DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–6289–N–05]

Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; Reopening Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On March 31, 2022, HUD issued a notice seeking requests for nominations for HUD’s Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) which closed on May 31, 2022. HUD did not receive any Tribal nominations from the Southwest Region and is reopening the request for nominations for HUD’s Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) for another thirty days. HUD encourages nominations from Tribes from all regions. This notice provides details on who is eligible to serve on TIAC on their behalf.

DATES: Nominations for potential representatives of the TIAC are due on or before July 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit nominations for potential representatives of the TIAC. Nominations must be submitted to HUD electronically. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

Electronic Submission of Nominations. Interested persons must submit nominations electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov and refer to the above docket number and title. Electronic submission allows the maximum time to prepare and submit nominations, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Nominations submitted electronically through the www.regulations.gov website can be viewed by interested members of the public. Individuals should follow the instructions provided on that website to submit nominations.

Note: Nominations should not be submitted by mail.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments will not be accepted.

Public Inspection of Nominations. All properly submitted nominations and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays at the HUD Headquarters building located at 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20410–0500. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the submissions must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at (202) 708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of all submissions are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4108, Washington, DC 20410–0500, telephone (202) 401–7914 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Consistent with Executive Order 13175, HUD’s Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy recognizes the right of Indian tribes to self-governance and supports Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. It provides that HUD will engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have Tribal implications. Executive Order 13175 also requires Federal agencies to advance Tribal self-governance and ensure that the rights of sovereign Tribal governments are fully respected by conducting open and candid consultations. On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships. The memorandum directed all Federal agencies to take actions to strengthen their Tribal consultation policies and practices and to further the purposes of Executive Order 13175.

On March 31, 2022, HUD published a notice in the Federal Register that provided the revised structure of the TIAC and requested the submission of Tribal nominations to the TIAC. While a sufficient number of nominations were received to fill the Tribal positions, HUD did not receive Tribal nominations from the Southwest Region. To ensure that the TIAC provides sufficient representation, HUD is extending the nomination deadline for TIAC. Nominations are due on or before: July 28, 2022. HUD encourages nominations from Tribes from all regions.

II. Previously Submitted Nominations

Previously submitted nominations do not need to be resubmitted for consideration. These names are already being taken under consideration, along with any other nominations that will be forthcoming under the extension.

III. Nominations for TIAC Representation

HUD is requesting nominations for Tribal representatives to serve on the TIAC. Nominations are due on or before: July 28, 2022. If you are interested in serving as a representative of the Committee or in nominating another person to serve as a representative of the Committee, you may submit a nomination to HUD in accordance with the Electronic Submission of Nominations section of this notice. Your nomination for representation on the Committee must include:

1. The name of the nominee, a description of the interests the nominee would represent, and a description of the nominee’s experience and interest in American Indian and Alaska Native housing and community development matters;
2. Evidence that the nominee is a duly elected or appointed Tribal leader and is authorized to represent a federally recognized tribal government or Alaska Native Corporation;
3. A written commitment from the nominee that she or he will actively engage and participate in the Committee meetings; and
4. A written preference for serving either a two- or a three-year term on the TIAC. HUD will appoint the representatives of the TIAC from the pool of nominees submitted in response to this notice. HUD will announce the final selections for TIAC representatives in a subsequent Federal Register notice. Representatives will be selected based on proven experience and interest in American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) housing and community development matters and whether the interest of the proposed representative could be represented adequately by other representatives. In addition to the
criteria above, at-large representatives will be selected based on their ability to represent specific interests that might not be represented by the selected regional representatives.

Generally, only elected officers of a tribal government acting in their official capacities with authority to act on behalf of the tribal government may serve as TIAC representatives or alternates of the TIAC. However, tribal employees are also eligible to serve if appointed by a duly elected tribal leader of a federally recognized tribe and are authorized to officially act on the Tribal government’s behalf. Elected officials representing Alaska Native Corporations, or designated employees, may also serve on TIAC at HUD’s discretion provided they demonstrate that they meet the criteria specified in the statutory exemption to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) found in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) at 2 U.S.C. 1534(b).

Because the TIAC will operate under the Tribal government statutory exemption to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) found in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) at 2 U.S.C. 1534(b), HUD will not consider nominees solely representing Tribally Designated Housing Entities, state recognized Tribes, or national or regional organizations. However, HUD will consider nominations from associations that represent elected officials of Tribes who have been designated by an elected Tribal leader to participate in TIAC.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1574 (Final)]

Superabsorbent Polymers From South Korea; Scheduling of the Final Phase of an Antidumping Duty Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731–TA–1574 (‘‘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 superabsorbent polymers from South Korea, provided for in subheadings 3906.90.50 and 3906.10.00 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: June 7, 2022.


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 superabsorbent polymers (SAP), which is cross-linked sodium polyacrylate most commonly conforming to Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number 9003–04–7, where at least 90 percent of the dry matter, by weight on a nominal basis, corrected for moisture content, is comprised of a polymer with a chemical formula of \( \{\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2\text{Na}_n\text{H}(\cdot\text{y})\}_n \), where \( x \) is within a range of 0.00–1.00 and there is no limit to \( n \). The subject merchandise also includes merchandise with a chemical formula of \( \{\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}(\text{COONa})\text{H}(\cdot\text{y})\}_n \), where \( y \) is within a range of 0.00–1.00 and there is no limit to \( n \). The subject merchandise includes SAP which is fully neutralized as well as SAP that is not fully neutralized.


All forms and sizes of SAP, regardless of packaging type, including but not limited to granules, pellets, powder, fibers, flakes, liquid, or gel are within the scope of this investigation. The scope also includes SAP whether or not it incorporates additives for anticaking, anti-odor, anti-yellowing, or similar functions.

The scope also includes SAP that is combined, commingled, or mixed with other products after final sieving. For such combined products, only the SAP component is covered by the scope of this investigation. SAP that has been combined with other products is included within the scope, regardless of whether the combining occurs in third countries. A combination is excluded from this investigation if the total SAP component of the combination (regardless of the source or sources) comprises less than 50 percent of the combination, on a nominal dry weight basis.

SAP is classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 3906.90.50. SAP may also enter the United States under HTSUS 3906.10.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Background.—The final phase of this investigation is being scheduled, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)), as a result of an affirmative preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of superabsorbent polymers from South Korea are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of § 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigation was requested in a petition filed on November 2, 2021, by the Ad Hoc Coalition of American SAP Producers, whose members include BASF Corporation, Florham Park, New Jersey; Evonik Superabsorber LLC, Greensboro, North Carolina; and Nippon Shokubai America Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigation, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of this investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11 of the Commission’s rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A party