This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: July 11, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross [3] subsidy ($/lb)	Net [4] subsidy ($/lb)
28 European Union Member States [5]	European Union Restitution Payments	$0.00	$0.00
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	0.46	0.46
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Consumer Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	0.00	0.00

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC–DBIA or Council) will hold the third meeting of its 2019–2021 term to deliberate and adopt recommendations on measures the U.S. Government should consider in implementing and operationalizing the President's Prosper Africa initiative.

DATES: July 28, 2020, 12–1:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa meeting will be held via teleconference. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. The final agenda for the meeting will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the Council's website at *http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Giancarlo Cavallo or Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 22004, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202–766–8044; 202–250–9798, email: *dbia@trade.gov; Giancarlo.Cavallo@trade.gov; Ashley.Bubna@trade.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Council was established on November 4, 2014, to advise the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, on strengthening commercial engagement between the United States and Africa. The Council's charter was renewed for a third, two-year term in September 2019. The Council was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Requests to Attend: Anyone wishing to attend this meeting via teleconference must register by 5:00 p.m. July 21, 2020. In order to register, please submit your full name, email address, and phone number to *dbia@trade.gov.* Registrants will receive email confirmation with dial-in instructions for the teleconference. Members of the public are allowed to participate in listen only mode.

Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the Council through Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers for the President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, via email: *dbia@trade.gov.*

Statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. July 21, 2020. Statements will be provided to the members in advance of the meeting for consideration and may be posted on the Council website (*http://trade.gov/pac-dbia*). Any business proprietary information should be clearly designated as such. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure.

Meeting minutes: Copies of the Council's meeting minutes will be available within ninety (90) days of the meeting on the Council's website at *http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.*

Frederique Stewart,

Director, Office of Africa.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–955]

Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain magnesia carbon bricks (magnesia carbon bricks) from the People's Republic of China (China) for the period of review January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 (POR).

DATES: Applicable July 17, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene H. Calvert, 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) 482–3586.

[3] Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

[4] Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

[5] The 28 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Note that the United Kingdom was only a member of the European Union until January 31, 2020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 3, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on magnesia carbon bricks from China for the POR.[1] On September 30, 2019, the Magnesia Carbon Bricks Fair Trade Committee (MC Bricks Committee) timely submitted a request to review multiple companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b).[2] No other party submitted a request for an administrative review of the CVD order on magnesia carbon bricks from China for the POR.

On October 4, 2019, Fedmet filed an objection to the MC Bricks Committee's request for Commerce to conduct this administrative review with respect to Fedmet, arguing that Fedmet is not, nor has it ever been, a producer or exporter of magnesia carbon bricks from China.[3] As such, according to Fedmet, the MC Bricks Committee had no grounds to request a review of Fedmet and, therefore, Commerce should decline to initiate this administrative review with respect to Fedmet.[4] No party commented on Fedmet's Letter of Objection.

On November 12, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this administrative review for all requested companies, including Fedmet.[5] In the *Initiation Notice,* Commerce stated that in the event it limits the number of respondents for individual examination, it intended to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports of magnesia carbon bricks from China during the POR.[6] On November 18, 2019, Commerce notified interested parties that CBP's database, which is comprised of actual U.S. entries of subject merchandise, indicated that there were no POR entries of magnesia carbon bricks from China that are subject to CVD duties with respect to the requested companies, and invited interested parties to comment on the CBP Entry Data.[7] No interested party commented on the CBP Entry Data.

On December 12, 2019, Fedmet timely submitted a certification of no shipments, stating that it made no entries, exports, or sales of subject merchandise imported from China into the United States during the POR, and stated that it is a U.S. importer and distributer of non-subject merchandise from China.[8] Fedmet reiterated its argument that the MC Bricks Committee had no grounds to request this administrative review with respect to Fedmet, and argued that Commerce has no lawful basis to conduct this review regarding Fedmet.[9] Fedmet also requested that Commerce terminate this review with respect to Fedmet or, in the alternative, rescind this review with respect to Fedmet in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).[10] No interested party commented on Fedmet's Certification of No Shipments.

On February 14, 2020, Commerce requested that CBP confirm whether any shipments of magnesia carbon bricks from China entered the United States during the POR regarding any of the requested companies.[11] On March 9, 2020, CBP responded to Commerce's inquiry and confirmed that there were no shipments of magnesia carbon bricks from China during the POR with respect to the requested companies.[12] No interested party commented on CBP's Confirmation of No Shipments.

On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days.[13] As such, the current deadline for the preliminary results in this administrative review is July 21, 2020. On June 25, 2020, Commerce issued a memorandum stating that it intended to rescind this administrative review based on the lack of suspended entries related to the requested companies, and invited comments from interested parties.[14] No interested party commented on Commerce's intent to rescind this administrative review.

Rescission of Review

It is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of a CVD order, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), when there are no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.[15] Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the assessment rate calculated for the review period.[16] Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry for which Commerce can instruct CBP to liquidate at the newly calculated assessment rate.[17] Based on an examination of the record, Commerce finds that there is no evidence of reviewable entries,

[1] *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review,* 84 FR 45949 (September 3, 2019).

[2] *See* MC Bricks Committee's Letter, ''Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China: Request for Administrative Review,'' dated September 30, 2019. The MC Bricks Committee is an ad hoc business association comprised of three U.S. producers of magnesia carbon bricks: Resco Products, Inc.; Magnesita Refractories Company; and HarbisonWalker International, Inc. The companies requested are: Dandong Xinxing Carbon Co., Ltd.; Fedmet Resources Corporation (Fedmet); Fengchi Imp. and Exp. Co., Ltd.; Fengchi Imp. and Exp. Co., Ltd. of Haicheng City; Fengchi Mining Co., Ltd. of Haicheng City; Fengchi Refractories Co., of Haicheng City; Haicheng Donghe Taidi Refractory Co., Ltd.; Henan Xintuo Refractory Co., Ltd.; Liaoning Fucheng Refractories; Liaoning Zhongmei High Temperature Material Co., Ltd.; Liaoning Zhongmei Holding Co., Ltd.; RHI Refractories Liaoning Co., Ltd.; Shenglong Refractories Co., Ltd.; Tangshan Strong Refractories Co., Ltd; The Economic Trading Group of Haicheng Houying Corp., Ltd; Yingkou Heping Samwha Minerals, Co., Ltd; and Yingkou Heping Sanhua Materials Co., Ltd.

[3] *See* Fedmet's Letter, ''Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China, Case No. C–570–955: Response to Petitioner's Request for Administrative Review,'' dated October 4, 2019 (Fedmet's Letter of Objection).

[4] *Id.*

[5] *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews,* 84 FR 61001 (November 12, 2019) (*Initiation Notice*).

[6] *Id.* at the section, ''Respondent Selection.''

[7] *See* Memorandum, ''Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China; 2018: Release of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Data for Respondent Selection,'' dated November 18, 2019 (CBP Entry Data).

[8] *See* Fedmet's Letter, ''Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China, Case No. C–570–955: No Shipments Certification,'' dated December 12, 2019 (Fedmet's Certification of No Shipments).

[9] *Id.*

[10] *Id.*

[11] *See* CBP message No. 0045406, dated February 14, 2020.

[12] *See* Memorandum, ''Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China (China): Results of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) No Shipments Inquiry with Respect to Various Companies During the Period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018 (CBP's Confirmation of No Shipments).

[13] *See* Memorandum, ''Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID–19,'' dated April 24, 2020.

[14] *See* Memorandum, ''Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China: Intent to Rescind the 2018 Administrative Review,'' dated June 25, 2020 (Intent to Rescind Memorandum).

[15] *See, e.g., Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016,* 84 FR 22437 (May 17, 2019) (*Magnesia Carbon Bricks 2016 AR*) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM); *see also Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017,* 84 FR 14650 (April 11, 2019); *see also Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2015,* 82 FR 14349 (March 20, 2017); and *Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review,* 81 FR 50683 (August 2, 2016).

[16] *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2).

[17] *See Magnesia Carbon Bricks 2016 AR* and accompanying IDM at 5–6.

shipments, or U.S. sales of subject merchandise (*i.e.,* magnesia carbon bricks from China) during the POR.[18] Accordingly, in the absence of suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR for this administrative review, Commerce is rescinding this administrative review of the CVD order on magnesia carbon bricks from China, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), in its entirety. Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of this rescission notice in the **Federal Register**.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Commerce is issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: July 9, 2020.

James Maeder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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[18] *See* Intent to Rescind Memorandum.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XA286]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Abalone

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt; application to renew one scientific research permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a request to renew an existing scientific research permit. The proposed work is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management, conservation, and recovery efforts. The application may be viewed online at: *https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm.*

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received at the provided email address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on August 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Because all West Coast NMFS offices are currently closed, all written comments on the application should be submitted by email to *nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov.* Please include the permit number (18761–2R) in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Wang, Long Beach, CA (ph.: 562–980–4199, email: *Susan.Wang@noaa.gov*). Permit application instructions are available from the address above, or online at *https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Endangered black abalone (*Haliotis cracherodii*).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on the application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on the application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Application Received

Permit 18761–2R

The University of California, Santa Cruz, has requested to renew a research permit to monitor the status and trends of endangered black abalone at sites throughout California for an additional five years. Under the previous permit, researchers surveyed black abalone populations at long-term monitoring sites throughout California. The data collected informed the five-year status update for black abalone (NMFS. 2018. Black Abalone (*Haliotis cracherodii*) Five-Year Status Review: Summary and Evaluation). Researchers also tested the feasibility of recruitment modules and were able to successfully deploy and maintain the modules at a few sites.

This renewal request would allow researchers to track population trends at long-term monitoring sites and deploy recruitment modules at a few sites for an additional five years. The renewal request differs from the previous permit in that it does not include pilot translocation studies using the recruitment modules; these studies were proposed but not conducted under the previous permit. In addition, the renewal request includes two new components: (1) Habitat surveys to assess black abalone habitat associations along segments of the coast, and (2) collection of tissue samples for genetic analysis. The activities proposed in the renewal request would benefit black abalone by providing valuable long-term monitoring data on black abalone numbers, sizes, spatial distribution, habitat, recruitment, genetic diversity, and health throughout the coast. These data will inform our assessments of black abalone status and recovery.

Proposed activities include:

(1) Continued annual surveys of black abalone populations at established long-term rocky intertidal monitoring sites;

(2) Abalone habitat surveys to document black abalone densities, habitat quality, and habitat associations along segments of the coast;

(3) One-time or more frequent monitoring as needed for projects (*e.g.,* jetty or breakwater repair) or in response to unexpected circumstances (*e.g.,* oil spills, mudslides); and

(4) Deployment of recruitment modules to monitor juvenile recruitment.

Monitoring would consist primarily of non-lethal, non-capture take to measure and count abalone. Tissue samples would be collected using non-lethal methods for genetic analysis. Abalone would not be removed from the substrate. At a few experimental sites, recruitment modules would be deployed in crevice habitat to monitor juvenile recruitment. Researchers would be permitted to collect dead or obviously dying black abalone for further analysis to determine the cause of death and to detect disease outbreaks. Researchers would also be permitted to collect empty black abalone shells for research, outreach, and educational purposes. The information resulting from the activities outlined above would be used to track black abalone status