

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioners² makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce 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 petitioners 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. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On December 10, 2018, the petitioners submitted timely requests that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determinations.³ The petitioners stated that they request postponement of the preliminary determinations because Commerce requires additional time to select mandatory respondents and collect and analyze the questionnaire responses.⁴ Furthermore, additional time will permit the petitioners to review the data submitted by the mandatory respondents selected, as well as the Governments of China and India, and for Commerce to issue supplemental questionnaires and gather additional or clarifying information, as necessary.⁵

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioners have stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determinations, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is

² The petitioners are Unifi Manufacturing, Inc. and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America.

³ See the petitioners' letter, "Countervailing Duty Investigation of Polyester Textured Yarn from China—Petitioners' Request to Postpone Preliminary Determination," dated December 10, 2018 (China Postponement Letter); and the petitioners' letter, "Countervailing Duty Investigation of Polyester Textured Yarn from India—Petitioners' Request to Postpone Preliminary Determination," dated December 10, 2018 (India Postponement Letter).

⁴ See China Postponement Letter at 2; India Postponement Letter at 2.

⁵ *Id.*

postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations to no later than 130 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated, *i.e.*, to March 18, 2019.⁶ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations.

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

Dated: December 21, 2018.

P. Lee Smith,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904; Binational Panel Reviews: Notice of Completion of Panel Review

AGENCY: United States Section, NAFTA Secretariat, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Completion of Panel Review in the matter of Uncoated Groundwood Paper From Canada: Injury Determination (Secretariat File Number: USA-CDA-2018-1904-07).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat received Requests for Panel Review filed on behalf of Resolute FP Canada Inc. and Resolute FP US Inc. (collectively, "Resolute") on October 26, 2018, and on behalf of the Government of Quebec on October 29, 2018, pursuant to NAFTA Article 1904. Panel Review was requested of the U.S. International Trade Commission's final injury determination involving imports of Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada. Pursuant to Rule 39(1) of the *NAFTA Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews (Rules)*, an interested person shall file a Complaint within 30 days after the filing of a first Request for Panel Review. Given that no Complaint has

⁶ Postponing the preliminary determinations to 130 days after the date of initiation of these investigations would place the deadline on Sunday, March 17, 2019. 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).

been filed in a timely manner, the panel review has been terminated pursuant to Rule 71(3), and notice is hereby given that panel review of the NAFTA Groundwood Paper Injury dispute has been completed effective November 27, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul E. Morris, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Room 2061, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of Article 1904 of NAFTA provides a dispute settlement mechanism involving trade remedy determinations issued by the government of the United States, the government of Canada, and the government of Mexico. There are established *Rules*, which were adopted by the three governments and require Notices of Completion of Panel Review to be published in accordance with Rule 78. For the complete *Rules*, please see <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Home/Texts-of-the-Agreement/Rules-of-Procedure/Article-1904>.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

Paul E. Morris,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-082]

Steel Wheels From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Final Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair-Value

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is postponing the deadline for issuing the final determination in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of certain steel wheels from the People's Republic of China (China) until February 11, 2019.

DATES: Applicable February 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lingjun Wang, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published an *Initiation Notice* on April 24, 2018 and a

Preliminary Determination on October 30, 2018.¹ The period of this investigation is July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Postponement of Final Determination

Section 735(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1) provide that Commerce will issue the final determination within 75 days after the date of its preliminary determination. Section 735(a)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2) provide 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 the exporters or producers 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. Further, 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2) requires that such postponement requests by exporters be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act.

On August 15, 2018 and October 23, 2018, Xiamen Sunrise Wheel Group Co., Ltd. (Sunrise), a mandatory respondent that accounts for a “significant portion” of subject merchandise in the LTFV investigation, requested that Commerce postpone the final determination by 60 days and to extend the application of the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months.² On October 29, 2018, Accuride Corporation and Maxion Wheels Akron LLC (collectively, the petitioners) urged Commerce to limit Sunrise’s requested extension to no more than 45 days.³

In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination was affirmative; (2) the request was made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise from the country at issue; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial

¹ See *Certain Steel Wheels from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 83 FR 17798 (April 24, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*) and *Certain Steel Wheels from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair-Value*, 83 FR 54568 (October 30, 2018) (*Preliminary Determination*).

² See Sunrise’s August 15 and October 23, 2018 letters re: Request to Extend Final Determination.

³ See the petitioners’ October 29, 2018 letter re: Extension of Final Determination.

exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination of the investigation until no later than 102 days after the date of the publication of the relevant preliminary determination, and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months.⁴ Accordingly, Commerce will issue its final determination in the LTFV investigation no later than February 11, 2019.⁵

This notice is issued and published pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(g).

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–076]

Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon From the People’s Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that producers and exporters of certain plastic decorative ribbon from the People’s Republic of China (China) received countervailable subsidies for the period

⁴ The respondents selected for individual examination by Commerce have withdrawn from participation in this investigation, reducing the need for a full extension. See e.g., *Postponement of Final Determination of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel from Brazil*, 64 FR 9474 (February 26, 1999). The provisional measures of CVD investigation started on August 31, 2018.

⁵ The date of the preliminary determination is October 23, 2018 and the date of the publication of the preliminary determination is October 30, 2018. The final determination of the accompanying countervailing duty (CVD) investigation has been previously aligned with this investigation. Thus, the deadline for issuing the final determination of the CVD investigation is also February 11, 2019. See *Certain Steel Wheels from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 83 FR 44573 (August 31, 2018). Postponing the final determinations to 102 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination would place the deadline on Saturday, February 9, 2019. 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).

of investigation (POI) January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

DATES: Applicable February 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charlotte Baskin-Gerwitz or Mark Hoadley, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–4880 or (202) 482–3148, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* of this investigation in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2018.¹ Subsequently, Commerce postponed the deadline for the final determination to December 21, 2018.² A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics included in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice.

The Issues and 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 Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version are identical in content.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

¹ See *Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Determination of Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 83 FR 29096 (June 22, 2018) (*Preliminary Determination*).

² See *Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon from the People’s Republic of China: Postponement of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 83 FR 40226 (August 14, 2018).

³ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Plastic Ribbon from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).