

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C-570-132]

**Twist Ties From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation**

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

**DATES:** Applicable September 1, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ajay Menon or Adam Simons, 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) 482-1993 or (202) 482-6172, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On July 16, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of twist ties from the People's Republic of China.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than September 21, 2020.

**Postponement of 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) 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) The petitioner<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 45188 (July 27, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> The petitioner is Bedford Industries, Inc.

<sup>3</sup> See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

On August 24, 2020, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determination by 65 days.<sup>4</sup> The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determination because it stated that additional time is necessary for Commerce to conduct its investigation and permit interested parties sufficient time to develop the record in this investigation.<sup>5</sup>

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 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to November 23, 2020. Pursuant to section 705(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.

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

Dated: August 25, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C-533-870]

**Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires From India: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: 2019**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (OTR tires) from India for the period of review (POR) January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, based on the timely withdrawal of the request for review.

**DATES:** Applicable September 1, 2020.

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Request for Extension of Preliminary Determination By 130 Days," dated August 24, 2020; see also Petitioner's Letter, "Twist Ties from the People's Republic of China: Request for Extension of Preliminary Determination," dated August 19, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On March 2, 2020, Commerce published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on OTR tires from India for the POR of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.<sup>1</sup> On March 30, 2020, Commerce received a timely-filed request from Balkrishna Industries Limited (BKT) for an administrative review of BKT, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b).<sup>2</sup>

On May 6, 2020, pursuant to this request, and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce published a notice initiating an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on OTR tires from India for BKT.<sup>3</sup> On May 7, 2020, BKT timely withdrew its request for an administrative review.<sup>4</sup>

**Rescission of Review**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party or parties that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of the requested review. BKT withdrew its request for review within the requisite 90 days. No other parties requested an administrative review of the order. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding this review in its entirety.

**Assessment**

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of OTR tires from India. Countervailing duties shall be assessed

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 85 FR 12267 (March 2, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> See BKT's Letter, "Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from India: Balkrishna Industries Limited's Request for Administrative Review," dated March 30, 2020.

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 85 FR 26931 (May 6, 2020).

<sup>4</sup> See BKT's Letter, "Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from India: Balkrishna Industries Limited's Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated May 7, 2020.

at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing 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 the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Administrative Protective Orders**

This notice also serves as a reminder to all parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. 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.

**Notification to Interested Parties**

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: August 26, 2020.

**James Maeder,**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Postpone the Asia EDGE Business Development Mission**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, is amending the Notice published at 85 FR 16058 (March 20, 2020), regarding the Asia EDGE (Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy) Business Development Mission to Indonesia and Vietnam, scheduled for September 14-22, 2020, to modify the dates and revise the application process for the event.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Amendments to revise the event dates and application process.

**Background**

The Department of Commerce has decided to postpone the Asia EDGE Business Development Mission, which was announced March 20, 2020 (85 FR 16058), from September 14-22, 2020, to March 17-26, 2021. The Department has been closely monitoring COVID-19 developments and believes postponing the mission is necessary to ensure safety and health. Mission stops will include Indonesia, Vietnam, and Thailand (optional). The Department of Commerce will accept additional applications for this mission through December 4, 2020 and plans to select a total of 20 firms and/or trade associations, including previously selected firms and new applicants. Firms and/or trade associations previously selected to participate in this mission will need to confirm their availability but need not reapply.

The proposed schedule is updated as follows: \*

\* **Note:** The final schedule of meetings, events, and site visits will depend on the availability of host government and business officials, specific goals of mission participants, flight availability and ground transportation options.

Tuesday March 16, 2021 .....	• Travel to BANGKOK
Wednesday March 17, 2021 .....	• <i>Optional Spin Off Program Commences</i>
	• BANGKOK (Visit Future Energy Asia trade show and conference)
Thursday March 18, 2021 .....	• BANGKOK (Full Day Sessions)
Friday March 19, 2021 .....	• BANGKOK (Full Day Sessions)
Saturday/Sunday March 20-21, 2021 .....	• Travel to JAKARTA
Monday March 22, 2021 .....	• <i>Official Trade Mission Program Commences</i>
	• JAKARTA (Full Day Sessions)
	• JAKARTA (Morning Sessions)
Tuesday March 23, 2021 .....	• Travel to HO CHI MINH CITY
	• HO CHI MINH CITY (Full Day Sessions)
Wednesday March 24, 2021 .....	• Travel to HANOI
Thursday March 25, 2021 .....	• HANOI (Evening Reception)
	• HANOI (Full Day Sessions)
Friday March 26, 2021 .....	• <i>Official Trade Mission Program Concludes</i>

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