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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to John Seo ([john.seo@trade.gov](mailto:john.seo@trade.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The International Trade Administration provides a multitude of international trade related programs to help U.S. businesses. These programs include information products, services, and trade events. To accomplish its mission effectively, ITA needs ongoing feedback on its programs. This information collection item allows ITA to solicit clients' opinions about the use of ITA products, services, and trade events. To promote optimal use and provide focused and effective improvements to ITA programs, we are requesting approval for this clearance package; including: Use of Comment Cards (*i.e.*, transactional-based surveys) to collect feedback immediately after ITA assistance is provided to clients; use of annual surveys (*i.e.*, relationship-based surveys) to gauge overall satisfaction, impact and needs for clients with ITA assistance provided over a period time; use of multiple data collection methods (*i.e.*, web-enabled surveys sent via email, telephone interviews, automated telephone surveys, and in-person surveys via mobile devices/laptops/tablets at trade events/shows) to enable clients to conveniently respond to requests for feedback; and a forecast of burden hours. Without this information, ITA is unable to systematically determine the actual and relative levels of performance for its programs and products/services and to provide clear, actionable insights for managerial intervention. This information will be used for program evaluation and improvement, strategic planning, allocation of resources and stakeholder reporting.

**II. Method of Collection**

The International Trade Administration is seeking approval for the following data collection methods to provide flexibility in conducting

customer satisfaction surveys and to reduce the burden on respondents: (1) An email message delivering a hot link to a web enabled survey with an email reminder sent if the client does not respond to the survey within two weeks; (2) a telephone survey/interview; and (3) a web-enabled survey conducted in-person at trade shows/events via a laptop, tablet or mobile phone so participants can immediately respond without having to provide their email address.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0625–0275.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; and Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 25,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$754,651.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Public Law 15 U.S.C. *et seq.* and 15 U.S.C. 171 *et seq.*

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C–821–830]

**Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From the Russian Federation: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of granular polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin from the Russian Federation (Russia). The period of investigation is January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable July 6, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Ayache or Joseph Dowling, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2623 or (202) 482–1646, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on February 23, 2021.<sup>1</sup> On March 19, 2021, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now June 28, 2021.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed

<sup>1</sup> See *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India and the Russian Federation: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 86 FR 10931 (February 23, 2021) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India and the Russian Federation: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 86 FR 14871 (March 19, 2021).

the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>.

### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is granular PTFE resin from Russia. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> An interested party commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of these comments and the rebuttal response submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of the comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> Commerce is not preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. *See* scope in Appendix I.

The Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum establishes the deadline to submit scope case briefs.<sup>7</sup> There will be no further opportunity to comment on scope-related issues.

### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines

that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>8</sup>

### Alignment

In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce is aligning the final determination in this countervailing duty (CVD) investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty (AD) investigation of granular PTFE resin from Russia based on a request made by the petitioner.<sup>9</sup> Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than November 8, 2021, unless postponed.

### All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

Commerce calculated an individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Joint Stock Company "HaloPolymer" (HaloPolymer), the only individually examined exporter/producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated rate is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the rate calculated for HaloPolymer is the rate assigned to all other producers and exporters not individually examined in this investigation, pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act.

### Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Joint Stock Company "HaloPolymer" <sup>10</sup> .....	2.36
All Others .....	2.36

### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

### Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties its calculations and analysis performed in this preliminary determination within five days of the date of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination. Normally, Commerce verifies information using standard procedures, including an on-site examination of original accounting, financial, and sales documentation. However, due to current travel restrictions in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Commerce is unable to conduct on-site verification in this investigation. Accordingly, we intend to verify the information relied upon in making the final determination through alternative means in lieu of an on-site verification.

### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Interested parties will be notified of the timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments on non-scope issues at a later date. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in these case briefs, may be submitted no later than seven days after the deadline date for case briefs.<sup>11</sup> Note

<sup>3</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Affirmative Preliminary Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from the Russian Federation," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> *See Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Comments on Scope of Investigations," dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *See* sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

<sup>9</sup> *See* Petitioner's Letter, "Request for Alignment," dated April 9, 2021.

<sup>10</sup> As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with Joint Stock Company "HaloPolymer": Limited Liability Company "HaloPolymer Kirovo-Chepetsk," Joint Stock Company "HaloPolymer Perm," and URALCHEM JSC.

<sup>11</sup> *See* 19 CFR 351.309; *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements); and *Temporary*

that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.<sup>12</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of 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.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. If Commerce's final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final injury determination before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: June 28, 2021.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I

##### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is granular polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin. Granular PTFE resin is covered by the scope of this investigation whether filled or unfilled, whether or not modified, and whether or not containing co-polymer, additives, pigments, or other materials. Also

*Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 17006, 17007 (March 26, 2020).

<sup>12</sup> See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19: Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

included is PTFE wet raw polymer. The chemical formula for granular PTFE resin is C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>, and the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) Registry number is 9002-84-0.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country, including by filling, modifying, compounding, packaging with another product, or performing any other finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the granular PTFE resin.

The product covered by this investigation does not include dispersion or coagulated dispersion (also known as fine powder) PTFE.

PTFE further processed into micropowder, having particle size typically ranging from 1 to 25 microns, and a melt-flow rate no less than 0.1 gram/10 minutes, is excluded from the scope of this investigation.

Granular PTFE resin is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 3904.61.0010. Subject merchandise may also be classified under HTSUS subheading 3904.69.5000. Although the HTSUS subheadings and CAS Number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

#### Appendix II

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Injury Test
- IV. Subsidies Valuation
- V. Benchmarks and Interest Rates
- VI. Analysis of Programs
- VII. Recommendation

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

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#### Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Indonesia, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

**SUMMARY:** As a result of these expedited sunset reviews, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Indonesia, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan,

Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping as indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Applicable July 6, 2021.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allison Hollander or Mino Hatten, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2805 or (202) 482-1690, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On March 31, 2021, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the sunset reviews of the AD orders on polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from Indonesia, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China (China), Taiwan, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam)<sup>1</sup> pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>2</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i) and (ii), Commerce received notices of intent to participate in these sunset reviews from the Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee (the domestic interested party) within 15 days after the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Orders: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Indonesia, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*, 75 FR 23667 (May 4, 2010); see also *Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Malaysia*, 69 FR 48203 (August 9, 2004); *Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from The People's Republic of China*, 69 FR 48201 (August 9, 2004); *Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand*, 69 FR 48204 (August 9, 2004) (collectively, *AD Orders*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation Notice of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 86 FR 16701 (March 31, 2021) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> See Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee's Letters, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order on Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Indonesia: Domestic Industry Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review," dated April 9, 2021; "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order on Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Malaysia: Domestic Industry Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review," dated April 9, 2021; "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review Of Antidumping Duty Order On Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China: Domestic Industry Notice Of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review," dated April 9, 2021; "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review Of Antidumping Duty Order On Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Taiwan: Domestic Industry Notice of Intent to Participate In Sunset Review," dated April 9, 2021; "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order on Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand: Domestic Industry Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review," dated April 9, 2021; "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review Of Antidumping Duty Order on Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Domestic Industry Notice of