

Scope of the Order⁴

The merchandise covered by the scope of the *Order* is activated carbon. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

For the reasons stated in the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*, and because we received no comments from interested parties to the contrary, Commerce continues to find that Huahui Environmental is the successor-in-interest to Ningxia Huahui and should be assigned the same AD cash deposit rate assigned to Ningxia Huahui for purposes of determining AD liability in this proceeding.⁵ As a result of this determination and consistent with established practice, we find that Huahui Environmental should receive the cash deposit rate previously assigned to Ningxia Huahui in the most recently completed review of the *Order*. The cash deposit rate assigned to Ningxia Huahui in the most recently completed review was \$0.65 per kilogram.⁶ Consequently, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of all shipments of subject merchandise exported by Huahui Environmental and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register** at \$0.65 per kilogram, which is the current AD cash deposit rate for Ningxia Huahui. This cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only 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 return/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.

⁴ See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 20988 (April 27, 2007) (*Order*).

⁵ See *Initiation and Preliminary Results*, 86 FR at 56248.

⁶ See *Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Final Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part: 2018–2019*, 86 FR 10539 (February 22, 2021).

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing this determination and publishing these final results and notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i)(1) and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: November 10, 2021.

Ryan Majerus,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Acrylonitrile-Butadiene Rubber From France, the Republic of Korea, and Mexico: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable November 17, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 20, 2021, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (AB rubber) from France, the Republic of Korea, and Mexico.¹ Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than December 7, 2021.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1)(A) and (B) of

¹ See *Acrylonitrile-Butadiene Rubber from France, the Republic of Korea, and Mexico: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 86 FR 40192 (July 27, 2021).

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 November 1, 2021, the petitioner² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in these LTFV investigations.³ The petitioner states that a postponement is necessary so that Commerce may have adequate time to issue clarifying supplemental questionnaires that address deficiencies in the respondents' antidumping questionnaire responses.

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations no later than January 26, 2022. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

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

Dated: November 10, 2021.

Ryan Majerus,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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² The petitioner is Zeon Chemicals L.P. and Zeon GP, LLC (collectively, Zeon or the petitioner).

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Acrylonitrile-Butadiene Rubber from France, Mexico, and South Korea: Petitioner's Request to Extend the Preliminary Determination," dated November 1, 2021.