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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-533-929]

#### Ceramic Tile from India: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

**DATES:** Applicable June 28, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Natasia Harrison, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1240.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On May 9, 2024, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of ceramic tile from India.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than July 15, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

##### 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

<sup>1</sup> See *Ceramic Tile from India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 89 FR 42841 (May 16, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Because the current deadline for these final results falls on a weekend (*i.e.*, Saturday, July 13, 2024), the deadline became the next business day (*i.e.*, Monday, July 15, 2024). See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

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<sup>3</sup> 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 June 17, 2024, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone this preliminary CVD determination.<sup>4</sup> The petitioner stated that it requests postponement to allow Commerce to properly conduct its investigation and address certain complicated issues.<sup>5</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, September 16, 2024. Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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<sup>3</sup> The petitioner is The Coalition for Fair Trade in Ceramic Tile.

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioner's Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination," dated June 17, 2024.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Report From Foreign-Trade Zones

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 10, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Annual Report from Foreign-Trade Zones.

*OMB Control Number:* 0625-0109.

*Form Number(s):* ITA 359P.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission. Extension of a current information collection without change.

*Number of Respondents:* 261.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1 to 76 hours (depending on size and structure of FTZ).

*Burden Hours:* 5,979.

*Needs and Uses:* The annual reports are used by Congress and the Department to determine the economic effect of the Foreign-Trade Zone program as well as by the Foreign-Trade Zones Board and other trade policy officials to determine whether zone activity is consistent with U.S. international trade policy.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal governments, or not-for-profit institutions that have been granted foreign-trade zone authority.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory. *Legal Authority:* 19 U.S.C. 81(p).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be