

content of the end product constituting between four and 10 percent of the product's total weight after being dusted, but prior to being frozen; and (5) that is subjected to IQF freezing immediately after application of the dusting layer. Battered shrimp is a shrimp-based product that, when dusted in accordance with the definition of dusting above, is coated with a wet viscous layer containing egg and/or milk, and par-fried.

The products covered by the scope are currently classified under the following HTSUS subheadings: 0306.17.0004, 0306.17.0005, 0306.17.0007, 0306.17.0008, 0306.17.0010, 0306.17.0011, 0306.17.0013, 0306.17.0014, 0306.17.0016, 0306.17.0017, 0306.17.0019, 0306.17.0020, 0306.17.0022, 0306.17.0023, 0306.17.0025, 0306.17.0026, 0306.17.0028, 0306.17.0029, 0306.17.0041, 0306.17.0042, 1605.21.1030, and 1605.29.1010. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes only and are not dispositive, but rather the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Appendix II

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 - Comment 6: Whether the EFPPS Program is Countervailable
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- Comment 8: Whether the Duty Drawback Program (DDB) is Countervailable
- Comment 9: Whether the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) is Countervailable
- Comment 10: Whether Neeli Sea Foods Private Limited (Neeli) Received Any Export Financing (EFPPS, EF2, or EF3) Benefit During the POI

IX. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

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

DATES: Comments must be submitted by December 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Commerce encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing. All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. ITA-2020-0005. The materials in the docket will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and Commerce cautions against including any information in an electronic submission that the submitter does not want publicly disclosed. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF formats only.

All comments should be addressed to Ryan Majerus, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401

Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Brummitt, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-7851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 5, 2024 the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce), pursuant to section 702(h) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) (the Act), published the quarterly update to the annual listing of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty covering the period January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024.¹ In the *First Quarter 2024 Update*, we requested that any party that had information on foreign government subsidy programs that benefited articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty submit such information to Commerce.² We received no comments, information, or requests for consultation from any party.

Pursuant to section 702(h) of the Act, we hereby provide Commerce's update of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available. Commerce will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: October 22, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross ³ subsidy (\$/lb)	Net ⁴ Subsidy (\$/lb)
27 European Union Member States. ⁵	European Union Restitution Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	0.47	0.47

¹ See *Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty*, 89 FR 63405 (August 5, 2024) (*First Quarter 2024 Update*).

² *Id.*

³ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

⁴ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

⁵ The 27 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,

Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY—Continued

Country	Program(s)	Gross ³ subsidy (\$/lb)	Net ⁴ Subsidy (\$/lb)
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Consumer Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	0.00	0.00

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Ecuador: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of frozen warmwater shrimp (shrimp) from Ecuador. The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

DATES: Applicable October 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Anadio or Zachary Shaykin, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3166 or (202) 482-5377, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 1, 2024, Commerce published its *Preliminary Determination* in the *Federal Register* and invited interested parties to comment.¹ In the *Preliminary Determination*, and in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce aligned this final countervailing duty (CVD) determination with the final antidumping duty (AD) determination of frozen warmwater shrimp from

¹ See *Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination with the Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 89 FR 22379 (April 1, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), amended in *Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Amended Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 89 FR 31722 (April 25, 2024) (*Amended Preliminary Determination*).

Ecuador.² On July 12 and September 26, 2024, Commerce issued its post-preliminary determinations.³ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁴ The deadline for the final determination is now October 21, 2024.

For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Determination*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵ The Issues and 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 <http://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>.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is frozen freshwater shrimp from Ecuador. For a complete description of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

² *Id.*, 89 FR at 22380.

³ See Memoranda, “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Post-Preliminary Analysis,” dated July 12, 2024 (First Post-Preliminary Determination); and “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Second Post-Preliminary Determination Calculations for Sociedad Nacional de Galapagos C.A.,” dated September 26, 2024 (Second Post-Preliminary Determination).

⁴ See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

⁵ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, in July 2024, Commerce conducted verification of the subsidy information reported by Industrial Pesquera Santa Priscila S.A. (Santa Priscila), Sociedad Nacional de Galápagos C.A. (SONGA), and the Government of Ecuador (GOE) for use in our final determination. We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting records and original source documents provided by Santa Priscila, SONGA, and the GOE.⁶

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation, and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by interested parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties and addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see Appendix II.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, Commerce determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁷ For a full description of the methodology underlying our final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

In making this final determination, Commerce relied, in part, on facts

⁶ See Memoranda, “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Sociedad Nacional de Galápagos C.A.,” dated August 13, 2024; “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Industrial Pesquera Santa Priscila S.A.,” dated August 22, 2024; and “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of the Government of Ecuador,” dated September 3, 2024.

⁷ 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.