

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-580-907]

Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene From the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable July 20, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darla Brown or Ian Hamilton, 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) 482-1791 or (202) 482-4798, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On March 24, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene from the Republic of Korea.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than August 11, 2020.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless

it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On June 24, 2020, the petitioner² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in this LTFV investigation.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement of the preliminary determination to allow Commerce to review supplemental questionnaire responses it has not yet received, to permit a thorough investigation, and ensure the calculation of an accurate dumping margin.⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to September 30, 2020, 190 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless extended.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 11, 2020.

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Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-570-113]

Certain Collated Steel Staples From the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: Based on the affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC),

Commerce is issuing its countervailing duty order on certain collated steel staples (collated staples) from the People's Republic of China (China).

DATES: Applicable July 20, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Palmer or Joshua Simonidis, 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) 482-9068 or (202) 482-0608, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On June 2, 2020, Commerce published its *Final Determination* in the countervailing duty investigation of collated staples from China.¹ On July 13, 2020, the ITC notified Commerce of its final affirmative determination pursuant to sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i) and 705(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of collated staples from China, and of its determination that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of collated staples from China.²

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this order is collated staples from China. For a complete description of the scope of this order, see the appendix to this notice.

Countervailing Duty Order

On July 13, 2020, in accordance with sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i) and 705(d) of the Act, the ITC notified Commerce of its final determination in this investigation, in which it found that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of collated staples from China.³ In accordance with section 705(c)(2) of the Act, we are publishing this countervailing duty order.

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 collated staples from China entered, or withdrawn from

¹ See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination*, 85 FR 33626 (June 2, 2020) (*Final Determination*), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

² See ITC Notification Letter, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-626 and 731-TA-1452 (July 13, 2020).

³ *Id.*

¹ See *Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene from the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 85 FR 17861 (March 31, 2020).

² The petitioner is Celanese Corporation.

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioners for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene from the Republic of Korea: Petitioner's Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination," dated June 24, 2020.

⁴ *Id.*