

being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. 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. The Department will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information

on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

The Department 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 to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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

Dated: November 20, 2017.

**Gary Taverman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

**Appendix**

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

| Country                                      | Program(s)                                   | Gross <sup>1</sup> subsidy (\$/lb) | Net <sup>2</sup> subsidy (\$/lb) |
|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 28 European Union Member States <sup>3</sup> | European Union Restitution Payments          | \$0.00                             | \$0.00                           |
| Canada                                       | Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese | 0.47                               | 0.47                             |
| Norway                                       | Indirect (Milk) Subsidy Consumer Subsidy     | 0.00                               | 0.00                             |
|  | <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>0.00</b>                        | <b>0.00</b>                      |
| Switzerland                                  | Deficiency Payments                          | 0.00                               | 0.00                             |

<sup>1</sup> Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

<sup>2</sup> Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

<sup>3</sup> The 28 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, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-062]

**Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation**

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

**DATES:** Applicable November 27, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sergio Balbontin at (202) 482-6478 or Michael Bowen at (202) 482-0768, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On August 2, 2017, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of cast iron soil pipe fittings (soil pipe fittings) from the People's

Republic of China (PRC).<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than December 20, 2017.

**Postponement of Preliminary Determination**

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) the Department 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. The Department will grant the request unless

it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On November 14, 2017, the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute<sup>2</sup> (the petitioner) submitted a timely request that the Department postpone the preliminary determination in this LTFV investigation.<sup>3</sup> The petitioner stated that it requests postponement because it believes that “the Department needs more time to analyze the information submitted to date.”<sup>4</sup>

For the reason stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated). As a result, the Department will issue its preliminary determination no later than February 8, 2018. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

<sup>2</sup> The members of the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute are AB&I Foundry, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry, and Tyler Pipe.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from the petitioner, “Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Request to Extend the Preliminary Determination,” dated November 14, 2017.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>1</sup> See *Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation*, 82 FR 37053 (August 8, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-972; A-583-848]

#### Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents From the People's Republic of China and Taiwan: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders

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

**DATES:** Applicable November 27, 2017.

**SUMMARY:** As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain stilbenic optical brightening agents (stilbenic OBAs) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Taiwan would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing a notice of continuation of the antidumping duty orders.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eli Lovely, 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) 482-1593.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 3, 2017, the Department published the notice of initiation of the first sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on stilbenic OBAs from the PRC and Taiwan pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>1</sup>

As a result of its review, the Department determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain stilbenic OBAs from the PRC and Taiwan would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping

likely to prevail should the orders be revoked.<sup>2</sup>

On October 27, 2017, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c)(1) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on certain stilbenic OBAs from the PRC and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>3</sup>

#### Scope of the Orders

The stilbenic OBAs covered by the orders are all forms (whether free acid or salt) of compounds known as triazinylaminostilbenes (*i.e.*, all derivatives of 4,4'-bis [1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]<sup>4</sup> amino-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid), except for compounds listed in the following paragraph. The stilbenic OBAs covered by the orders include final stilbenic OBA products, as well as intermediate products that are themselves triazinylaminostilbenes produced during the synthesis of stilbenic OBA products.

Excluded from the orders are all forms of 4,4'-bis[4-anilino-6-morpholino-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]<sup>5</sup> amino-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid, C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (Fluorescent Brightener 71). The orders cover the above-described compounds in any state (including but not limited to powder, slurry, or solution), of any concentrations of active stilbenic OBA ingredient, as well as any compositions regardless of additives (*i.e.*, mixtures or blends, whether of stilbenic OBAs with each other, or of stilbenic OBAs with additives that are not stilbenic OBAs), and in any type of packaging.

These stilbenic OBAs are classifiable under subheading 3204.20.8000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), but they may also enter under subheadings 2933.69.6050, 2921.59.4000 and 2921.59.8090. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

#### Continuation of the Orders

As a result of these determinations by the Department and the ITC that

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from the People's Republic of China and Taiwan: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 82 FR 36732 (August 7, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See *USITC Publication 4737* (October 2017), entitled *Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from China and Taiwan: Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1186-1187* (Review).

<sup>4</sup> The brackets in this sentence are part of the chemical formula.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

revocation of the antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping orders on certain stilbenic OBAs from the PRC and Taiwan. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect antidumping duty 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 these orders will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of the orders not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

This five-year (sunset) review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Bravo Wharf Recapitalization Project, Year 2

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic (the Navy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Bravo Wharf Recapitalization, Year 2 in Naval Station Mayport (NSM), Jacksonville, Florida. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 82 FR 16159 (April 3, 2017).