Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these amended final results in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the amended final results of this review.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), where Dongkuk reported the entered value of its U.S. sales, we calculated importer-specific ad valorem duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales for which entered value was reported. Where Dongkuk did not report entered value, we calculated the entered value in order to calculate the assessment rate. Where either Dongkuk’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or de minimis within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific rate is zero or de minimis, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

For the companies which were not selected for individual review, we will assign an assessment rate based on the average of the cash deposit rates calculated for Dongkuk and Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. The amended final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the amended final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

Commerce’s “automatic assessment” practice will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by companies included in these final results of review for which the reviewed companies did not know that the merchandise they sold to the intermediary (e.g., a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

We intend to issue liquidation instructions for Dongkuk and the companies covered by the non-reviewed companies’ rate to CBP 35 days after publication of these amended final results of this administrative review. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (i.e., within 90 days of publication).

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 May 27, 2021, the date of 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 each specific company listed above will be that established in the amended final results; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies, including those for which Commerce may have determined had no shipments during the POR, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the company participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this or an earlier review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previously completed segment of this proceeding, then the cash deposit rate will be the all-others rate of 8.31 percent established in the LTFV investigation.

An administrative protective order (APO) is a protective order issued by the U.S. that temporarily seals the underlying administrative record. If a party requests an APO, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) may issue an APO to restrain the dissemination of the underlying administrative record. The materials subject to the APO may be provided to other parties under conditions that (1) prevent release of the information or materials to anyone who is not a party to the proceeding; (2) ensure that those who receive the information or materials are aware of their obligation to maintain the secrecy of the information or materials; and (3) require any such disclosure to the Court of International Trade, the Office of the Secretary of Commerce, or the Department of Commerce of information subject to an APO. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), information disclosed under APO in accordance with sections 751(h) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing final preliminarily results of review in accordance with sections 751(h) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.224(e). Dated: July 15, 2021.

Christian Marsh,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[A–423–813]

Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Belgium: 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 S.A. Citrique Belge N.V. (Citrique Belge) did not sell subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value during the July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

On July 25, 2018, Commerce published the antidumping duty (AD) order on citric acid and certain citrate salts (citric acid) from Belgium in the Federal Register.1 Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce initiated an AD administrative review of the Order.2 During the course of this administrative review, Citrique Belge responded to Commerce’s questionnaire and supplemental questionnaires. On March 13, 2021, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review.3 For further details, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.4

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this Order includes all grades and granulation sizes of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate in their unblended forms, whether dry or in solution, and regardless of packaging type. The scope also includes blends of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate; as well as blends with other ingredients, such as sugar, where the unblended form(s) of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate constitute 40 percent or more, by weight, of the blend.

Citic acid and sodium citrate are classifiable under 2918.15.5000 and 2918.15.1000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), respectively. Potassium citrate and crude calcium citrate are classifiable under 2918.15.5000 and, if included in a mixture or blend, 3824.99.9295 of the HTSUS. Blends that include citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate are classifiable under 3824.99.9295 of the HTSUS. Although the HTSUS subheadings are filed (while these modifications remain in effect), the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive. For a full description of the scope of the Order, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.5

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act. Export price has been calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act and normal value was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix 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 https://access.trade.gov. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at https://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.

Preliminary Results of the Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020:

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Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in these preliminary results to parties in this proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice.6 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.7 Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument, and (3) a table of authorities.8 Executive Summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS9 and must be served on interested parties.10 Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.11 Requests should contain: (1) The party’s name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) 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.12 Parties should confirm the date, time and location of the hearing by telephone two days before the scheduled date.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised in any, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless otherwise extended.13

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. If the weighted-average dumping margin for Citrique Belge (i.e., the sole individually-examined respondent in this review) is not zero or de minimis (i.e., greater than or equal to 0.5 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific ad valorem assessment rates for the merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made during the POR to each importer and the total entered value of those same sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). Where an importer-specific ad valorem assessment rate is zero or de minimis in the final results of the review, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.14 If a respondent’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or de

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1 See Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium, Colombia and Thailand: Antidumping Duty Orders, 83 FR 35214 (July 25, 2018) (Order).
4 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2019–2020 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).
5 Id.
6 See 19 CFR 351.224(b).
7 See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19, 85 FR 17006, 17007 (March 26, 2020) (“To provide adequate time for release of case briefs, E&K intends to schedule the due date for filing briefs, no later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.”). Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument, and (3) a table of authorities. Executive Summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS and must be served on interested parties. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Requests should contain: (1) The party’s name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) 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 the date, time and location of the hearing by telephone two days before the scheduled date. Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised in any, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless otherwise extended.
8 See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).
9 See generally 19 CFR 351.303.
10 See 19 CFR 351.303(f).
11 See 19 CFR 351.301(c).
12 See 19 CFR 351.310(d).
13 See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(b).
14 See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).
See Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification, 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012) (Final Modification for Reviews).


See Order, 83 FR at 35215.

