

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Acetone From Belgium, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of South Africa: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.**DATES:** Applicable July 15, 2019.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alex Cipolla at (202) 482-4956 (Belgium); Sean Carey at (202) 482-3964 (Republic of Korea (Korea)); Charlotte Baskin-Gerwitz at (202) 482-4880 (Republic of South Africa (South Africa)), AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On March 11, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of acetone from Belgium, Korea, and South Africa.¹ Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than July 29, 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 a 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 petitioner² 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 petitioner 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 July 1, 2019, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in these LTFV investigations.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement because the initial questionnaire responses “are substantially deficient, and it may not be possible for Commerce to obtain corrected responses within the current schedule.”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 deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations in these investigations no later than September 17, 2019. In accordance with 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 at a later date.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 9, 2019.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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BILLING CODE 3510-DS-P**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews****AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) has received requests to

³ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Acetone from Belgium/ Petitioner’s Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination,” dated July 1, 2019; Petitioner’s Letter, “Acetone from Korea/ Petitioner’s Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination,” dated July 1, 2019; and Petitioner’s Letter, “Acetone from South Africa/ Petitioner’s Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination,” dated July 1, 2019.

⁴ *Id.*

conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with May anniversary dates. In accordance with Commerce’s regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

DATES: Applicable July 15, 2019.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda E. Brown, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4735.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Commerce has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with May anniversary dates.

All deadlines for the submission of various types of information, certifications, or comments or actions by Commerce discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting time.

Notice of No Sales

If a producer or exporter named in this notice of initiation had no exports, sales, or entries during the period of review (POR), it must notify Commerce within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. All submissions must be filed electronically at <http://access.trade.gov> in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303.¹ Such submissions are subject to verification in accordance with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(1)(i), a copy must be served on every party on Commerce’s service list.

Respondent Selection

In the event Commerce limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews initiated pursuant to requests made for the orders identified below, Commerce intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the POR. We intend to place the CBP data on the record within five days of publication of the initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 30 days of publication of the initiation **Federal**

¹ See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).

¹ See *Acetone from Belgium, the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the Republic of South Africa, and Spain: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 84 FR 9755 (March 18, 2019) (*Initiation Notice*).

² The petitioner is the Coalition for Acetone Fair Trade.