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We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i) of the Act. Dated: January 25, 2012.

Christian Marsh,
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Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from the People’s Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Effective Date: February 7, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 31, 2011, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on small diameter graphite electrodes from the People’s Republic of China (PRC) for the period February 1, 2010, through January 31, 2011. See Initiation of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Requests for Revocation in Part, and Deferral of Administrative Review, 76 FR 17825 (March 31, 2011) (Initiation Notice). We initiated an administrative review of 160 companies.1 On November 1, 2011, we extended the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review by 95 days until February 3, 2012. See Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from the People’s Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 76 FR 67411 (November 1, 2011).

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We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the extended time limit because we require additional time to analyze the comments submitted by SGL Carbon LLC and Superior Graphite, Co., the domestic interested parties in this review, in connection with the forthcoming preliminary results.

1 In the Initiation Notice, we listed names by which certain companies are also known, or were formerly known, as reflected in the February 25, 2011, request for an administrative review submitted by the petitioners, SGL Carbon LLC and Superior Graphite, Co.