

Secretary of Homeland Security, has determined that stevia extracts and derivatives, mined, produced, or manufactured in the People's Republic of China by the Inner Mongolia Hengzheng Group Baoanzhao Agriculture, Industry, and Trade Co., Ltd. (also referred to herein as "Baoanzhao") with the use of convict, forced or indentured labor, are being, or are likely to be, imported into the United States.

**DATES:** This Finding applies to any merchandise described in Section II of this Notice that is imported on or after October 20, 2020. It also applies to merchandise which has already been imported and has not been released from CBP custody before October 20, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward T. Thurmond, Chief, Forced Labor Division, Trade Remedy Law Enforcement Directorate, Office of Trade, (202) 897-9348 or [edward.t.thurmond@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:edward.t.thurmond@cbp.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Pursuant to section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1307), "[a]ll goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced or manufactured wholly or in part in any foreign country by convict labor or/and forced labor or/and indentured labor under penal sanctions shall not be entitled to entry at any of the ports of the United States, and the importation thereof is hereby prohibited." Under this section, "forced labor" includes "all work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily" and includes forced or indentured child labor.

The CBP regulations promulgated under the authority of 19 U.S.C. 1307 are found at sections 12.42 through 12.45 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (19 CFR 12.42–12.45). Among other things, these regulations allow persons outside of CBP to petition the Commissioner of CBP to investigate whether a certain "class of merchandise . . . is being, or is likely to be, imported into the United States [in violation of 19 U.S.C. 1307]." 19 CFR 12.42(a)–(d). CBP also has the authority to self-initiate an investigation. If the Commissioner of CBP finds that the information available "reasonably but not conclusively indicates that merchandise within the purview of section 307 is being, or is likely to be, imported," the Commissioner will order port directors to "withhold release of any such

merchandise pending [further] instructions." 19 CFR 12.42(e). After issuance of a withhold release order, the covered merchandise will be detained by CBP for an admissibility determination and excluded unless the importer demonstrates that the merchandise was not made using forced labor. The importer may also export the merchandise.

These regulations also set forth the procedure for the Commissioner of CBP to issue a Finding when it is determined that the merchandise is subject to the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1307. Pursuant to 19 CFR 12.42(f), if the Commissioner of CBP finds that merchandise within the purview of 19 U.S.C. 1307 is being, or is likely to be, imported into the United States, the Commissioner of CBP will, with the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), publish a Finding to that effect in the Customs Bulletin and in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup> Under the authority of 19 CFR 12.44(b), CBP may seize and forfeit imported merchandise covered by a Finding.

On May 20, 2016, CBP issued a withhold release order on "stevia extracts and derivatives" believed to be processed by forced or convict labor in the People's Republic of China by the Inner Mongolia Hengzheng Group Baoanzhao Agriculture, Industry, and Trade Co., Ltd. Through its investigation, CBP has determined that there is sufficient evidence to support the finding that Baoanzhao is a prison/forced labor facility and that stevia extracts and derivatives mined, produced, or manufactured by Baoanzhao are likely being imported into the United States.

**II. Finding**

*A. General*

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1307 and 19 CFR 12.42(f), it is hereby determined that certain articles described in paragraph II.B., that are mined, produced or manufactured in whole or in part with the use of convict, forced, or indentured labor by the Inner Mongolia Hengzheng Group Baoanzhao Agriculture, Industry, and Trade Co.,

<sup>1</sup> Although the regulation states that the Secretary of the Treasury must approve the issuance of a Finding, the Secretary of the Treasury delegated this authority to the Secretary of Homeland Security in Treasury Order No. 100-16 (68 FR 28322). In Delegation Order 7010.3, Section II.A.3, the Secretary of Homeland Security delegated the authority to issue a Finding to the Commissioner of CBP, with the approval of the Secretary of Homeland Security. The Commissioner of CBP, in turn, delegated the authority to make a Finding regarding prohibited goods under 19 U.S.C. 1307 to the Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade.

Ltd. in the People's Republic of China, are being, or are likely to be, imported into the United States. Based upon this determination, the port director may seize the covered merchandise for violation of 19 U.S.C. 1307 and commence forfeiture proceedings pursuant to 19 CFR part 162, subpart E.

*B. Articles and Entities Covered by This Finding*

This Finding covers stevia leaf (*Stevia rebaudiana*) extracts, or glycosides classified under subheading 2938.90.0000, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), that are mined, produced or manufactured wholly or in part by the Inner Mongolia Hengzheng Group Baoanzhao Agriculture, Industry, and Trade Co., Ltd. in the People's Republic of China. This entity is also known by the following names: The Inner Mongolia Hengzheng Group Baoanzhao Agriculture and Trade Co., Ltd.; the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Prison Administration Bureau Baoanzhao Agriculture and Trade Co., Ltd.; and the Baoanzhao Prison Farm.

The Acting Secretary of Homeland Security has reviewed and approved this Finding.

Dated: October 14, 2020.

**Brenda B. Smith,**

*Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[Docket No. DHS-2020-0037]

**Homeland Security Advisory Council; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Homeland Security Advisory Council (Council) will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2020. The meeting will be partially closed to the public and have both an open session and a closed session.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, November 12, 2020. The meeting will be closed to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT. The meeting will be open to the public from 2:05 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT. Please note the meeting may end early if the Council has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The HSAC meeting will be held via teleconference. Members of the public interested in participating may do so by following the process outlined below (see “Public Participation”). Written public comments prior to the meeting must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, November 9, 2020, and must be identified by Docket No. DHS–2020–0037. Written public comments after the meeting must be identified by Docket No. DHS–2020–0037 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov). Include Docket No. DHS–2020–0037 in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (202) 282–9207. Include Mike Miron and the Docket No. DHS–2020–0037 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Mike Miron, Acting Executive Director of Homeland Security Advisory Council, Office of Partnership and Engagement, Mailstop 0385, Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20528.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and “DHS–2020–0037,” the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read comments received by the Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, search “DHS–2020–0037,” “Open Docket Folder” and provide your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Miron at [HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov) or at (202) 447–3135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), which requires each FACA committee meeting to be open to the public.

The Council provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, actionable advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Council is comprised of leaders of local law enforcement, first responders, Federal, State, and Local governments, the private sector, and academia.

The Council will meet in an open session between 2:05 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT. The Council will review, deliberate, and vote on the final draft reports of the Economic Security,

Biometrics, Information and Communication Technology Risk Reduction subcommittees. The Council will also receive progress reports from the Youth Engagement and Academic Institutions subcommittees.

**Participation:** Members of the public will be in listen-only mode. The public may register to participate in this meeting via the following procedures. Each individual must provide his or her full legal name and email address no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, November 9, 2020 to Mike Miron of the Council via email to [HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov) or via phone at (202) 447–3135. Details on getting access for the conference call will be provided to interested members of the public after the closing of the public registration period and prior to the meeting. For information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance, contact Mike Miron at [HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov) or (202) 447–3135 as soon as possible.

The Council will meet in a closed session from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT to receive sensitive operational information from senior officials on intelligence, border security, transportation security, cybersecurity and infrastructure. **Basis for Partial Closure:** In accordance with Section 10(d) of FACA, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security has determined this meeting requires partial closure. The disclosure of the information relayed would be detrimental to the public interest for the following reasons:

The Council will receive closed session briefings containing For Official Use Only and Law Enforcement sensitive information from senior officials. The session is closed under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E) because disclosure of that information could reveal investigative techniques and procedures not generally available to the public, allowing terrorists and those with interests against the United States to circumvent the law and thwart the Department’s strategic initiatives.

Specifically, there will be material presented during the briefings regarding the latest viable threats against the United States and how DHS and other Federal agencies plan to address those threats. The session is closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because disclosure of these techniques and procedures could frustrate the successful implementation of protective

measures designed to keep our country safe.

**Michael J. Miron,**

*Acting Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1474 (Final)]

### Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene From Korea; Scheduling of the Final Phase of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731–TA–1474 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene from Korea, provided for in subheadings 3901.10.10 and 3901.20.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) to be sold at less-than-fair-value.

**DATES:** October 6, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andres Andrade ((202) 205–2078), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Scope.**—For purposes of this investigation, Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as ultra-high