

disqualified if the Department determines that such representation is likely to impact the ability to carry out the duties of a DEC member or raise an appearance issue for the Department.

**Selection Process:** Nominations of individuals who have applied for DEC membership will be forwarded to the local USEAC Director for the respective DEC for that Director's consideration. The local USEAC Director ensures that all nominees meet the membership criteria. The local USEAC Director then, in consultation with the local DEC Executive Committee, evaluates all nominees to determine their interest, commitment, and qualifications. In reviewing nominees, the local USEAC Director strives to ensure a balance among exporters from a manufacturing or service industry and export service providers. A fair representation should be considered from companies and organizations that support exporters, representatives of local and state government, and trade organizations and associations. Membership should reflect the diversity of the local business community, encompass a broad range of business and industry sectors, and be distributed geographically across the DEC service area, and where possible, the Department of Commerce will also consider the ethnic, racial, and gender diversity and various abilities of the United States population.

For current DEC members seeking reappointment, the local USEAC Director, in consultation with the DEC Executive Committee, also carefully considers the nominee's activity level during the previous term and demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and effectively with other DEC members and US&FCS staff. As appointees of the Secretary of Commerce in high-profile positions, though volunteers, DEC Members are expected to actively participate in the DEC and support the work of local US&FCS offices. Those that do not support the work of the office or do not actively participate in DEC activities will not be considered for re-nomination.

The local USEAC Director, in consultation with the local DEC Executive Committee, determines which nominees to forward to the US&FCS Office of U.S. Field for further consideration for recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce. A candidate's background and character are pertinent to determining suitability and eligibility for DEC membership. Since DEC appointments are made by the Secretary, the Department must make a suitability determination for all DEC nominees. After completion of a

vetting process, the Secretary selects nominees for appointment to local DECs. DEC members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Commerce.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512 and 4721.

**Laura Barmby,**

*District Export Council Program Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-084; C-570-085]

#### **Certain Quartz Surface Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; Global Stone**

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

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request from Global Stone Collection, LLC (Global Stone), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating changed circumstances reviews (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain quartz surface products (quartz surface products) from the People's Republic of China (China) to determine whether the quartz surface products imported by Global Stone into the United States and exported by Bada Industries SDN BHD (Bada Industries) from Malaysia were manufactured in Malaysia with non-Chinese origin quartz slab.

**DATES:** Applicable June 26, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ajay Menon, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0208.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On July 11, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the orders on quartz surface products from China.<sup>1</sup> On October 21, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the final results of a scope ruling regarding imports of quartz surface products manufactured in China and further processed in Malaysia, finding that such

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 33053 (July 11, 2019) (*Orders*).

imports are covered by the scope of the *Orders*.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, because exporters of quartz surface products from Malaysia export both subject and non-subject merchandise, Commerce established a scope certification process for all imports of quartz surface products from Malaysia. Specifically, Commerce set forth certification requirements for importers and exporters to permit imports from Malaysia produced from non-Chinese origin quartz slab not to be subject to suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements. In so doing, Commerce also determined that certain companies processing Chinese quartz slab in Malaysia, including Bada Industries, were ineligible to participate in this scope certification process.<sup>3</sup> However, Commerce indicated that these companies, including Bada Industries, could request reconsideration of their exclusion from the certification process in a future segment of the proceeding (e.g., in a CCR).<sup>4</sup>

On May 11, 2023, Global Stone submitted a letter requesting that Commerce conduct a CCR to reconsider Bada Industries' eligibility for the certification process, such that Bada Industries can certify that the quartz surface products imported by Global Stone are not produced from Chinese-origin quartz slab.<sup>5</sup> We received no comments from interested parties regarding the CCR Request.

##### **Scope of the Orders**

The products covered by the *Orders* are quartz surface products from China.<sup>6</sup> The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the following subheading: 6810.99.0010. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 6810.11.0010, 6810.11.0070, 6810.19.1200, 6810.19.1400, 6810.19.5000, 6810.91.0000, 6810.99.0080, 2506.10.0010, 2506.10.0050, 2506.20.0010, 2506.20.0080, and 7016.90.1050. Although the HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive.

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Final Scope Ruling on Malaysian Processed Quartz Slab and Rescission of the Circumvention Inquiry*, 87 FR 64009, 64010 (October 21, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, 87 FR at 64010.

<sup>5</sup> See Global Stone's Letter, "Request for Changed Circumstances Review of Bada Industries," dated May 11, 2023 (CCR Request).

<sup>6</sup> See *Orders*, 84 FR at 33055-33056, for a complete description of the scope.

## Initiation of CCR

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216(d), Commerce conducts a CCR upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from, an interested party for a review of an AD or CVD order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. The information Global Stone provided regarding Bada Industries' exports of quartz surface products demonstrates changed circumstances sufficient to warrant such a review.<sup>7</sup> Therefore, we are initiating a CCR pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d) based upon the information contained in Global Stone's submission to determine whether Bada Industries is eligible to certify that its quartz surface products are not produced from Chinese-origin quartz slab.

Commerce will issue a questionnaire requesting additional information from Global Stone for this CCR regarding its quartz slab and will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the preliminary results, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4) and (c)(3)(i). All information submitted may be subject to verification. Failure to allow full and complete verification of any information submitted may affect Commerce's consideration of that information. Commerce will set forth its preliminary factual and legal conclusions in this notice and a description of any action proposed based on those results. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(ii), interested parties will have an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. Unless extended, Commerce will issue the final results of this CCR in accordance with the time limits set forth in 19 CFR 351.216(e).

## Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing this notice in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(b), and 351.221(b)(1).

Dated: June 20, 2023.

### James Maeder,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-583-837]

### Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2021-2022

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip (PET Film) from Taiwan. The period of review (POR) is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This review covers the following producers and exporters from Taiwan: Nan Ya Plastics Corporation (Nan Ya); and Shinkong Materials Technology Corporation (SMTC)/Shinkong Synthetic Fibers Corporation (SSFC). Commerce preliminarily determines that sales of subject merchandise have not been made below normal value (NV) by Nan Ya during the POR. In addition, we preliminarily find that SMTC/SSFC had no shipments during the POR. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable June 26, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles DeFilippo or Jacqueline Arrowsmith, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3797 or (202) 482-5255, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On July 1, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity<sup>1</sup> to request an administrative review of the AD order on PET film from Taiwan.<sup>2</sup> On September 6, 2022, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 87 FR 39461 (July 1, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See *Notice of Amended Final Antidumping Duty Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip (PET Film) from Taiwan*, 67 FR 44174 (July 1, 2002) (*Order*).

published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the *Order*.<sup>3</sup>

On March 28, 2023, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), Commerce extended the due date for the preliminary results by 80 days until June 21, 2023.<sup>4</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup>

A list of the topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary 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 <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

### Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is PET film.<sup>6</sup> The product is currently classifiable under subheading 3920.62.00.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS number is provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written product description, available in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, remains dispositive.

### Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

Based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) response to Commerce's no-shipment inquiry, as well as the no-shipment certification provided by SMTC/SSFC,<sup>7</sup> we

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 87 FR 54463 (September 6, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated March 28, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from Taiwan; 2021-2022" dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>6</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 3.

<sup>7</sup> In the 2011-2012 administrative review, we treated SMTC and SSFC as a single entity for purposes of this order. See *Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from Taiwan; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2011-2012*, 78 FR 48651 (August 9, 2013), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum, unchanged in *Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from Taiwan*:

<sup>7</sup> See, generally, CCR Request.