

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-570-031]

Certain Iron Mechanical Transfer Drive Components From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: *Effective date:* January 15, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Galantucci at (202) 482-2923, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On November 17, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of certain iron mechanical transfer drive components from the People's Republic of China.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than January 21, 2015.

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, if the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, and that the case is extraordinarily complicated such that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination, section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act allows the Department to postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation. We have concluded that the parties concerned are cooperating and that the case is extraordinarily complicated, such that we will need more time to make the preliminary determination. Specifically, the Department finds that the instant case is extraordinarily complicated by reason of the number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy

¹ See *Certain Iron Mechanical Transfer Drive Components From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 80 FR 73722 (November 25, 2015).

practices, and the need to determine the extent to which particular alleged countervailable subsidies are used by individual manufacturers, producers and exporters.

Additionally, the Department notes that we issued questionnaires to the respondents in this case on December 18, 2015. The due date for these questionnaires is January 25, 2016, which is after the unextended preliminary determination date. For these reasons, the Department will extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination by 65 days (*i.e.*, 130 days after the date of initiation of this investigation). However, because 65 days following the current deadline falls on a Saturday, the new deadline is Monday, March 28, 2016.²

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).³

Dated: January 11, 2016.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-549-821]

Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Thailand: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review in Part; 2014-2015

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding its administrative review in part on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand for the period of review (POR) August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015.

DATES: *Effective date:* January 15, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andre Gziryan, AD/CVD Operations Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2201.

² 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).

³ We acknowledge that the Department inadvertently did not notify the parties to this investigation of this postponement within the timeframe provided in section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On August 3, 2015, we published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand for the POR August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015.¹ On October 6, 2015, in response to timely requests from the petitioners² and in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand with respect to 45 companies.³ On December 18, 2015, the petitioners withdrew their request for an administrative review for 44 out of 45 companies.⁴ No other party requested a review.

Rescission of Administrative Review in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review, "in whole or in part, if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 80 FR 45952 (August 3, 2015).

² Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members, Hilex Poly Co., LLC and Superbag Corporation (collectively, the petitioners).

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 80 FR 60356 (October 6, 2015).

⁴ The 44 companies for which the petitioners have withdrawn their request for a review are as follows: 2 P Work Co., Ltd., 2PK Interplas Co., Ltd., Angkapol Plastech Co., Ltd., Asia Industry Co., Ltd., Asian Packaging Limited Partnership, Bags and Gloves Co., Ltd., Completely Co., Ltd., C.P. Poly Industry Co., Ltd., CT Import-Export Co., Ltd., Dpac Inter. Corporation Co., Ltd., DTOF Co., Ltd., Ecoplas (Thailand) Co., Ltd., Elite Poly and Packaging Co., Ltd., Firstpack Co. Ltd., G.L.K. (Thailand) Co., Ltd., Green Smile Supply Co., Ltd., Hinwiset Packaging Limited Partnership, King Bag Co., Ltd., King Pac Industrial Co., Ltd., KPA Packing & Product Co., Ltd., Napa Plastic Co., Ltd., Naraipak Co., Ltd., NKD Intertrade Limited Partnership, NNN Packaging Limited Partnership, Northeast Pack Company Limited, P.C.S. International Company Limited, Pasiyam Ltd., Partnership, PMC Innopack Co., Ltd., Poly Plast (Thailand) Co., Ltd., Poly World Co., Ltd., PPN Plaspack Limited Partnership, Prepack Thailand Co., Ltd., PSSP Plaspack Co., Ltd., SSGT Products Limited Partnership, Super Grip Co., Ltd., T.P. Plaspack Co., Ltd., T.T.P. Packaging (Thailand) Co., Ltd., Thantawan Industry Public Co., Ltd., Triple B Pack Co., Ltd., Triyamook Vanich Limited Partnership, Two Path Plaspack Co., Ltd., Udomrutpanich Limited Partnership, Win Win and Pro Pack Co. Ltd., and Winbest Industrial (Thailand) Co., Ltd. See letter from the petitioners to the Department, "Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand: Partial Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review" (December 18, 2015). No withdrawal was requested for K. International Packing Co., Ltd.

the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review.” Because the petitioners withdrew their review request in a timely manner, and because no other party requested a review of these companies, we are rescinding the administrative review in part with respect to the aforementioned 44 companies.

Assessment

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. For the aforementioned companies, for which the review is rescinded, antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP within 15 days after publication of this notice.

Notifications to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the Department’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: January 8, 2016.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–580–884]

Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Negative Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the “Department”) preliminarily determines that *de minimis* countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers/exporters of certain hot-rolled steel flat products (“hot-rolled steel”) from the Republic of Korea (“Korea”). The period of investigation is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: *Effective date:* January 15, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Marksberry or Bob Palmer, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–7906 or (202) 482–9068, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix II.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty (“CVD”) investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”). For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.¹ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I to this notice. The Preliminary

¹ *See* Memorandum to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations; Re: Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Negative Determination: Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea, dated January 8, 2015 (“Preliminary Decision Memorandum”).

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 <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version are identical in content.

The Department notes that, in making this preliminary determination, we relied, in part, on facts otherwise available.² For further information, *see* “Use of Facts Otherwise Available” in the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum,³ in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), we are aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion AD investigation of hot-rolled steel from Korea based on a request made by Petitioners. Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than May 23, 2016, unless postponed.⁴

Preliminary Determination

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we calculated a CVD rate for each individually investigated producer/exporter of the subject merchandise. We preliminarily determine that *de minimis* countervailable subsidies are being provided with respect to the manufacture, production or exportation of the subject merchandise. Consistent with section 703(b)(4)(A) of the Act, we have disregarded *de minimis* rates. Consistent with section 703(d) of the Act, we have not calculated an all-others rate because we have not reached an affirmative preliminarily

² *See* section 776(a) of the Act.

³ *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

⁴ We note that the current deadline for the final AD determination is May 22, 2016, which is a Sunday. Pursuant to Department practice, the signature date will be the next business day, which is Monday, March 9, 2016. *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).