Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for TII will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by producers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which they were reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or the original investigation but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 5.87 percent,19 the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of issues raised by the parties in the written comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the Federal Register, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1).

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results are being issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: June 22, 2021.

James Maeder,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[A–570–979, C–570–980]
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Intent To Revoke the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) intends to revoke, in part, the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules (solar cells), from the People’s Republic of China (China) with respect certain off-grid small portable CSPV panels. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 7, 2012, Commerce published the AD and CVD orders on solar cells from China.1 On December 4, 2020, SOURCE Global, PBC (SOURCE Global), a U.S. importer of subject merchandise, requested, through changed circumstance reviews (CCRs), revocation of the Solar Cells Orders with respect to certain off-grid small portable CSPV panels, pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.216(b).2 On May 14, 2021, Commerce initiated the requested CCRs.3 In the Initiative Notice, we invited interested parties to provide comments and/or factual information regarding these CCRs, including comments on industry support and the proposed partial revocation language. We received no comments or factual information.

Scope of the Solar Cells Orders

The merchandise covered by these orders is crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, and modules, laminates, and panels, consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products, including, but not limited to, modules, laminates, panels and building integrated materials.

These orders cover crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells of thickness equal to or greater than 20 micrometers, having a p/n junction formed by any means, whether or not the cell has undergone other processing, including, but not limited to, cleaning, etching, coating, and/or addition of materials (including, but not limited to, metallization and conductor patterns) to collect and forward the electricity that is generated by the cell.

Merchandise under consideration may be described at the time of importation as parts for final finished products that are assembled after importation, including, but not limited to, modules, laminates, panels, building-integrated modules, building-integrated panels, or other finished goods kits. Such parts that otherwise meet the definition of merchandise


under consideration are included in the scope of these orders.

Excluded from the scope of these orders are thin film photovoltaic products produced from amorphous silicon (a-Si), cadmium telluride (CdTe), or copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS).

Also excluded from the scope of these orders are crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, not exceeding 10,000 mm² in surface area, that are permanently integrated into a consumer good whose function is other than power generation and that consumes the electricity generated by the integrated crystalline silicon photovoltaic cell. Where more than one cell is permanently integrated into a consumer good, the surface area for purposes of this exclusion shall be the total combined surface area of all cells that are integrated into the consumer good.

Additionaly, excluded from the scope of the orders are panels with surface area from 3,450 mm² to 33,782 mm² with one black wire and one red wire (each of type 22 AWG or 24 AWG not more than 206 mm in length when measured from panel extrusion), and not exceeding 2.9 volts, 1.1 amp, and 3.19 watts. For the purposes of this exclusion, no panel shall contain an internal battery or external computer peripheral ports.

Also excluded from the scope of the orders are:

1. Off grid CSPV panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with the following characteristics:
   (A) A total power output of 100 watts or less per panel;
   (B) a maximum surface area of 8,000 cm² per panel;
   (C) do not include a built-in inverter;
   (D) must include visible parallel grid collector metallic wire lines every 1–4 millimeters across each solar cell; and
   (E) each panel is 1. permanently integrated into a consumer good;
   2. encased in a laminated material without stitching, or
   3. has all of the following characteristics: (i) The panel is encased in sewn fabric with visible stitching, (ii) includes a mesh zippered storage pocket, and (iii) includes a permanently attached wire that terminates in a female USB—A connector.

Modules, laminates, and panels produced in a third-country from cells produced in China are covered by the orders; however, modules, laminates, and panels produced in China from cells produced in a third-country are not covered by these orders.

Merchandise covered by these orders is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 8501.61.0000, 8507.20.80, 8541.40.6020, 8541.40.6030, and 8501.31.8000. These HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of these orders is dispositive.  

Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews and Intent To Revoke the Solar Cells Orders, in Part

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(g), Commerce may revoke an order, in whole or in part, based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (i.e., a CCR). Section 782(b)(2) of the Act gives Commerce the authority to revoke an order if producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product have expressed a lack of interest in the order. Section 351.222(g) of Commerce’s regulations provides that Commerce will conduct a CCR under 19 CFR 351.216, and may revoke an order (in whole or in part), if it concludes that: (i) Producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the order pertains have expressed a lack of interest in the relief provided by the order, in whole or in part; or (ii) if other changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation exist. Thus, both the Act and Commerce’s regulations require that “substantially all” domestic producers express a lack of interest in the order for Commerce to revoke the order, in whole or in part.  

Commerce has interpreted “substantially all” to mean producers accounting for at least 85 percent of the total U.S. production of the domestic like product covered by the order.  

SOURCE Global submitted letters from SunPower Manufacturing Oregon, LLC (SPMOR), a U.S. producer of the domestic like product and a petitioner in the underlying investigations, indicating that it does not object to the scope modification proposed by SOURCE Global which would exclude certain off-grid small portable CSPV panels from the Solar Cells Orders. In those letters, SPMOR did not indicate its interest in the production of the domestic like product. Thus, Commerce did not determine, at the time that it initiated these CCRs, whether producers accounting for substantially all of the U.S. production of the domestic like product lacked interest in the Solar Cells Orders with respect to the off-grid small portable CSPV panels under consideration here. Hence, in the Initiation Notice, Commerce invited interested parties to provide comments and/or factual information regarding these CCRs, including comments on industry support and the proposed partial revocation language. No party submitted comments.

In light of SPMOR’s lack of interest in maintaining the Solar Cells Orders with respect to the off-grid small portable CSPV panels described by SOURCE Global, and in the absence of any interested party comments, we preliminarily conclude that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product to which the Solar Cells Orders pertain lack interest in the relief provided by the Solar Cells Orders with respect to the off-grid small portable CSPV panels that are the subject of SOURCE Global’s CCR request. Thus, we preliminarily determine that changed circumstances

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* See Initiation Notice.
warrant revocation of the Solar Cells Orders, in part, with respect to such panels.

Accordingly, we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke the Solar Cells Orders, in part, with respect to the following off-grid small portable CSPV panels:

Off-grid CSPV panels in rigid form with a glass cover, with each of the following physical characteristics, whether or not assembled into a fully completed off-grid hydropanel whose function is conversion of water vapor into liquid water:

(A) A total power output of no more than 80 watts per panel;
(B) A surface area of less than 5,000 square centimeters (cm²) per panel;
(C) Do not include a built-in inverter;
(D) Do not have a frame around the edges of the panel;
(E) Include a clear glass back panel; and
(F) Must include a permanently connected wire that terminates in a two-port rectangular connector.

We will consider comments from interested parties on these preliminary results before issuing the final results of these CCRs.9

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of CCRs in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). Written comments may be submitted no later than 14 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results in the Federal Register. Rebuttals to written comments, if any, may be filed no later than 14 days after the rebuttal period is published in the Federal Register.10

Supplementary Information:

Background

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on shrimp from Thailand. On February 3, 2020, Commerce published in the Federal Register a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the Order. The notice of initiation of this administrative review was published on April 8, 2020. On July 7, 2020, Commerce selected two mandatory respondents for individual examination: (1) Kongphop Frozen Food Co., Ltd.; and (2) Thai Union Group Public Co., Ltd./Thai Union Seafood Co., Ltd./Pakfood Public Company Limited/Asia Pacific (Thailand) Co., Ltd./CharoPhraya Cold Storage Co., Ltd./Okeanos Co., Ltd./Okeanos Food Co., Ltd./Takzin Samut Co., Ltd. (collectively, Thai Union). On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days. On July 21, 2020, Commerce will issue the final results of these CCRs, which will include its analysis of any written comments, no later than 270 days after the date on which these reviews were initiated.12 If, in the final results of these reviews, Commerce continues to determine that changed circumstances warrant the revocation of the Solar Cells Orders, in part, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate without regard to antidumping or countervailing duties, and to refund any estimated antidumping and countervailing duties deposited on, all unliquidated entries of the merchandise covered by the revocation that are not covered by the final results of an administrative review or an automatic liquidation instruction to CBP.

The current requirement for cash deposits of estimated antidumping and countervailing duties on all entries of subject merchandise will continue unless they are modified pursuant to the final results of these CCRs.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results of CCRs and this notice are published in accordance with section 775(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), and 19 CFR 351.222.

Dated: June 22, 2021.

James Maeder,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–549–822]
Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2019–2020

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of certain frozen warmwater shrimp (shrimp) from Thailand have been made below normal value during the period of review (POR), February 1, 2019, through January 31, 2020. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.


1 See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand, 70 FR 5145 (February 1, 2005) (Order).
2 See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 85 FR 5938 (February 3, 2020).
4 See Memorandum, “Selection of Respondents for Individual Review,” dated July 7, 2020. In the 2012–2013 administrative review, as noted in that memorandum, Commerce previously found that the following companies comprised a single entity: Thai Union Frozen Products Public Co., Ltd.; Thai Union Seafood Co., Ltd. (TUS); Pakfood Public Company Limited; Asia Pacific (Thailand) Co., Ltd.; CharoPhraya Cold Storage Co., Ltd.; Okeanos Co., Ltd.; Okeanos Food Co., Ltd. (OKF); and Takzin Samut Co., Ltd. (collectively, Thai Union). See Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Partial Rescission of Review: 2012–2013, 79 FR 51306, 51306 (August 28, 2014). Further, on January 5, 2016, Commerce found that Thai Union Group Public Co., Ltd. (TUG) is the successor-in-interest to Thai Union Frozen Products Public Co., Ltd. See Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Changes Circumstances Review: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand, 81 FR 222 (January 5, 2016). Therefore, we are treating these companies as a single entity for the purposes of this administrative review.

9 See, e.g., Honey Preliminary CCR Results, 77 FR 67790, 67791 (November 14, 2012); Aluminum Extrusions from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Intent to Revoke Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders in Part, 78 FR 68695 (November 7, 2013); and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(6)(v).
10 See generally 19 CFR 351.303.
12 See 19 CFR 351.216(e).