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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Glycine From Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021–2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that producers or exporters subject to this administrative review did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 21, 2019, Commerce published the antidumping duty order on glycine from Japan.1 On June 3, 2022, Commerce published in the Federal Register a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the Order.2 On August 9, 2022, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the administrative review of the Order.3 On February 24, 2023, Commerce extended the time limit for these preliminary results to June 30, 2023, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).4

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the Order is glycine. For a complete description of the scope of the Order, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.5

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Act. Export price and constructed export price are calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public 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 found at https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022.

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Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties in this administrative review within five days after public announcement of the preliminary results, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021–2022: Glycine from Japan,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

As explained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, based on the record information, Commerce preliminarily determines that Nagase & Co., Ltd. and Yuki Gosei Kogyo Co., Ltd. are affiliated within the meaning of section 771(33)(E) of the Act and should be treated as a single entity pursuant to 19 CFR 351.401(f) for these preliminary results of review.

See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for Antidumping Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation: Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List, 87 FR 33706, 33708 (June 3, 2022).”


See Memorandum, “Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Orders, 84 FR 29170 [June 21, 2019] (Order).”

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Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.\textsuperscript{7} Commerce has modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information until further notice.\textsuperscript{8} Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.\textsuperscript{9}

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party’s name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce’s electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.\textsuperscript{10}

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless extended, pursuant to section 751(a)(5)(A) of the Act.

\section*{Assessment Rates}

Upon completion of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.\textsuperscript{11} If the weighted-average dumping margin for Yuki Gosei Kogyo Co., Ltd./Nagase & Co., Ltd.'s sales and the total entered value of such sales was calculated for each importer’s examined sales and the total entered value of such sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).\textsuperscript{12} Where the respondent did not report entered values, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce will calculate importer/customer-specific assessment rates by dividing the amount of dumping for reviewed sales to the importer/customer by the total quantity of those sales. Commerce will calculate an estimated \textit{ad valorem} importer/customer-specific assessment rate to determine whether the per-unit assessment rate is \textit{de minimis}; however, Commerce will use the per-unit assessment rate where entered values were not reported. Where an importer/customer-specific \textit{ad valorem} assessment rate is not zero or \textit{de minimis}, Commerce will instruct CBP to collect the appropriate duties at the time of liquidation. If Yuki Gosei Kogyo Co., Ltd./Nagase & Co., Ltd.’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or \textit{de minimis} in the final results of review, or if an importer-specific assessment rate for one of these companies is zero or \textit{de minimis}, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.\textsuperscript{13}

For entries of subject merchandise during the period of review produced by any of these companies for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries.\textsuperscript{14}

Consistent with its recent notice,\textsuperscript{15} Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the \textit{Federal Register}. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (i.e., within 90 days of publication). The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise under review and for future cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties, where applicable.

\section*{Cash Deposit Requirements}

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the \textit{Federal Register} of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of glycene from Japan entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for companies subject to this review will be equal to the company-specific weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of the review; (2) for merchandise exported by a company not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the completed segment for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the completed segment for the most recent period for the producer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will be 53.66 percent, the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.\textsuperscript{16} These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

\section*{Notification to Importers}

This notice serves as a preliminary 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 review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

\textsuperscript{7} See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also \textit{Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19, 85 FR 17006, 17007 (March 26, 2020)} (“To provide adequate time for release of case briefs via ACCESS, EtC intends to schedule the due date for all rebuttal briefs to be 7 days after case briefs are filed (while these modifications remain in effect).”).

\textsuperscript{8} See \textit{Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19; Extension of Effective Period, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020)}.

\textsuperscript{9} See 19 CFR 351.303 for general filing requirements.

\textsuperscript{10} See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

\textsuperscript{11} See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

\textsuperscript{12} See \textit{Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012)}.

\textsuperscript{13} Id. at 8102–03; see also 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

\textsuperscript{14} See \textit{Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 68 FR 23994 (May 6, 2003)}.

\textsuperscript{15} See \textit{Notice of Discontinuation of Policy to Issue Liquidation Instructions After 15 Days in Applicable Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Proceedings, 66 FR 3995 (January 15, 2001)}.

\textsuperscript{16} See \textit{Glycene from India and Japan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Orders, 84 FR 29170, 29171 (June 21, 2019)}. 

\textsuperscript{1} See also \textit{Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19, 85 FR 17006, 17007 (March 26, 2020)}.

\textsuperscript{2} See 19 CFR 351.309(d).
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the American HFC Coalition (the petitioner), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating four country-wide circumvention inquiries to determine whether: (1) U.S. imports from the People’s Republic of China (China) of R–410B, R–407G, and a custom blend, which are further processed in the United States, are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) blends from China; (2) U.S. imports from Malaysia of R–410A and R–407C, which are completed in Malaysia using Chinese components, are circumventing the AD order on HFC blends from China; (3) U.S. imports of R–410B from Turkey, which are completed in Turkey using Chinese components and further processed in the United States, are circumventing the AD order on HFC blends from China; and (4) U.S. imports of R–410A from Turkey, which are completed in Turkey using Chinese components, are circumventing the AD order on HFC blends from China.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Genevieve Cen or Melissa Porpotage, 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) 482–3251 or (202) 482–1413, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
On May 15 and 16, 2023, pursuant to sections 781(a) and 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.226(c), the American HFC Coalition filed circumvention inquiry requests alleging that HFC blends from China, which are further processed in the United States, and HFC blends completed in Malaysia or Turkey from Chinese components are circumventing the order and, accordingly, should be included within the scope of the Order. On June 9, 2023, we extended the deadline to initiate these circumvention inquiries, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1). On June 9, 2023, Commerce issued supplemental questionnaires to the American HFC Coalition. On June 14, 2023, the American HFC Coalition responded to our supplemental questionnaires.

Scope of the Order
The products subject to the Order are HFC blends. HFC blends covered by the scope are R–404A, a zeotropic mixture consisting of 52 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, 44 percent Pentafluoroethane, and 4 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; R–407A, a zeotropic mixture of 20 percent Difluoromethane, 40 percent Pentafluoroethane, and 40 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; R–407C, a zeotropic mixture of 23 percent Difluoromethane, 25 percent Pentafluoroethane, and 52 percent 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane; R–410A, a zeotropic mixture of 50 percent Difluoromethane and 50 percent Pentafluoroethane; and R–507A, an azeotropic mixture of 50 percent Pentafluoroethane and 50 percent 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane also known as R–507. The foregoing percentages are nominal percentages by weight. Actual percentages of single component refrigerants by weight may vary by plus or minus two percent points from the nominal percentage identified above.

Any blend that includes an HFC component other than R–32, R–125, R–143a, or R–134a is excluded from the scope of the Order.

Excluded from the Order are blends of refrigerant chemicals that include products other than HFCs, such as blends including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), hydrocarbons (HCs), or hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs).

Also excluded from the Order are patented HFC blends, including, but not limited to, ISCEON® blends, including MO99™ (R–438A), MO79 (R–422A), MO59 (R–417A), MO49Plus™ (R–437A) and MO29™ (R–422D), Genetron® Performax™ LT (R–407F), Choice® R–421A, and Choice® R–421B.

HFC blends covered by the scope of the Order are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings 3827.61.0000, 3827.63.0000, 3827.64.0000, 3827.65.0000, 3827.67.0000, 3827.69.0000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.