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Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
United States (HTSUS) under item
numbers: 7304.29.10.10, 7304.29.10.20,
7304.29.10.30, 7304.29.10.40,
7304.29.10.50, 7304.29.10.60,
7304.29.10.80, 7304.29.20.10,
7304.29.20.20, 7304.29.20.30,
7304.29.20.40, 7304.29.20.50,
7304.29.20.60, 7304.29.20.80,
7304.29.31.10, 7304.29.31.20,
7304.29.31.30, 7304.29.31.40,
7304.29.31.50, 7304.29.31.60,
7304.29.31.80, 7304.29.41.10,
7304.29.41.20, 7304.29.41.30,
7304.29.41.40, 7304.29.41.50,
7304.29.41.60, 7304.29.41.80,
7304.29.50.15, 7304.29.50.30,
7304.29.50.45, 7304.29.50.60,
7304.29.50.75, 7304.29.61.15,
7304.29.61.30, 7304.29.61.45,
7304.29.61.60, 7304.29.61.75,
7305.20.20.00, 7305.20.40.00,
7305.20.60.00, 7305.20.80.00,
7306.29.10.30, 7306.29.10.90,
7306.29.20.00, 7306.29.31.00,
7306.29.41.00, 7306.29.60.10,
7306.29.60.50, 7306.29.81.10, and
7306.29.81.50.
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The OCTG coupling stock covered by these orders may also enter under the following HTSUS item numbers: 7304.39.00.24, 7304.39.00.28, 7304.39.00.32, 7304.39.00.36, 7304.39.00.40, 7304.39.00.44, 7304.39.00.48, 7304.39.00.52, 7304.39.00.56, 7304.39.00.62, 7304.39.00.68, 7304.39.00.72, 7304.39.00.76, 7304.39.00.80, 7304.59.60.00, 7304.59.80.15, 7304.59.80.20, 7304. 9.80.25, 7304.59.80.30, 7304.59.80.35, 7304.59.80.40, 7304.59.80.45, 7304.59.80.50, 7304.59.80.55, 7304.59.80.60, 7304.59.80.65, 7304.59.80.70, and 7304.59.80.80.

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these orders is dispositive.

## **Continuation of the Orders**

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidies, as well as material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 75l(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Orders* will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of

this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of these orders not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of this continuation notice.

#### **Notification to Interested Parties**

These five-year sunset reviews and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: November 27, 2020.

#### Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# International Trade Administration [A-570-970]

Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017– 2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Dalian Qiangiu Wooden Product Co., Ltd., Fusong Jinlong Wooden Group Co., Ltd., Fusong Jinqiu Wooden Product Co., Ltd., and Fusong Qianqiu Wooden Products Co., Ltd. (collectively, Jinlong), Jiangsu Guyu International Trading Co., Ltd. (Guyu), and Muchsee Wood (Chuzhou) Co., Ltd. (Muchsee Wood) have not made sales of multilayered wood flooring (wood flooring) from the People's Republic of China (China) at prices below normal value during the period of review (POR) December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. In addition, Commerce determines that certain companies had no shipments during the POR.

DATES: Applicable December 3, 2020. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Balbontin or Alexis Cherry, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: 202–482–6478 and 202–482–0607, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Background**

Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of the administrative review and new shipper review on February 6, 2020.¹ For the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Results, see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.² Commerce conducted these reviews in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days, thereby extending the deadline for these final results until July 27, 2020.<sup>3</sup> On June 5, 2020, we extended the deadline for these final results to September 23, 2020.<sup>4</sup> On July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days.<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, the revised deadline for the final results of these reviews is now November 23, 2020.

## Scope of the Order 6

The product covered by the *Order* is wood flooring from China. A full

<sup>1</sup> See Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments, and Rescission of Review, in Part; 2017–2018, 85 FR 6911 (February 6, 2020), and accompanying preliminary decision memorandum (PDM), "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review: Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China; 2017–2018."

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum: Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review of Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China; 2017–2018," dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum). No interested party submitted comments regarding the new shipper review; therefore, the Issues and Decision Memorandum pertains only to the administrative review.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID–19," dated April 24, 2020. If the new deadline falls on a weekend or a Federal holiday, in accordance with our regulations, the deadline will be moved to the next business day. As the actual (tolled) deadline was Saturday, July 25, 2020, the next business day was Monday, July 27, 2020.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review," dated June 5, 2020. As the actual (tolled) deadline was Saturday, July 25, 2020, we extended the final results deadline 60 days from this date

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews," dated July 21, 2020.

<sup>6</sup> See Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Amended Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order, 76 FR 76690 (December 8, 2011), as amended in Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Amended Antidumping and description of the scope of the *Order* is contained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

#### **Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in the parties' briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of these issues is attached to this notice.7 The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at http:// access.trade.gov. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the internet at http:// enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### Changes From the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the comments received, Commerce made certain revisions to the calculations of the rates assigned to Jinlong, Guyu, and the non-examined, separate rate respondents. The Issues and Decision Memorandum contains descriptions of these revisions.

#### Final Determination of No Shipments

In the Preliminary Results, Commerce determined that certain companies did not have shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. As we received no information to contradict our preliminary determination with respect to those companies, we continue to find that they made no shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. Based on information received since the Preliminary Results, we determine that one additional company, Guangzhou Homebon Timber Manufacturing Co., Ltd., also did not have shipments during the POR.8 We will issue appropriate instructions that are consistent with our "automatic assessment" clarification for all of the companies listed in Appendix

Countervailing Duty Orders, 77 FR 5484 (February 3, 2012) (collectively, Order). See also Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Final Clarification of the Scope of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 82 FR 27799 (June 19, 2017).

#### **Separate Rates**

In the *Preliminary Results*, we determined that Jinlong, Guyu, Muchsee Wood, and several additional companies who were not selected for individual review demonstrated their eligibility for separate rates, and we continue to do so in these final results.<sup>10</sup>

## Rate for Non-Examined Separate Rate Respondents

The statute and our regulations do not address the establishment of a rate to be assigned to respondents not selected for individual examination when we limit our examination of companies subject to the administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2)(B) of the Act. Generally, we look to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for respondents not individually examined in an administrative review. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally "an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and de minimis margins, and any margins determined entirely {on the basis of facts available}" Accordingly, Commerce's usual practice in determining the rate for separate-rate respondents not selected for individual examination, has been to average the weighted-average dumping margins for the selected companies, excluding rates that are zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts available. 11 However, when the weighted-average dumping margins established for all individually investigated respondents are zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts available, section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act permits Commerce to "use any reasonable method to establish the estimated all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated, including averaging the estimated weighted average dumping margins determined for the exporters

and producers individually investigated." 12

For the final results of this review, we continue to determine the estimated dumping margin for each of the individually examined respondents to be zero. Thus, consistent with the *Preliminary Results*, we assigned to all eligible non-selected respondents the zero margin assigned to Jinlong and Guyu.<sup>13</sup>

#### The China-Wide Entity

Aside from the companies for which we made a final no shipment determination, Commerce considers all other companies for which a review was requested and which did not demonstrate separate rate eligibility to be part of the China-wide entity. 14 For the final results of this administrative review, we consider 17 companies to be part of the China-wide entity.

#### Final Results of Administrative Review

For the companies subject to this administrative review, including the companies that established their eligibility for a separate rate, Commerce determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period December 1, 2017, through November 30, 2018:

Producer/exporter	Weighted- average dumping margin (percent)
Dalian Qianqiu Wooden Product Co., Ltd./Fusong Jinlong Wooden Group Co., Ltd./Fusong Jinqiu Wooden Product Co., Ltd./ Fusong Qianqiu Wooden Products Co., Ltd.	
(Jinlong) 15 Jiangsu Guyu International	0.00
Trading Co., Ltd Non-Selected Companies	0.00
Under Review Receiving a Separate Rate 16	0.00

#### Final Results of New Shipper Review

Commerce determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the new shipper review covering the period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Appendix I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011) (Assessment Notice); see also "Assessment Rates" section below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Preliminary Results, and Preliminary Decision Memorandum at the "Separate Rates" section; see also Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 5.

<sup>11</sup> See Longkou Haimeng Mach. Co. v. United States, 581 F. Supp. 2d 1344, 1357–60 (CIT 2008) (affirming Commerce's determination to assign a 4.22 percent dumping margin to the separate-rate respondents in a segment where the three mandatory respondents received dumping margins of 4.22 percent, 0.03 percent, and zero percent, respectively); see also Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks from the People's Republic of China: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 74 FR 36656, 36660 (July 24, 2009).

 $<sup>^{12}\,</sup>See$  Albemarle Corp. v. United States, 821 F.3d 1345 (Fed. Cir. 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Preliminary Results, and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Appendix III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Issues and Decision Memorandum at "Section IV. Affiliation and Single Entity."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Appendix IV.

Producer/exporter	Weighted- average dumping margin (percent)
Muchsee Wood (Chuzhou) Co., Ltd	0.00

We intend to disclose the calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

#### **Assessment Rates**

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of these reviews. We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of these final results.

For Jinlong, Guyu, and Muchsee Wood, each of which have a weightedaverage dumping margin of zero, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. For entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales databases submitted by the companies individually examined during these reviews, and for the companies that did not qualify for a separate rate in the administrative review, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the China-wide rate (i.e., 85.13 percent).<sup>17</sup> For the respondents which were not selected for individual examination in this administrative review and which qualified for a separate rate, we will also instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Consistent with Commerce's assessment practice in non-market economy cases, for the companies which Commerce determined had no shipments of the subject merchandise, any suspended entries made under those exporters' case numbers (*i.e.*, at the exporters' rates) will be liquidated at the China-wide rate.<sup>18</sup>

#### **Cash Deposit Requirements**

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of these final results of administrative and new shipper reviews

for shipments of the subject merchandise from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For companies which have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed Chinese and non-Chinese exporters that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate; (3) for all Chinese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that for the Chinawide entity; and (4) for all non-Chinese exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Chinese exporter that supplied that non-Chinese exporter. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### **Reimbursement of Duties**

This notice also serves as a 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 POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

#### **Administrative Protective Orders**

This notice also serves as a reminder to 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, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: November 20, 2020.

#### Joseph A. Laroski Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

#### Appendix I

## List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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- 2. Background
- 3. Scope of the Order
- 4. Affiliation and Single Entity
- 5. Changes from the *Preliminary Results*
- 6. Discussion of the Issues General Issues
  - Comment 1: Whether to Revise the Surrogate Financial Ratios
  - Comment 2: Whether to Revise the Surrogate Value for Labor
  - Comment 3: Whether to Revise the
  - Surrogate Value for Inland Freight Comment 4: Whether to Revise the Surrogate Value for Glue

Guyu Issues

Comment 5: Whether to Continue to Assign a Separate Rate to Guyu

- Comment 6: Whether to Revise the Surrogate Value for Thinner
- Comment 7: Whether to Revise the Surrogate Value for Aluminum Paste
- Non-Selected Company Issues
  Comment 8: Whether Commerce Should
  Have Selected Senmao as a Voluntary
  Respondent
- Comment 9: Whether to Rescind the Administrative Review as to Baroque
- Comment 10: Whether Certain Companies Filed Proper No Shipment Certifications Comment 11: Whether Homebon Had
- Comment 11: Whether Homebon Had Shipments
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#### Appendix II

No Shipments

Anhui Yaolong Bamboo & Wood Products Co. Ltd.

Armstrong Wood Products (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.

Baroque Timber Industries (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.

Benxi Flooring Factory (General Partnership) Changzhou Hawd Flooring Co., Ltd. Dunhua City Jisen Wood Industry Co., Ltd. Fine Furniture (Fine Furniture (Shanghai) Limited and Double F Limited) 19

Guangzhou Homebon Timber Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Guangzhou Panyu Kangda Board Co., Ltd. Hangzhou Zhengtian Industrial Co., Ltd. Hunchun Forest Wolf Wooden Industry Co., Ltd.

Huzhou Jesonwood Co., Ltd. Innomaster Home (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd. Jiangsu Yuhui International Trade Co., Ltd. Jiashan On-Line Lumber Co., Ltd. Kingman Floors Co., Ltd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2016–2017, 84 FR 38002, 38003 (August 5, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>For a full discussion of this practice *see* Assessment Notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Commerce is only reviewing entries where Fine Furniture (Shanghai) Limited and/or Double F Limited was the exporter but Fine Furniture (Shanghai) Limited was not the producer of subject merchandise.

Linyi Anying Wood Co., Ltd. Shandong Longteng Wood Co., Ltd. Shanghaifloor Timber (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Xuzhou Antop International Trade Co., Ltd. Yingyi-Nature (Kunshan) Wood Industry Co., Ltd.

Zhejiang Shuimojiangnan New Material Technology Co., Ltd.

#### Appendix III

#### China-Wide Entity

Anhui Boya Bamboo & Wood Products Co., Ltd.

Chinafloors Timber (China) Co., Ltd. Dalian Guhua Wooden Product Co., Ltd. Dalian Huade Wood Product Co., Ltd. Dalian Huilong Wooden Products Co., Ltd. Dalian Jaenmaken Wood Industry Co., Ltd. Houzhou Chenchang Wood Co., Ltd. Jiafeng Wood (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. Linyi Bonn Flooring Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Power Dekor North America Inc. Shanghai Lairunde Wood Co., Ltd. Shenzhenshi Huanwei Woods Co., Ltd. Xiamen Yung De Ornament Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Biyork Wood Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Fudeli Timber Industry Co., Ltd ≤Zhejiang Jiechen Wood Industry Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Simite Wooden Co., Ltd.

### Appendix IV

#### Non-Selected Companies Under Review Receiving a Separate Rate

A&W (Shanghai) Woods Co., Ltd.
Anhui Longhua Bamboo Product Co., Ltd.
Benxi Wood Company
Dalian Dajen Wood Co., Ltd.
Dalian Deerfu Wooden Product Co., Ltd.
Dalian Jiahong Wood Industry Co., Ltd.
Dalian Kemian Wood Industry Co., Ltd.
Dalian Penghong Floor Products Co., Ltd.
Dalian Shengyu Science And Technology
Development Co., Ltd.

Dalian Shumaike Floor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Dalian T-Boom Wood Products Co., Ltd.
Dongtai Fuan Universal Dynamics, LLC
Dunhua City Dexin Wood Industry Co., Ltd.
Dunhua City Hongyuan Wood Industry Co.,
Ltd.

Dunhua City Wanrong Wood Industry Co., Ltd.

Dun Hua Sen Tai Wood Co., Ltd.
Dunhua Shengda Wood Industry Co., Ltd.
Guangzhou Panyu Southern Star Co., Ltd.
HaiLin LinJing Wooden Products, Ltd.
Hangzhou Hanje Tec Company Limited
Hunchun Xingjia Wooden Flooring Inc.
Huzhou Chenghang Wood Co., Ltd
Huzhou Fulinmen Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.
Huzhou Sunergy World Trade Co., Ltd.
Jiangsu Keri Wood Co., Ltd.
Jiangsu Mingle Flooring Co., Ltd
Jiangsu Senmao Bamboo and Wood Industry
Co., Ltd.

Jiangsu Simba Flooring Co., Ltd. Jiashan HuiJiaLe Decoration Material Co., Ltd

Jiaxing Hengtong Wood Co., Ltd.
Jilin Xinyuan Wooden Industry Co., Ltd.
Karly Wood Product Limited
Kember Flooring, Inc.
Kemian Wood Industry (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.
Lauzon Distinctive Hardwood Flooring, Inc.
Linyi Youyou Wood Co., Ltd.

Metropolitan Hardwood Floors, Inc. Mudanjiang Bosen Wood Industry Co., Ltd. Nakahiro Jyou Sei Furniture (Dalian) Co., Ltd.

Omni Arbor Solution Co., Ltd.<sup>20</sup> Pinge Timber Manufacturing (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd.

Power Dekor Group Co., Ltd. Scholar Home (Shanghai) New Material Co., Ltd.

Shenyang Haobainian Wooden Co., Ltd. Sino-Maple (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd. Suzhou Dongda Wood Co., Ltd. Tongxiang Jisheng Import and Export Co., Ltd.

Xuzhou Shenghe Wood Co., Ltd. Yekalon Industry Inc.

Yihua Lifestyle Technology Co., Ltd. (successor-in-interest to Guangdong Yihua Timber Industry Co., Ltd.) Zhejiang Dadongwu Green Home Wood Co., Ltd.

Zhejiang Fuerjia Wooden Co., Ltd Zhejiang Longsen Lumbering Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Shiyou Timber Co., Ltd.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## International Trade Administration

[C-523-816, C-489-845]

Certain Aluminum Foil From the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable December 3, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Conniff, AD/CVD Operations, Office III (Sultanate of Oman); and Eliza Siordia, AD/CVD Operations, Office V (Republic of Turkey); Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1009 and (202) 482–3878, respectively.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### **Background**

On October 19, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated the countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of certain aluminum foil from the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Turkey. Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than December 23, 2020.

## Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

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 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 reason for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.2

On November 23, 2020, the petitioners 3 in these investigations submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determinations.4 According to the petitioners, additional time is necessary to allow Commerce to "analyze fully the questionnaire responses, request any necessary clarifications and determine the extent to which countervailable subsidies have benefited the respondents in the preliminary phase of these proceedings." <sup>5</sup> Consistent with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioners stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determinations, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> In the *Preliminary Results*, Commerce inadvertently identified this company as "Omni Arbor Solutions Co., Ltd." *See* Letters from Omni Arbor Solution Co., Ltd., "Multilayered Wood Flooring from the People's Republic of China Request for Review," dated December 31, 2018, and "Multilayered Wood Flooring from China: Case Brief—Omni Arbor Solution Co., Ltd.," dated March 10, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Certain Aluminum Foil from the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Turkey: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations, 85 FR 68287 (October 28, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The petitioners consist of the Aluminum Association Trade Enforcement Working Group and its individual members: Gränges Americas Inc., JW Aluminum Company, and Novelis Corporation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Countervailing Duty Investigations Concerning Certain Aluminum Foil from the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Turkey—Petitioners' Request to Postpone Preliminary Determinations," dated November 23, 2020

<sup>5</sup>*Id.* at 2.