

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 could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 3, 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-570-893]

**Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From People's Republic of China: 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 certain frozen warmwater shrimp (shrimp) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR) February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018.

**DATES:** Applicable July 9, 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 1, 2018, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the AD order on shrimp from China for the period February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018.<sup>1</sup> On February 22, 2018, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b), the Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee (the petitioner) timely requested a review of the AD order with respect to 55 companies.<sup>2</sup> On February 27, 2018, the American Shrimp Processors Association (Domestic Processors) requested a review of the AD order with respect to 93 companies.<sup>3</sup> On April 16, 2018, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the AD order on shrimp from China with respect to these companies.<sup>4</sup> On June 4, 2018, the petitioner timely withdrew its request for an administrative review of 55 companies listed in the *Initiation Notice*.<sup>5</sup> On June 5, 2018, Domestic Processors partially withdrew their request for an administrative review with respect to Fuqing Dongwei Aquatic Products Ind.<sup>6</sup> On June 15, 2018, Domestic Processors timely withdrew their request for an administrative review with respect to all of the remaining companies listed in the *Initiation Notice*.<sup>7</sup> No other party requested a review.

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 83 FR 4639 (February 1, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> See Petitioner's request for administrative review, "Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People's Republic of China: Request for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated February 22, 2018 (Petitioner's Review Request).

<sup>3</sup> See Domestic Processors' request for administrative review, "Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People's Republic of China: Request for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated February 27, 2018 (Domestic Processors' Review Request).

<sup>4</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR 16298 (April 16, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>5</sup> See Petitioner's withdrawal of administrative review request, "Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People's Republic of China: Domestic Producers' Withdrawal of Review Requests," dated June 4, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> See Domestic Processors' partial withdrawal of administrative review request, "Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order Covering Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People's Republic of China (POR 13: 02/01/17-01/31/18): American Shrimp Processors Association's Partial Withdrawal of Review Request—Fuqing Dongwei Aquatic Products Ind.," dated June 5, 2018.

<sup>7</sup> See Domestic Processors' withdrawal of administrative review request, "Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order Covering

**Rescission of Review**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party that requested the review withdraws its request within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The petitioner and Domestic Processors withdrew their requests for review within the 90-day deadline. Because Commerce received no other requests for review of the above-referenced companies, and no other requests were made for a review of the AD order on shrimp from China with respect to other companies, we are rescinding the administrative review covering the period February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018, in full, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

**Assessment**

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of shrimp from China during the POR at rates equal to the cash deposit rate for 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). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Notification to Importers**

This notice serves as the only 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 could result in the presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

**Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order**

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business

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proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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: June 29, 2018.

**Scot Fullerton,**

Director, Office VI, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-549-836]

**Rubber Bands From Thailand: Preliminary Negative Countervailing Duty 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 (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers and exporters of rubber bands from Thailand for the period of investigation of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable July 9, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Halle or Shanah Lee, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202-482-0176 or 202-482-6386, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). On February 20, 2018, we initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of rubber bands from Thailand.<sup>1</sup> On April 12, 2018, in

accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, we postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation to July 2, 2018.<sup>2</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an Appendix 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 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 and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Scope of the Investigation**

The products subject to this investigation are rubber bands from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily 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.<sup>4</sup>

**Alignment**

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4)(i), we are aligning the

*Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 83 FR 8429 (February 27, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Rubber Bands from Thailand and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 83 FR 15789 (April 12, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Negative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination of Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Thailand," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty (AD) investigation of rubber bands based on a request made by the petitioner.<sup>5</sup> 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 November 13, 2018, unless postponed.<sup>6</sup>

**Preliminary Determination**

For this preliminary determination, Commerce calculated *de minimis* estimated countervailable subsidies for all individually examined producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. Consistent with section 703(b)(4)(A) of the Act, Commerce has disregarded the *de minimis* rates. Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Liang Hah Heng International Rubber Co., Ltd.	0.23 ( <i>de minimis</i> ).
U. Yong Industry Co., Ltd.	0.37 ( <i>de minimis</i> ).

Consistent with section 703(d) of the Act, Commerce has not calculated an estimated weighted-average subsidy rate for all other producers/exporters because it has not made an affirmative preliminary determination.

**Suspension of Liquidation**

Because Commerce preliminarily determines that no countervailable subsidies are being provided to the production or exportation of subject merchandise, Commerce will not direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of any such entries.

<sup>5</sup> The petitioner in this investigation is Alliance Rubber Co. See Letter from the petitioner, "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Rubber Bands from Thailand and China—Petitioner's Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determinations," dated March 27, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> The AD preliminary determination was postponed to no later than August 29, 2018, see *Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China and Thailand: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 83 FR 29748 (June 26, 2018). Therefore, the AD final determination is currently due for signature no later than Monday, November 12, 2018, which is a federal holiday. Commerce's practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day (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)). As such, the AD final determination signature date rolls to Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

<sup>1</sup> See *Rubber Bands from Thailand, the People's Republic of China, and Sri Lanka: Initiation of*