise Subject to the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry

This anti-circumvention inquiry covers imports of partially finished blends of HFC components R-32 (also known as Difluoromethane) and R-125 (also known as Pentafluoroethane) from China that must be further processed in the United States to create an HFC blend that would be subject to the *Order*.

Applicable Statute

Section 781 of the Act addresses circumvention of antidumping or countervailing duty orders. With respect to merchandise assembled or completed in the United States, section 781(a)(1) of the Act provides that if: (A) The merchandise sold in the United States is of the same class or kind as any other

Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China," dated August 23, 2018.

⁸ See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of Antidumping Duty Order; Unfinished Blends*, 84 FR 28276 (June 18, 2019) (*Notice of Initiation*).

⁹ See Memorandum, "Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China—Unfinished Blends: Release of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Data and Clarification of Quantity and Value Questionnaires," dated October 31, 2019.

¹⁰ See Petitioner's Letter, "Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China; Unfinished Blends Anti-Circumvention Inquiry: Comments of the HFC Coalition on the Period of Investigation and Respondent Selection," dated July 5, 2019; and ICool's Letter, "Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from China; A-570-028; Comments on Respondent Selection and Period of Investigation and Request for Voluntary Respondent Status," dated July 10, 2019 (ICool Respondent Selection Comments).

¹¹ See ICool Respondent Selection Comments.

¹² See Memorandum, "Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China—Unfinished Blends: Release of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Data and Clarification of Quantity and Value Questionnaires," dated October 31, 2019.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ See Shandong Huanan's Letter, "Huanan Comments on CBP Data: Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China; Anti-circumvention Inquiry Covering R-32/R-125 Unfinished Blends, A-570-028," dated November 7, 2019; Zhejiang Quhua's Letter, "Quhua Comments on CBP Data: Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China; Anti-

circumvention Inquiry Covering R-32/R-125 Unfinished Blends, A-570-028," dated November 7, 2019; Zhejiang Yonghe's Letter, "Yonghe Comments on CBP Data: Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China; Anti-circumvention Inquiry Covering R-32/R-125 Unfinished Blends, A-570-028," dated November 7, 2019; and Zibo Feiyuan's Letter, "Feiyuan Comments on CBP Data: Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China; Anti-circumvention Inquiry Covering R-32/R-125 Unfinished Blends, A-570-028," dated November 7, 2019.

¹⁵ See Memorandum, "Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: R-32 R-125 Blends Anti-Circumvention Inquiry; Respondent Selection," dated December 13, 2019.

¹⁶ See Commerce's Letter, "Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: R-32 R-125 Blends Initial Questionnaire," dated December 13, 2019.

¹⁷ See Weitron's Letter, "Weitron's Notification of Its Intent Not to Respond to the Questionnaire: Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China," dated January 3, 2020 (Weitron Notification of Intent Not to Respond).

¹⁸ R-404A is sold under various trade names, including Forane® 404A, Genetron® 404A, Solkane® 404A, Klea® 404A, and Suva®404A. R-407A is sold under various trade names, including Forane® 407A, Solkane® 407A, Klea®407A, and Suva®407A. R-407C is sold under various trade names, including Forane® 407C, Genetron® 407C, Solkane® 407C, Klea® 407C and Suva® 407C. R-410A is sold under various trade names, including EcoFluor R410, Forane® 410A, Genetron® R410A and AZ-20, Solkane® 410A, Klea® 410A, Suva® 410A, and Puron®. R-507A is sold under various trade names, including Forane® 507, Solkane® 507, Klea®507, Genetron®AZ-50, and Suva®507. R-32 is sold under various trade names, including Solkane®32, Forane®32, and Klea®32. R-125 is sold under various trade names, including Solkane®125, Klea®125, Genetron®125, and Forane®125. R-143a is sold under various trade names, including Solkane®143a, Genetron®143a, and Forane®125.

¹⁹ See *Order*.

merchandise that is the subject of an AD order; (B) such merchandise sold in the United States is completed or assembled in the United States from parts or components produced in the foreign country with respect to which such order applies; (C) the process of assembly or completion in the United States is minor or insignificant; and (D) the value of the parts or components produced in the foreign country is a significant portion of the total value of the merchandise, then Commerce may include within the scope of the order the imported parts or components produced in the foreign country used in the completion or assembly of the merchandise in the United States, after taking into account any advice provided by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) under section 781(e) of the Act.

In determining whether the process of assembly or completion in the United States is minor or insignificant, section 781(a)(2) of the Act directs Commerce to consider: (A) the level of investment; (B) the level of research and development; (C) the nature of the production process; (D) the extent of production facilities; and (E) whether the value of processing performed in the United States represents a small proportion of the value of the merchandise sold in the United States.

Section 781(a)(3) of the Act sets forth the factors to consider in determining whether to include parts or components in an AD order. Commerce shall take into account: (A) The pattern of trade, including sourcing patterns; (B) whether the manufacturer or exporter of the parts or components is affiliated with the person who assembles or completes the merchandise sold in the United States; and (C) whether imports into the United States of the parts or components produced in the foreign country have increased after the initiation of the investigation which resulted in the issuance of the order.

Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention

For the reasons described below, we preliminarily determine, pursuant to section 781(a) of the Act, that imports of unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125 from China are circumventing the *Order*.

Facts Available

As noted above, Weitron Inc. is the only importer of R-32/R-125 blends and Weitron Kunshan is the only exporter/producer of R-32/R-125 blends after the imposition of the *Order*. Weitron Inc., and its affiliated Chinese exporter, Weitron Kunshan, failed to

respond to Commerce's requests for information.²⁰ The questionnaire Commerce issued to Weitron was designed to elicit information for purposes of conducting both qualitative and quantitative analyses in accordance with the criteria enumerated in section 781(a) of the Act, as outlined above. This approach is consistent with our analysis in previous anti-circumvention inquiries.²¹

Without this information Commerce has no choice but to resort to the use of facts available in making its determination pursuant to section 776(a)(2) of the Act. In selecting from among the facts available, Commerce determines that an adverse inference is warranted, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act, because Weitron failed to comply to the best of its ability with Commerce's request for information.

Section 776(a) of the Act requires Commerce to resort to facts otherwise available if necessary information is not available on the record or when an interested party or any other person withholds information that has been requested by Commerce.²² As provided in section 782(c)(1) of the Act, if an interested party, promptly after receiving a request from Commerce for information, notifies Commerce that such party is unable to submit the information requested in the requested form and manner, Commerce may modify the requirements to avoid imposing an unreasonable burden on that party. However, Weitron did not notify Commerce that it was unable to comply with Commerce's request. Rather, Weitron informed Commerce that, considering the cost and time, and in light of the fact that it had no further entries of subject unfinished blends after the date of initiation of this proceeding, nor any plans to import such unfinished blends, it did not intend to respond to the initial questionnaire issued in this

²⁰ See Weitron Notification of Intent Not to Respond.

²¹ See, e.g., *Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China: Partial Termination of Circumvention Inquiry and Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 72 FR 14519 (March 28, 2007), unchanged in *Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 72 FR 31053 (June 5, 2007); and *Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Taiwan: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 31302 (June 2, 2014), unchanged in *Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Taiwan: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 61056 (October 9, 2014).

²² See sections 776(a)(1) and 776(a)(2)(A) of the Act.

proceeding.²³ Consequently, because Weitron failed to respond to Commerce's questionnaire, we must base the preliminary determination in this inquiry on the facts otherwise available.

Section 776(b) of the Act permits Commerce to use an inference that is adverse to the interests of an interested party if that party fails to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to comply with a request for information. Given that Weitron refused to comply with Commerce's request for information, we find that Weitron failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability. The refusal by Weitron to respond to our questionnaire precludes Commerce from making a determination based on a complete record as to whether the importation of unfinished blends of R-32 and R-125 from China is circumventing the AD order. In addition, because Weitron failed to provide Commerce with any information, we are also unable to distinguish between their imports or purchases of unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125 from China for purposes other than U.S. assembly into merchandise covered by the *Order*. Accordingly, we are making an adverse inference pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act that unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125 from China are completed or assembled in the United States into merchandise covered by the *Order* within the meaning of section 781(a) of the Act. Therefore, we preliminarily find that these unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125 from China are subject merchandise.

Section 776(c) of the Act provides that when Commerce relies on secondary information rather than on information obtained in the course of an investigation or review, Commerce shall, to the extent practicable, corroborate that information from independent sources that are reasonably at its disposal. The Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), which accompanied the Uruguay Round Agreements Act,²⁴ states that the independent sources may include published price lists, official import statistics and customs data, and information obtained from interested parties during the investigation or review.²⁵ The SAA also clarifies that "corroborate" means that Commerce will satisfy itself that the secondary

²³ See Weitron Notification of Intent Not to Respond at 1.

²⁴ See H.R. Doc. No. 316, 103rd Congress, 2nd Session (1994).

²⁵ See SAA at 870.

information to be used has probative value.²⁶ To the extent practicable, Commerce will examine the reliability and relevance of the information used.²⁷

We reviewed all information on the record including the petitioner's August 14, 2018, request for this anti-circumvention inquiry,²⁸ its subsequent submissions, and Commerce's initiation of this inquiry.²⁹ The petitioner demonstrated that imported unfinished blends of HFC components R-32/R-125 produced in China may be further processed into HFC blends covered by the *Order*, which satisfies section 781(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Act.³⁰ The petitioner demonstrated that the imported unfinished blends of HFC components R-32/R-125 cannot be sold in the U.S. market and, therefore, must be adjusted after importation to be sold in the United States, which satisfies section 781(a)(1)(B) of the Act.³¹ The petitioner also provided evidence that the finished HFC blends assembly process in the United States is minor or insignificant under section 781(a)(1)(C) of the Act.³² Although the petitioner did not have direct and specific information from U.S. assemblers, they were able to provide information based on the ITC's investigation, Commerce's underlying investigation, and proprietary data, which satisfies sections 781(a)(1)(C) and 781(a)(2) of the Act.³³ With respect to

whether the value of the parts or components produced in China (*i.e.*, the unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125) is a significant portion of the total value of the merchandise subject to the *Order*, the petitioner was able to provide information from CBP, proprietary data, and import statistics.³⁴ The petitioner presented information demonstrating a change in the pattern of trade, which satisfies section 781(a)(3)(A) of the Act, and that there is a capability for numerous facilities to adopt this approach, which could result in a negation of the effect of the *Order*.³⁵ Thus, we conclude that the evidence on the record, considered in light of the non-cooperation of Weitron and our application of facts available with adverse inferences, is sufficient to preliminarily determine that there has been circumvention within the meaning of section 781(a) of the Act.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(l)(2), Commerce will instruct CBP to suspend liquidation of all unfinished blends of HFC components R-32 and R-125 (as defined in the Merchandise Subject to the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry section above) from China that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 18, 2019, the date of initiation of this anti-circumvention inquiry.³⁶ CBP shall require cash deposits in accordance with those rates prevailing at the time of entry, depending upon the exporter in question.

Notification to the ITC

Consistent with section 781(e) of the Act, Commerce is notifying the ITC of this affirmative preliminary determination to include the merchandise subject to this inquiry within the AD order on HFC blends from China. Pursuant to section 781(e) of the Act, the ITC may request consultations concerning Commerce's proposed inclusion of the subject

42314 (June 29, 2016), and accompanying IDM at Comment 4).

³⁴ *Id.* at 28278 (citing Initiation Request at 17–19 and Exhibits 5 and 6; and HFCs CBP Memo at Attachments).

³⁵ *Id.* at 28278 (citing Initiation Request at 19–21 and Exhibit 3 and 4; and HFCs CBP Memo at Attachments).

³⁶ *See, e.g., Anti-circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Pasta from Italy: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 63 FR 18364, 18366 (April 15, 1998), unchanged in *Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Pasta from Italy: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 63 FR 54672, 54675–6 (October 13, 1998).

merchandise. These consultations must be concluded within 15 days after the date of the request. If, after consultations, the ITC believes that a significant injury issue is presented by the proposed inclusion, it will have 60 days to provide written advice to Commerce.

Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.³⁷ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.³⁸ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.³⁹ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).⁴⁰

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, filed electronically and received successfully in its entirety, via ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁴¹ 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 issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the date and time for the hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.⁴²

Commerce will publish the final determination with respect to this anti-circumvention inquiry, including the results of its analysis of any written comments. The deadline for the final determination is currently April 7, 2020.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(g).

³⁷ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c).

³⁸ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d).

³⁹ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

⁴⁰ *See* 19 CFR 351.303.

⁴¹ *See* 19 CFR 351.310(c).

⁴² *Id.*

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *See, e.g., Circumvention and Scope Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Partial Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order, Partial Final Termination of Circumvention Inquiry and Final Rescission of Scope Inquiry*, 71 FR 38608 (July 7, 2006), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM) at Comment 2B.

²⁸ *See* Initiation Request.

²⁹ *See* Notice of Initiation.

³⁰ *Id.* at 28277 (citing Initiation Request at 7–9; and Memorandum, “Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Placing Entry Documentation on the Record,” dated April 11, 2018 (HFCs CBP Memo), at Attachments; and Petitioner's Letter, “Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Comments on Scope Segment for Certain R-32/R-125 Blends,” dated June 12, 2018 (Petitioner's June 12, 2018 Scope Comments), at 8–9).

³¹ *Id.* at 28277 (citing Petitioner's June 12, 2018 Scope Comments at 4; and Weitron's Letter, “Weitron's Response to American HFC Coalition's Comments on Scope Segment, Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China,” dated June 18, 2018 (Weitron's Scope Comments), at 3; and Initiation Request at 7–9).

³² *Id.* at 28277–78 (citing Initiation Request at 11–15 and Exhibits 1, 2, 3, and 4; and Weitron's Scope Comments).

³³ *Id.* at 28278 (citing Initiation Request at 16–17 and Exhibits 5 and 6; and Hydrofluorocarbon Blends and Components Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, 81 FR

Dated: January 17, 2020.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-886]

Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018-2019

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period August 1, 2018, through July 31, 2019, based on the timely withdrawal of the request for review.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 2, 2019, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on PRCBs from China for the period of review (POR) August 1, 2018, through July 31, 2019.¹ On August 30, 2019, the petitioners² timely requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order with respect to Dongguan Nozawa Plastics Products Co., Ltd. and United Power Packaging, Ltd. (collectively, Nozawa), and Crown Polyethylene Products (International) Ltd. (Crown).³ Commerce received no other requests for an administrative review of the

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 84 FR 37834 (August 2, 2019).

² The petitioners are the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members, Hilix Poly Co., LLC and Superbag Corporation.

³ See the petitioners' Letter, "Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review," dated August 30, 2019.

antidumping duty order. On October 7, 2019, pursuant to section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on PRCBs from China with respect to Nozawa and Crown (the respondents).⁴ On January 2, 2020, the petitioners timely withdrew their administrative review request for Nozawa and Crown.⁵

Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. The petitioners withdrew their request for review within 90 days of the publication date of the *Initiation Notice*. No other parties requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping order on PRCBs from China for the period August 1, 2018, through July 31, 2019, in its entirety.

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of PRCBs from China during the POR at rates equal to the cash deposit rate of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final 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 Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

⁴ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 53411 (October 7, 2019) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁵ See the petitioners' Letter, "Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China: Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated January 2, 2020.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) 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 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 notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: January 17, 2020.

James Maeder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 60 South Atlantic Red Porgy Assessment Webinar III.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 60 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of Red Porgy will consist of a data webinar, an in-person workshop, and a series assessment webinars.

DATES: The SEDAR 60 Red Porgy Assessment Webinar III has been scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., EST.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration is available online at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7721994810978321163>.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

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