

organize a virtual program, the Department will adjust fees accordingly, prepare an agenda for virtual activities, and notify the previously selected applicants with the option to opt-in to the new virtual program.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Department of Commerce trade mission calendar (<https://www.trade.gov/trade-missions>) and other internet websites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than December 4, 2024. The Department of Commerce will review applications and inform applicants of selection decisions on a rolling basis until the maximum number of participants has been selected. Applications received after December 4, 2024, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Quartz Surface Products From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this sunset review, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain quartz surface products (quartz surface products) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. The magnitude of the dumping margin likely to prevail is indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable October 4, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan Araya, 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) 482-3401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 11, 2019, Commerce published the AD order on quartz surface products from China.¹ On June 3, 2024, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first five-year sunset review of the *Order* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On June 18, 2024, Commerce received notices of intent to participate from Cambria Company LLC, Dal-Tile LLC, and Guidoni USA (collectively, the domestic interested parties) within the 15-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).³ The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(c) of the Act as domestic producers engaged in the production of quartz surface products in the United States.

On July 3, 2024, the domestic interested parties submitted a timely substantive response within the 30-day

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

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 89 FR 47525 (June 3, 2024).

³ See Letter, "Notice of Intent to Participate," dated June 18, 2024.

deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁴ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any other interested party in these proceedings, and no party requested a hearing. On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁵ The deadline for the final results is now October 8, 2024.

On July 23, 2024, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.⁶ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the *Order* are quartz surface products. For a complete description of the scope of these *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁷

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁸ A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice. The Issues and 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>. A complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at [https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNotices/ListLayout.aspx](https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNotices>ListLayout.aspx).

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* on quartz surface products from China

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Domestic Interested Parties' Substantive Response," dated July 3, 2024.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

⁶ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Advance Notification of Sunset Review*, 89 FR 35074 (May 1, 2024).

⁷ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China (China)," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁸ *Id.*

would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the margin of dumping likely to prevail if the *Order* is revoked for quartz surface products from China are weighted-average margins up to 326.15 percent.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only 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). Timely written notification of the 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 that is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the final results of this expedited sunset review in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: September 27, 2024.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the 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. History of the *Order*
- V. Legal Framework
- VI. Discussion of the Issues
 1. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Dumping
 2. Magnitude of the Margins of Dumping Likely to Prevail
- VII. Final Results of Sunset Review
- VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Safety Considerations for Chemical and/or Biological AI Models

AGENCY: U.S. Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute (AISI), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Request for Information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute (AISI), housed within the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) at the Department of Commerce, is seeking information and insights from stakeholders on current and future practices and methodologies for the responsible development and use of chemical and biological (chem-bio) AI models. Chem-bio AI models are AI models that can aid in the analysis, prediction, or generation of novel chemical or biological sequences, structures, or functions. We encourage respondents to provide concrete examples, best practices, case studies, and actionable recommendations where possible. Responses may inform AISI's overall approach to biosecurity evaluations and mitigations.

DATES: Comments containing information in response to this notice must be received on or December 3, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. Submissions received after that date may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted electronically via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter 240920–0247 in the search field,
2. Click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required field, including the relevant document number and title in the subject field, and
3. Enter or attach your comments.

Additional information on the use of www.regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket is available at: www.regulations.gov/faq. If you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via www.regulations.gov, please contact NIST using the information in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

NIST will not accept comments for this notice by postal mail, fax, or email. To ensure that NIST does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials.

All relevant comments received by the deadline will be posted at: <https://www.regulations.gov> under docket number 240920–0247 and at: <https://www.nist.gov/aisi> without change or redaction, so commenters should not include information they do not wish to

be posted publicly (e.g., personal or confidential business information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this RFI contact aisibio@nist.gov or Stephanie Guerra, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Direct media inquiries to NIST's Office of Public Affairs at (301) 975–2762. Users of telecommunication devices for the deaf or a text telephone may call the Federal Relay Service toll free at 1–800–877–8339.

Accessible Format: NIST will make the RFI available in alternate formats, such as Braille or large print, upon request by persons with disabilities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rapid advancement of the use of AI in the chemical and biological sciences has led to the development of increasingly powerful chemical and biological (chem-bio) AI models. By reducing the time and resources required for experimental testing and validation, chem-bio AI models can accelerate progress in areas such as drug discovery, medical countermeasure development, and precision medicine. However, as with other AI models, there is a need to understand and mitigate potential risks associated with misuse of chem-bio AI models. Examples of chem-bio AI models include but are not limited to foundation models trained using chemical and/or biological data, protein design tools, small biomolecule design tools, viral vector design tools, genome assembly tools, experimental simulation tools, and autonomous experimental platforms. The dual use nature of these tools presents unique challenges—while they can significantly advance beneficial research and development, they could also potentially be misused to cause harm, such as through the design of more virulent or toxic pathogens and toxins or biological agents that can evade existing biosecurity measures. The concept of dual use biological research is defined in the 2024 United States Government Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential (USG DURC/PEPP Policy, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/USG-Policy-for-Oversight-of-DURC-and-PEPP.pdf>).

As chem-bio AI models become more capable and accessible, it is important to proactively address safety and security considerations. The scientific community has taken steps to address these issues, as demonstrated by a recent community statement outlining values and guiding principles for the responsible development of AI