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(o)(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 733(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(i), 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 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).


P. Lee Smith,
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 countervailing subsidies for the period 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.


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


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.

4 The respondents selected for individual examination by Commerce have withdrawn from participation in this investigation, reducing the need for a full examination. 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).
Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain plastic decorative ribbon from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We invited parties to comment on Commerce’s Scope Comments Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Commerce has reviewed the briefs submitted by interested parties, considered the arguments therein, and has made changes to the scope of the investigation, including additional exclusions and clarifying language. For a summary of the scope comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this final determination, along with the accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Verification

In June 2018, Commerce conducted verifications of the questionnaire responses submitted by mandatory respondents Seng San Enterprises Co., Ltd. and its affiliated producer Xin Seng San Handicraft (ShenZhen) Co., Ltd. (collectively, Seng San), and Joynice Gifts and Crafts Co., Ltd. (Joynice) in accordance with section 762(i) of the Act. We issued verification reports for Seng San and Joynice on July 18, 2018. We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting and financial records, and original source documents provided by Seng San and Joynice.

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by interested parties are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues that parties raised, and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice at Appendix II.

Use of Adverse Facts Available (AFA)

Commerce relied on “facts otherwise available,” including AFA, for several findings in the Preliminary Determination. For the final determination, we are basing the countervailing duty (CVD) rates for Santa’s Collection Shaoxing Co., Ltd. (Santa’s Collection), Seng San, and Joynice on facts otherwise available, pursuant to sections 776(a)(2)(A)–(C) and 776(b) of the Act. For a full discussion of AFA, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received from parties and the minor corrections presented, we made certain changes to the respondents’ subsidy rate calculations set forth in the Preliminary Determination. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

In accordance with section 705(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Act, Commerce calculated a countervailable subsidy rate for the individually investigated exporters/producers of the subject merchandise. Consistent with sections 705(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, Commerce also calculated an estimated “all-others” rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated. Section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act provides that the “all-others” rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted-average of the countervailable subsidy rates established for individually investigated exporters and producers, excluding any rates that are zero or de minimis or any rates determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. In this investigation, Commerce calculated individual estimated countervailable subsidy rates for Seng San and Joynice that are not zero, de minimis, or based entirely on facts otherwise available. Because we do not have publicly ranged data from all company respondents with which to compare the all-others rate using a weighted-average of the individual estimated subsidy rates, we calculated the all-others rate using a simple average of the individual estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents.

Disclosure

We intend to disclose to parties in this proceeding the calculations performed for this final determination within five days of the date of public announcement of our final determination, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our Preliminary Determination, and pursuant to sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (2) of the Act, we instructed U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all entries of merchandise under consideration from the PRC that were entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after June 22, 2018, the date of publication of the Preliminary Determination in the Federal Register. In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we issued instructions to CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation for CVD purposes for such entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after October 20, 2018, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries from June 22, 2018, as the case may be, through October 19, 2018.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (the ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a CVD order and will reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act and will require a cash deposit of estimated CVD rates for all entries of subject merchandise in the amounts indicated above. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all estimated duties deposited or securities posted as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of

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the final affirmative determination of countervailable subsidies. Because the final determination in this proceeding is affirmative, in accordance with section 705(b) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of certain plastic ribbon from China no later than 45 days after our final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue a CVD order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the “Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation” section.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice will serve as a reminder to the parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of propriety information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(c).


P. Lee Smith,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain plastic decorative ribbon, having a width (measured at the narrowest span of the ribbon) of less than or equal to four (4) inches, but disregarding any features that measure 4 inches or less in width, such as tapering or cutting at the ends or in a bow knot, provided that aggregate length of such features comprises no more than 20% of the length of the ribbon. Subject merchandise includes but is not limited to ribbon wound onto itself; a spool, a core or a tube (with or without flanges); attached to a card or strip; wound into a kag- or egg-shaped configuration; made into bows, bow-like items, or other shapes or configurations; and whether or not packaged or labeled for retail sale. The subject merchandise is typically made of substrates of polypropylene, but may be made in whole or in part of any type of plastic, including without limitation, plastic derived from petroleum products and plastic derived from cellulose products. Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the word “ribbon” used in the singular includes the plural and the plural “ribbons” includes the singular.

The subject merchandise includes ribbons comprised of one or more layers of substrates made, in whole or in part, of plastics adhered to each other, regardless of the method used to adhere the layers together, including without limitation, ribbons comprised of layers of substrates adhered to each other through a lamination process. Subject merchandise also includes ribbons comprised of (a) one or more layers of substrates made, in whole or in part, of non-plastic materials, including, without limitation, substrates made, in whole or in part, of fabric.

The ribbons subject to this investigation may be of any color or combination of colors (including without limitation, ribbons are transparent, translucent or opaque) and may or may not bear words or images, including without limitation, those of a holiday motif. The subject merchandise includes ribbons with embellishments and/or treatments, including, without limitation, ribbons that are stamped, coated, laminated, flocked, crimped, die-cut, embossed (or that otherwise have impressed designs, images, words or patterns), and ribbons with holographic, metallic, glitter or iridescent finishes.

Subject merchandise includes “pull-bows” an assemblage of ribbons connected to one another, folded flat, and equipped with a means to form such ribbons into the shape of a bow by pulling on a length of material affixed to such assemblage, and “pre-notched” bows, an assemblage of notched ribbon loops arranged inside one inside the other with the notches in alignment and affixed to each other where notched, and which the end user forms into a bow by separating and spreading the loops circularly around the notches, which form the center of the bow. Subject merchandise includes ribbons that are packaged with non-subject merchandise, including ensembles that include ribbons and other products, such as gift wrap, gift bags, gift tags and/or other gift packaging products. The ribbons are covered by the scope of this investigation; the “other products” (i.e., the other, non-subject merchandise included in the ensemble) are not covered by the scope of this investigation.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are: (1) Ribbons formed exclusively by weaving plastic threads together; (2) ribbons that have metal wire in, on, or along the entirety of each of the longitudinal edges of the ribbon; (3) ribbons with an adhesive coating covering the entire span between the longitudinal edges of the ribbon for the entire length of the ribbon; (4) ribbon formed into a bow without a tab or other means for attaching the bow to an object using adhesives, where the bow has: (a) An outer layer that is either flocked, made of fabric, or covered by any other decorative coating such as glitter (whether of plastic or non-plastic materials), and (b) a flexible metal wire at the base which permits attachment to an object by twist-tying; (5) elastic ribbons, meaning ribbons that elongate when stretched and return to their original dimension when the stretching load is removed; (6) ribbons affixed as a decorative detail to non-subject merchandise, such as a gift bag, gift box, gift tin, greeting card or plush toy, or affixed (including by tying) as a decorative detail to packaging containing non-subject merchandise; (7) ribbons that are (a) affixed to non-subject merchandise as a working component of such non-subject merchandise, such as where the ribbon comprises a book marker, bag cinch, or part of an identity card holder, or (b) affixed (including by tying) to non-subject merchandise made as a working component that holds or packages such non-subject merchandise or attaches packaging or labeling to such non-subject merchandise, such as a “belly band” around a pair of pajamas, a pair of socks or a blanket; (8) imitation raffia made of plastics having a thickness not more than one (1) mil when measured in an unfolded/untwisted state; (9) cords, i.e., multiple strands of materials that have been braided, gimped or twisted together; and (10) ribbons in the form of bows having a diameter of less than seven-eighths (7/8) inch, or have a diameter of more than 16 inches, based on actual measurement. For purposes of this exclusion, the diameter of a bow is equal to the diameter of the smallest circular ring through which the bow will pass without compressing the bow.

The scope of the investigation excludes shredded plastic film or shredded plastic strip, in each case where the shred does not exceed 5 mm in width and does not exceed 18 inches in length.

The scope of the investigation excludes plastic garlands and plastic tinsel garlands, imported in lengths of not less than three (3) feet. The longitudinal base of these garlands may be made of wire or non-wire material, and these garlands may include plastic die-cut pieces. Also excluded are items made of plastic garland and/or plastic tinsel where the items do not have a tab or other means for attaching the item to an object using adhesives. This exclusion does not apply to plastic garland bows, plastic tinsel bows, or other bow-like products made of plastic garland or plastic tinsel.

The scope of the investigation excludes ribbons made exclusively of fabric formed by weaving or knitting threads together, or by matting, condensing or pressing fibers together to create felt fabric, regardless of the fiber composition, including without limitation, fabric ribbons of polyester, nylon, acrylic or terylene threads or fibers. This exclusion does not apply to plastic ribbons that are flocked.

The scope of the investigation excludes ribbons having a width of less than three (3) mm when incorporated by weaving into
mesh material (whether flat or tubular) or fabric ribbon (meaning ribbon formed by weaving all or any of the following: Man-made fibers, natural fibers, metal threads and/or metalized yarns), in each case only where the mesh material or fabric ribbon is imported in the form of a decorative bow or a decorative bow-like item.

Further, excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty investigation are any products covered by the existing antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip (PET Film) from the People's Republic of China (China). See Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from Brazil, the People's Republic of China and the United Arab Emirates: Antidumping Duty Orders and Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value for the United Arab Emirates, 73 FR 66595 (November 10, 2008).

Merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 3920.20.0015 and 3926.40.0010. Merchandise covered by this investigation also may enter under subheadings 3920.10.0000; 3920.20.0055; 3920.30.0000; 3920.43.5000; 3920.49.0000; 3920.62.0035; 3920.62.0990; 3920.69.0000; 3921.90.1300; 3921.90.1500; 3921.90.1910; 3921.90.1950; 3921.90.4010; 3921.90.4900; 3926.90.9996; 5409.10.0000; 9505.90.4900; 4601.99.9000; 4602.99.0000; 5609.00.3000; 5609.00.4000; and 6307.90.9889. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

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


SUMMARY: The U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat has received motions requesting termination and/or withdrawal of the NAFTA Groundwood Paper AD investigation.

For further information contact: Paul E. Morris, United States Section, 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 Notice 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.

Paul E. Morris,
U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG717
Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Approved Monitoring Service Providers

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

ACTION: Notice of approved monitoring service providers.

SUMMARY: NMFS has approved four companies to provide Northeast multispecies sector at-sea monitoring services in fishing years 2019 and 2020. Regulations implementing the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan require at-sea monitoring companies to apply to, and be approved by, NMFS in order to be eligible to provide at-sea monitoring services to sectors. This action will allow sectors to contract at-sea monitoring services with any of the