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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Announcement of U.S. Company Recruitment for the March 11–12, 2024 Presidential Trade and Investment Mission to the Philippines

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration (ITA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce is assisting the White House in recruitment of U.S. companies to participate in a Presidential Trade and Investment Mission to the Philippines.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elliott Brewer, Philippines Desk Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-430-8025; email: [elliott.brewer@trade.gov](mailto:elliott.brewer@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States seeks to send a Presidential Trade and Investment Mission (PTIM) to the Philippines from March 11–12, 2024. The intent to dispatch the PTIM was announced by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on May 1, 2023, during the visit of Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. to Washington, DC. As described in the White House's fact sheet on "Investing in the Special Friendship and Alliance Between the United States and the Philippines," the purpose of the PTIM is to enhance U.S. companies' investment in the Philippines' innovation economy, its clean energy transition and critical minerals sector, and the food security of its people. The mission will feature the highest caliber of U.S. business leaders dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Philippine trade and investment ties in these areas. Trade mission delegates will meet with Government of Philippines officials in Manila to learn more about business development incentives and to discuss regulatory reforms. These discussions will help identify policy actions that support mutually beneficial economic and commercial outcomes. Trade mission delegates will also be able to join networking events with relevant local firms and business organizations to foster business-to-business trade and investment promotion opportunities.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is assisting the White House in recruitment of U.S. companies to participate in the PTIM and welcomes statements of interest in participation in the PTIM from U.S.-headquartered companies that can help the United States and Philippines achieve the goals described above. Priority will be given to companies that are (1) willing to participate in the PTIM at the Chief Executive Officer, President, or other senior executive level, (2) conducting or developing plans to conduct business in both countries, and (3) engaged in work related to the clean energy transition, critical minerals sector, food security, or that promotes the Philippines' innovation economy, including its digital transformation, and/or greater supply chain resilience. This list of business areas is not intended to be exhaustive. Each company that is selected will be permitted to have one primary representative at the Chief Executive Officer, President, or other senior executive level join the PTIM, along with one additional supporting representative. Company representatives must be able to travel to the Philippines and to locations in the United States to attend PTIM meetings, as well as PTIM preparatory meetings. Travel and in-person activities are contingent upon the safety and health conditions in the United States and the Philippines. Should safety or health conditions not be appropriate for travel and/or in-person activities, one or more meetings may be postponed or scheduled virtually instead. It is also possible that the entire mission would be postponed or cancelled in response to changes in safety or health conditions.

No fees will be collected from trade mission delegates. Trade mission delegates and their sponsoring companies will be responsible for covering all travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses associated with the PTIM.

Interested companies should submit the following information to the U.S. Department of Commerce at [PTIM@trade.gov](mailto:PTIM@trade.gov) by Tuesday, January 30, 2024:

- Company Name;
- Name of Chief Executive Officer or President;
- U.S. State of Incorporation;
- Corporate Headquarters;
- Principal Place of Business;
- Main Address (Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code);
- List of Subsidiary or Affiliate Offices in Asia (including in the Philippines);
- Industry Area(s);
- Main Products and Services;

- A brief (up to one page) Statement of Interest explaining:
  - Your company's goals and qualifications for the mission.
  - How your company's participation in the mission will strengthen U.S.-Philippines trade and investment ties.
  - How your company's work can support the clean energy transition, critical minerals sector, food security, or innovation economy—including efforts to advance digital transformation and/or greater supply chain resilience in the Philippines.

- Name, title, work email, phone number, and biography of your Chief Executive Officer, President, or other senior executive who would represent the company on the PTIM.

- Name, title, work email, and phone number of the main working-level point of contact that will facilitate the senior executive's participation in the mission.

- Name, title, work email, phone number, and biography of one optional accompanying staff person (if applicable).

The selection of companies for the PTIM will be evaluated on a comparative basis by: (1) the level of executive representation; (2) consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission; (3) suitability of the applicant's products or services to the Philippines market; and (4) the applicant's potential for developing trade and investment opportunities in the Philippines market.

Statements of interest received after January 30 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Please direct any questions or requests for more information about the PTIM to Mr. Elliott Brewer at 202-430-8025 or [elliott.brewer@trade.gov](mailto:elliott.brewer@trade.gov).

**David Nufrio,**

*Deputy Director of the Office of Southeast Asia.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Certain Pasta From Italy: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2021

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies were provided to certain producers and exporters of

certain pasta (pasta) from Italy during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

**DATES:** Applicable January 18, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas Czajkowski, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1395.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On July 18, 2023, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup> This review covers one mandatory respondent, Pastificio Gentile S.r.l. (Gentile) and one non-selected company, Sgambaro SpA. (Sgambaro).

From October 19 through October 24, 2023, we conducted verification of Gentile and the Government of Italy's questionnaire responses. On November 2, 2023, we released the verification reports,<sup>2</sup> and, on November 6, 2023, we invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*.<sup>3</sup> For a complete description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup>

**Scope of the Order**<sup>5</sup>

The product covered by this *Order* is pasta from Italy. A full description of the scope of the *Order* is contained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

**Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised by the interested parties in case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is provided in the appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Pasta from Italy: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*; 2021, 88 FR 45886 (July 18, 2023) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Pastificio Gentile S.r.l.," dated November 2, 2023, and Memorandum, "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of the Government of Italy," dated November 2, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> See Commerce's Letter, "Briefing Schedule," dated November 6, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Certain Pasta from Italy; 2021," concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>5</sup> See *Notice of Countervailing Duty Order and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Certain Pasta from Italy*, 61 FR 38544 (July 24, 1996) (*Order*).

document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and CVD Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

**Changes Since the Preliminary Results**

Based on comments received from interested parties and issues originating from verification, we are applying total adverse facts available (AFA) to Gentile for the final results of this review. For a discussion of the issues, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

**Methodology**

Commerce conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>6</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying all of Commerce's conclusions, including our reliance, on facts otherwise available, including AFA, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

**Final Results of the Administrative Review**

As a result of this review, we determine that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Pastificio Gentile S.R.L. ....	88.67
Sgambaro SpA .....	1.18

**Final Rate for Non-Selected Company Under Review**

There is one company, Sgambaro, for which a review was requested and not rescinded, and which was not selected as a mandatory respondent or found to be cross-owned with the mandatory respondent. The statute and Commerce's regulations do not directly address the establishment of rates to be applied to companies not selected for

<sup>6</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

individual examination where Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(e)(2) of the Act. However, Commerce normally determines the rates for non-selected companies in reviews in a manner that is consistent with section 705(c)(5) of the Act, which provides the basis for calculating all-others rate in an investigation.

Section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act instructs Commerce, as a general rule, to calculate an all-others rate equal to the weighted average of the countervailable subsidy rates established for exporters and/or producers individually examined, excluding any rates that are zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts available. In this review, the final rate for Gentile, the sole mandatory respondent, was based entirely on facts available. Accordingly, under "any reasonable method," we have selected the rate calculated in the most recently completed administrative review as the rate to be applied for Sgambaro, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 3.

**Cash Deposit Requirements**

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown above for the above-listed companies with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of these final results of review. These cash deposit requirements, effective upon publication of these final results, shall remain in effect until further notice.

**Assessment Rates**

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties at the applicable *ad valorem* rates on all appropriate entries covered by this review. Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after publication of the final results of this review in the **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).

**Disclosure**

Commerce intends to disclose our AFA calculations performed for the

final results of review within five days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

#### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an 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 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.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

The final results are 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: January 11, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. Subsidies Valuation
- V. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences
- VI. Discussion of the Issues
  - Comment 1: Whether Commerce Should Apply an Adverse Facts Available (AFA) Rate to Gentile
  - Comment 2: Whether Commerce Erred in Finding the IRAP Program to be Countervailable and its Calculation of the Program
  - Comment 3: Calculation of the "All-Others" Rate
- VII. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Marine and Coastal Area-Based Management Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine and

Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee (MCAM). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be February 1 and 2, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Spring Room at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lauren Wenzel, Director, NOAA's National Marine Protected Areas Center, [Lauren.Wenzel@noaa.gov](mailto:Lauren.Wenzel@noaa.gov), (240) 533-0652; or Heather Sagar, Senior Policy Advisor, NOAA Fisheries, [Heather.Sagar@noaa.gov](mailto:Heather.Sagar@noaa.gov), (301) 427-8019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MCAM. The MCAM was established in 2022 to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on science-based approaches to area-based protection, conservation, restoration, and management in coastal and marine areas, including the Great Lakes. The charter is located online at <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/marine-coastal-fac/>.

#### I. Matters To Be Considered

The meeting time and agenda are subject to change. The meeting is convened to discuss the following topics: area-based management in the U.S.; the use of NOAA's science and knowledge to guide area-based management; NOAA's restoration programs and tools; how NOAA may best leverage area-based management tools, investments, and authorities; how NOAA may foster healthy coastal communities through partnerships, jobs, and support; the Biden-Harris Administration's America the Beautiful initiative, as well as various administrative and organizational matters. The times and the agenda topics described here are subject to change.

#### II. Public Comment Instructions

The meeting will be open to public participation (check agenda on *website* to confirm time). Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by January 26, 2024, to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after January 26, 2024, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit

written comments, please email Ellie Roberts, [ellie.roberts@noaa.gov](mailto:ellie.roberts@noaa.gov).

#### III. Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ellie Roberts at [ellie.roberts@noaa.gov](mailto:ellie.roberts@noaa.gov), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

#### IV. Exceptional Circumstances

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given fewer than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting due to exceptional circumstances. It is imperative that the inaugural meeting of the MCAM proceed as scheduled, as Committee members have made business plans to attend the meeting, there is no other meeting date in a reasonable time frame that would accommodate schedules without causing undue financial burden, and there is an immediate business and mission need for the FAC to convene to establish its workflows and anticipated products.

**John Armor,**

*Designated Federal Official, Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee, Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

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#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 20, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular