

Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Orders* will be August 28, 2024.⁶ Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: August 29, 2024.

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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Certain Brake Drums From the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable September 6, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan James at (202) 482–5305 (the People’s Republic of China (China)); Kyle Clahane at (202) 482–5449 (the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye)), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 10, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of certain brake drums (brake drums) from China and Türkiye.¹ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.² Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than September 20, 2024.

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 countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which 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 petitioner³ 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 August 26, 2024, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determinations.⁴ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement to allow Commerce to collect the necessary information for determining the most accurate possible CVD subsidy rates, because the respondents in both investigations have yet to file their full questionnaire responses, which gives Commerce little or no time to review responses from respondents, issue supplemental questionnaires, or consider deficiency comments before reaching a preliminary determination.⁵

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determinations, 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 determinations to no later than 130 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated, *i.e.*, November 25, 2024.⁶ Pursuant to section 705(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.

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).

⁴ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Request for Postponement of Preliminary Determinations,” dated August 26, 2024.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ This deadline has been tolled by seven days. See footnote 2, *supra*. Additionally, postponing the preliminary determination makes the deadline Sunday, November 24, 2024. Commerce’s practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. 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).

¹ See *Certain Brake Drums from the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 89 FR 58106 (July 17, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

³ The petitioner is Webb Wheel Products, Inc.

⁶ *Id.*

Dated: August 30, 2024.

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

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund Listening Session #2

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene its second virtual industry roundtable listening session on the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund (“Innovation Fund”). The listening session will discuss Innovation Fund progress to date and solicit stakeholder input to help inform future funding opportunities.

DATES: The listening session will be held on September 26, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., eastern daylight time.

ADDRESSES: The session will be held virtually, with online slide share and dial-in information to be posted at www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct questions regarding this Notice to Richard Upchurch at innovationfund@ntia.gov, indicating “Innovation Fund Listening Session #2” in the subject line, or if by mail, addressed to National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-3806. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs, press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Authority: On August 9, 2022, President Biden signed the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* into law, appropriating \$1.5 billion for the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund to support the promotion and deployment of open, interoperable, and standards-based radio access networks (RAN) (Pub. L. 117-167, Div. A, sec. 106, 136 Stat. 1392). The Innovation Fund is authorized under section 9202(a)(1) of

the *William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021* (Pub. L. 116-283; 47 U.S.C. 906(a)(1)). This historic investment aims to support U.S. leadership in the global telecommunications ecosystem, foster competition, lower costs for consumers and network operators, and strengthen our supply chain. The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the NTIA Administrator, shall establish criteria for grants awarded to support the following:

(i) Promoting and deploying technology, including software, hardware, and microprocessing technology, that will enhance competitiveness in the fifth-generation (commonly known as “5G”) and successor wireless technology supply chains that use open and interoperable interface radio access networks.

(ii) Accelerating commercial deployments of open interface standards-based compatible, interoperable equipment, such as equipment developed pursuant to the standards set forth by organizations such as the O-RAN Alliance, the Telecom Infra Project, 3GPP, the Open-RAN Software Community, or any successor organizations.

(iii) Promoting and deploying compatibility of new 5G equipment with future open standards-based, interoperable equipment.

(iv) Managing integration of multi-vendor network environments.

(v) Identifying objective criteria to define equipment as compliant with open standards for multi-vendor network equipment interoperability.

(vi) Promoting and deploying security features enhancing the integrity and availability of equipment in multi-vendor networks.

(vii) Promoting and deploying network function virtualization to facilitate multi-vendor interoperability and a more diverse vendor market.

In accordance with the above statute, NTIA issued two Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) based on stakeholder feedback.

NTIA’s first NOFO was released in August 2023, which awarded more than \$140 million to 17 grantees. This first funding opportunity focused on advancing two key areas:

1. *Testing and Evaluation (T&E):*

Projects aimed at expanding industry-accepted T&E, within the United States and its territories and possessions, to test, evaluate, facilitate, and assess, the interoperability, performance, and/or security of open and interoperable, standards-based 5G radio access networks.

2. *Research and Design (R&D) into Testing Methods:* R&D projects aimed at addressing needs not currently met by industry-accepted tests and best practices. These projects fall into two categories: (1) developing new and emerging performance indicators and/or (2) developing enhanced methods for existing test criteria that make material improvements on current methods needed to assess interoperability, performance, and/or security on these networks and their component parts.

NTIA’s second NOFO was released in May 2024 with up to \$420 million allocated for awards. NTIA anticipates beginning to award grants this fall. This second NOFO focuses on:

1. *Open Radio Unit (RU)*

Commercialization: Projects aimed at accelerating the development of open RU products to the point where they meet carrier needs and are ready for commercial trials. NTIA seeks to accelerate mobile network operator (MNO) adoption by requiring suppliers and MNOs to partner on the development of open RU products that meet operators’ performance and feature requirements.

2. *Open Radio Unit (RU) Innovation:* Projects aimed at improving the overall performance and capabilities of open RUs through targeted research and development. NTIA seeks to drive RU innovation that results in advanced performance and features—in turn accelerating the adoption of open and interoperable networks.

Considering the research focus areas undertaken to date, NTIA invites input from all interested stakeholders—including private industry, academia, civil society, and other experts—on the following topics, among others, to help inform the future of the Innovation Fund:

(a) Ongoing barriers to Open RAN adoption, including for example, technology gaps and market challenges, among others, and opportunities to address such barriers;

(b) Anticipated use cases for open and interoperable standards-based networks in public and private 5G networks; and

(c) Desired outcomes from industry, including relevant trials, deployment models, or proofs of concept.

Time and Date: NTIA will convene the public listening session on September 26, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. eastern daylight time. The exact time of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA’s website, www.ntia.gov/program/innovation-fund for the most current information.