

Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

### Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides 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 exporters 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 petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of Commerce's regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On February 5, 2021, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), Adisseo France requested a postponement of the final determination of this investigation in the case of an affirmative determination by Commerce.<sup>13</sup> Furthermore, pursuant to section 733(d) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2), Adisseo France agreed to an extension of provisional measures in this investigation from a period of four to no more than six months.<sup>14</sup> The petitioner submitted an opposition to Adisseo France's postponement because of Adisseo France's withdrawal from the investigation.<sup>15</sup>

Ordinarily, in accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), Commerce will grant an extension if: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter, and in this case producer, accounts for a significant proportion of exports of subject merchandise; and (3) no

compelling reasons for denial exist. In this investigation, Commerce has determined that Adisseo France's withdrawal provides a compelling reason to deny Adisseo France's request for postponement, because Adisseo France represents both mandatory respondents and has withdrawn from this investigation.<sup>16</sup> Furthermore, Adisseo France has indicated that it will no longer respond to Commerce's requests for information.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, because Commerce will not receive further information from Adisseo France for the remainder of this investigation nor conduct verification, Commerce will not be postponing its final determination in this investigation. Moreover, because the final determination will not be postponed, Commerce will not be extending provisional measures. Accordingly, Commerce will make its final determination no later than 75 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination, pursuant to section 735(a)(1) of the Act.

### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of methionine from France are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: February 24, 2021.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix I

#### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is methionine and dl-Hydroxy analogue of dl-methionine, also known as 2-Hydroxy 4-(Methylthio) Butanoic acid (HMTBa), regardless of purity, particle size, grade, or physical form. Methionine has the chemical formula  $C_5H_{11}NO_2S$ , liquid HMTBa has the chemical formula  $C_5H_{10}O_3S$ , and dry

HMTBa has the chemical formula  $(C_5H_9O_3S)_2Ca$ .

Subject merchandise also includes methionine processed in a third country including, but not limited to, refining, converting from liquid to dry or dry to liquid form, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of these investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope methionine or dl-Hydroxy analogue of dl-methionine.

The scope also includes methionine that is commingled (*i.e.*, mixed or combined) with methionine from sources not subject to these investigations. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of these investigations.

Excluded from this investigation is United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade methionine. In order to qualify for this exclusion, USP grade methionine must meet or exceed all of the chemical, purity, performance, and labeling requirements of the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary for USP grade methionine.

Methionine is currently classified under subheadings 2930.40.0000 and 2930.90.4600 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Methionine has the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry numbers 583-91-5, 4857-44-7, 59-51-8 and 922-50-9. While the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

### Appendix II

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice of Scope Rulings

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anti-circumvention determinations made during the period October 1, 2020–December 31, 2020. We intend to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter.

**DATES:** Applicable March 4, 2021.

<sup>13</sup> See Adisseo France's Letter, "Methionine from France: Request for Postponement of Final Determination and Provisional Measures Period," dated February 5, 2021, at 1.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>15</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Methionine from France: Opposition to Extension of Final Determination," dated February 9, 2021.

<sup>16</sup> See Adisseo France's Letter, "Methionine from France: Withdrawal from Investigation and Withdrawal of Proprietary Information," dated January 22, 2021.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 2.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marcia E. Short, 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: 202-482-1560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Commerce regulations provide that it will publish in the **Federal Register** a list of scope rulings on a quarterly basis.<sup>1</sup> Our most recent notification of scope rulings was published on December 2, 2020.<sup>2</sup> This current notice covers all scope rulings and anti-circumvention determinations made by Enforcement and Compliance from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**Scope Rulings Made October 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2020**

People's Republic of China (China)

**A-570-092: Mattresses From China**

*Requestor:* Excelligence Learning Corporation. The compact crib mattress is not covered by the scope of the antidumping duty (AD) order on mattresses from China because it does not meet the scope's dimensional requirements for length or width to be considered a youth mattress; October 1, 2020.

**A-570-112 and C-570-113: Certain Collated Steel Staples From China**

*Requestor:* Sailrite Enterprises, Inc. Sailrite's 80-Series collated stainless steel and galvanized steel staples are outside of the scope of the AD and countervailing duty (CVD) orders because they have a nominal diameter of 0.028 inches, which falls outside the 0.0355 and 0.0830 inch scope specified in the scope of the orders; October 14, 2020.

**A-570-899: Certain Artist Canvas From China**

*Requestor:* Permalite, Inc. (Permalite). Permalite's inkjet printable canvas is outside the scope of the AD order on certain artist canvas from China because the priming/coating of the raw woven polyester cloth occurs in Thailand; October 21, 2020.

**A-570-979 and C-570-980: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells From China**

*Requestor:* SunSpark Technology Inc. Solar cells and panels/modules

produced in Vietnam from raw wafers imported from China (*i.e.*, wafers that do not yet have a p/n junction) are not within the scope of the AD and CVD orders on solar cells from China; October 23, 2020.

**A-570-042 and C-570-043: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China**

*Requestor:* Concept2, Inc. Flywheel Housing Perforated Screens (FHPS), imported by Concept2 Inc., are not covered by the scope of the AD and CVD orders on stainless steel sheet and strip from China based on the totality of our analysis of the plain language of the scope and the criteria set forth under 19 CFR 351.225(k)(1) and (2); November 24, 2020.

**A-570-952 and C-570-953: Narrow Woven Ribbons From China**

*Requestor:* Spin Master, Inc. The woven polyester ribbons contained within "Cool Maker Hollywood Hair Studio" role play kit and the "Cool Maker Hollywood Hair Studio Refill Pack" imported by Spin Master, Inc. are within the scope of the AD and CVD orders on narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge from China; December 8, 2020.

**A-570-916 and C-570-917: Laminated Woven Sacks From China**

*Requestor:* HL Packaging Group Inc. Two models of reusable shopping bags imported by HL Packaging Group Inc. are covered by the scope of the AD and CVD orders on laminated woven sacks from China because they meet the physical description identified in the scope; December 23, 2020.

**Notification to Interested Parties**

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this list of completed scope inquiries and anti-circumvention determinations made during the period October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. Contact information for the submission of such comment is provided above. This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(o).

Dated: February 26, 2021.

**James Maeder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specific Activities; Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving and Removal Activities During Construction of the Hoonah Marine Industrial Center Cargo Dock Project, Hoonah, Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from the City of Hoonah (City) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to pile driving and removal activities during construction upgrades of a cargo dock at the city-owned Hoonah Marine Industrial Center (HMIC) in Port Frederick Inlet on Chichagof Island in Hoonah, Alaska. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than April 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be sent by electronic mail to [ITP.Egger@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Egger@noaa.gov).

*Instructions:* NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size, including all attachments. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://>

<sup>1</sup> See 19 CFR 351.225(o).

<sup>2</sup> See *Notice of Scope Rulings*, 85 FR 77494 (December 2, 2020).