DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Canada, Mexico, and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable July 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Goldberger at (202) 482–4136 (Canada); Andrew Medley at (202) 482–4987 (the People’s Republic of China (China)); and Krisha Hill at (202) 482–4037 (Mexico), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 25, 2019, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of certain fabricated structural steel from Canada, China, and Mexico.1 Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than July 15, 2019.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner 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. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request to postpone 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for postponement. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On June 19, 2019, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in these LTFV investigations. The petitioner stated that the purpose of its request is to provide Commerce with adequate time to solicit information from the respondents and to allow Commerce and the petitioner sufficient time to analyze the respondents’ questionnaire responses.4 For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the preliminary determinations in these LTFV investigations by 50 days (i.e., 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated). Accordingly, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations in these investigations no later than September 3, 2019. Pursuant to section 735(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, unless postponed. 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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Polyester Textured Yarn From India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and 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 polyester textured yarn (yarn) 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 October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable July 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Johnson or Michael Bowen, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4929 or (202) 482–0768, 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 November 19, 2018. Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018 through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019. The revised tolled deadline for this preliminary determination was May 6, 2019. In response to the petitioners' request, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now June 25, 2019.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Determination Memorandum for this investigation is available at https://regulations.gov.


2 See Memorandum to the Record from 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, “Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.


4 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Polyester Textured Yarn from India” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).


2 The petitioner in these LTFV investigations is the American Institute of Steel Construction Full Member Subgroup.


4 Id.