

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) seeks public comment on any subsidies, including stumpage subsidies, provided by certain countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States during the period July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** See the Submission of Comments section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Terpstra or Brendan Quinn, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3965 or (202) 482-5848, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On June 18, 2008, section 805 of Title VIII of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008) was enacted into law. Under this provision, the Secretary of Commerce is mandated to submit to the appropriate Congressional committees a report every 180 days on any subsidy provided by countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States, including stumpage subsidies.

Commerce submitted its last subsidy report on December 16, 2017. As part of its newest report, Commerce intends to include a list of subsidy programs identified with sufficient clarity by the public in response to this notice.

**Request for Comments**

Given the large number of countries that export softwood lumber and softwood lumber products to the United States, we are soliciting public comment only on subsidies provided by countries the exports of which accounted for at least one percent of total U.S. imports of softwood lumber by quantity, as classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule code 4407.1001 (which accounts for the vast majority of imports), during the period July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Official U.S. import data published by the United States International Trade Commission Tariff and Trade DataWeb indicate that four countries (Brazil, Canada, Germany and Sweden) exported softwood lumber to the United States during that time period in amounts sufficient to account for at least one percent of U.S. imports of softwood lumber products. We intend to rely on similar previous six-month periods to identify the countries subject to future

reports on softwood lumber subsidies. For example, we will rely on U.S. imports of softwood lumber and softwood lumber products during the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, to select the countries subject to the next report.

Under U.S. trade law, a subsidy exists where an authority: (i) Provides a financial contribution; (ii) provides any form of income or price support within the meaning of Article XVI of the GATT 1994; or (iii) makes a payment to a funding mechanism to provide a financial contribution to a person, or entrusts or directs a private entity to make a financial contribution, if providing the contribution would normally be vested in the government and the practice does not differ in substance from practices normally followed by governments, and a benefit is thereby conferred.<sup>1</sup>

Parties should include in their comments: (1) The country which provided the subsidy; (2) the name of the subsidy program; (3) a brief description (no more than 3-4 sentences) of the subsidy program; and (4) the government body or authority that provided the subsidy.

**Submission of Comments**

As specified above, to be assured of consideration, comments must be received no later than 30 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. ITA-2018-0002, unless the commenter does not have access to the internet. 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.

Commenters who do not have access to the internet may submit the original and one electronic copy of each set of comments by mail or hand delivery/ courier.

All comments should be addressed to 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, Room 18022, Department of Commerce, 1401

Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: May 1, 2018.

**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.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-533-879]

**Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin from India is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable May 7, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas Czajkowski or Mark Kennedy, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1395 or (202) 482-7883, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on October 26, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the

<sup>1</sup> See *Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India and the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49587 (October 26, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated

<sup>1</sup> See section 771(5)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

revised deadline for the preliminary determination of this investigation became March 12, 2018.<sup>3</sup> Subsequently, on February 20, 2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now April 30, 2018.<sup>4</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup> A list of topics addressed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary 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>, and 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/>.

**Scope of the Investigation**

The product covered by this investigation is PTFE resin from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

**Scope Comments**

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,<sup>6</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (scope).<sup>7</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this investigation, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup> See the scope in Appendix I to this notice. The scope case briefs were due on April 9, 2018, 30 days after the publication of *PTFE Resin from India CVD*.<sup>9</sup> There will be no further opportunity for comments on scope-related issues.<sup>10</sup>

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Constructed export prices have been calculated in accordance with section 772(b) of the Act. Normal value (NV) is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying

Commerce's preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**All-Others Rate**

Sections 733(d)(1)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually examined, excluding all rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce has preliminarily determined a calculated rate for Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited, the one mandatory respondent in this investigation, that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available. Consequently, the rate calculated for this respondent is also assigned as the rate for all-other producers and exporters in this investigation.

**Preliminary Determination**

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )	Cash deposit rate (adjusted for export subsidy offset) (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited .....	18.49	<sup>11</sup> 17.16
All-Others .....	18.49	<sup>12</sup> 17.16

**Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject

merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, as discussed

below. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping

January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> See *Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India: Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 83 FR 8423 (February 27, 2018).

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India" dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>6</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>7</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, "Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India and the People's Republic of

China: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations," dated February 28, 2018 (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

<sup>9</sup> The scope case briefs were due 30 days after the publication of *Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 83 FR 9842 (March 8, 2018) (*PTFE Resin from India CVD*), which was Saturday, April 7, 2018. See the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum at 2. Therefore, the actual deadline for the scope case briefs was Monday, April 9, 2018. See 19 CFR 351.303(b)(1) ("For both electronically filed and manually filed documents, if the applicable due date falls on a non-business day, the Secretary will accept documents that are filed on the next business day."). The deadline for scope rebuttal briefs was Monday, April 16, 2018.

<sup>10</sup> See Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum at 3 ("Parties should include all arguments about scope-related issues in the scope case and scope rebuttal briefs. Commerce does not intend to permit arguments about scope-related issues in the investigation-specific case and rebuttal briefs regarding other issues.")

<sup>11</sup> See *Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 83 FR 9842 (March 8, 2018) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at "Programs Preliminarily Determined to Be Countervailable" (specifically, Export Promotion of Capital Goods Scheme (EPCGS); Advance Authorization Program (AAP) aka Advance License Program (ALP); and Status Holders Incentive Scrip (SHIS)).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

margin or the estimated all-others rate, adjusted for export subsidies, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondent listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination, adjusted for export subsidies; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise, adjusted for export subsidies; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin, adjusted for export subsidies.

For cash deposits, Commerce normally adjusts the estimated weighted-average dumping margins by the amount of export subsidies countervailed in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding, when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where Commerce has preliminarily made an affirmative determination that there are countervailable export subsidies, Commerce has offset the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate CVD rate attributable to export subsidies. Any such cash deposit rate may be found in the Preliminary Determination section above.

Should provisional measures in the companion CVD investigation expire prior to the expiration of provisional measures in this LTFV investigation, Commerce will direct CBP to begin collecting estimated antidumping duty cash deposits unadjusted for the countervailable export subsidies at the time that the provisional CVD measures expire.<sup>13</sup>

These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

#### Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

#### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify

information relied upon in making its final determination.

#### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last final verification report is issued in this investigation.<sup>14</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.<sup>15</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

#### Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioners. Pursuant to 19 CFR

351.210(e)(2), Commerce requires that requests by respondents for postponement of a final antidumping determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On March 28, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), GFL requested that Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>16</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because (1) the preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce's final determination will be published no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of the subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: April 30, 2018.

#### 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 I—Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin, including but not limited to granular, dispersion, or coagulated dispersion (also

<sup>13</sup> See *Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 83 FR 9842 (March 8, 2018).

<sup>14</sup> Case briefs, other written comments, and rebuttal briefs should not include scope-related issues. See *Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum* at 2–3. Parties were already permitted the opportunity to file scope case briefs. *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>16</sup> See Letter from GFL, "Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin from India: Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd.'s Request to Postpone Final Determination," dated March 28, 2018.

known as fine powder). PTFE is covered by the scope of this investigation whether filled or unfilled, whether or not modified, and whether or not containing co-polymer additives, pigments, or other materials. Also included is PTFE wet raw polymer. The chemical formula for PTFE is C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>, and the Chemical Abstracts Service Registry number is 9002-84-0.

PTFE further processed into micropowder, having particle size typically ranging from 1 to 25 microns, and a melt-flow rate no less than 0.1 gram/10 minutes, is excluded from the scope of this investigation.

PTFE is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 3904.61.0010 and 3904.61.0090. Subject merchandise may also be classified under HTSUS subheading 3904.69.5000. Although the HTSUS subheadings and CAS Number are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

## Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Meeting of the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board or TTAB) will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018. The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry. The purpose of the

meeting is for Board members to discuss recommendations related to the importance of international travel and tourism to the United States. The final agenda will be posted on the Department of Commerce website for the Board at <http://trade.gov/ttab> at least one week in advance of the meeting.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 24, 2018, 3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT. The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Washington, DC. The exact location will be provided by email to registrants.

Requests to register (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted to: National Travel and Tourism Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 10003, Washington, DC 20230 or by email to [TTAB@trade.gov](mailto:TTAB@trade.gov). Members of the public are encouraged to submit registration requests and written comments via email to ensure timely receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Beall, the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, National Travel and Tourism Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 10003, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-0140; email: [TTAB@trade.gov](mailto:TTAB@trade.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry.

**Public Participation:** The meeting will be open to the public and will be accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requesting to join the meeting is asked to register in advance by the deadline identified under the **DATES** caption. Requests for auxiliary aids must be submitted by the registration deadline. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. There will be fifteen (15) minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name and address of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be

reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the International Trade Administration may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 17, 2018, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to the members of the Board.

In addition, any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Brian Beall at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 17, 2018, to ensure transmission to the Board prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be considered during the meeting. Copies of Board meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

#### Brian Beall,

*Designated Federal Officer, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-552-812]

#### Steel Wire Garment Hangers From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on steel wire garment hangers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) for the period of review (POR) February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018.

**DATES:** Applicable May 7, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trenton Duncan or Kabir Archuletta, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3539 or (202) 482-2593, respectively.

#### Background

On February 1, 2018, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a