

production of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate.

The scope includes the hydrous and anhydrous forms of citric acid, the dihydrate and anhydrous forms of sodium citrate, otherwise known as citric acid sodium salt, and the monohydrate and monopotassium forms of potassium citrate. Sodium citrate also includes both trisodium citrate and monosodium citrate which are also known as citric acid trisodium salt and citric acid monosodium salt, respectively.

The scope does not include calcium citrate that satisfies the standards set forth in the United States Pharmacopeia and has been mixed with a functional excipient, such as dextrose or starch, where the excipient constitutes at least 2 percent, by weight, of the product.

Citric acid and sodium citrate are classifiable under 2918.14.0000 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 provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Having received no comments from interested parties and finding no information or evidence on the record that calls into question the preliminary results, we continue to find that Citribel is the successor-in-interest to Citrique Belge and, as such, that Citribel is entitled to Citrique Belge's AD cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise for the reasons stated in the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*.⁴ As a result of this determination and consistent with established practice, we find that Citribel should receive the AD cash deposit rate previously assigned to Citrique Belge. Consequently, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of all shipments of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by Citribel and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register** at the AD cash deposit rate in effect for Citrique Belge.

This cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.216(e).

Dated: July 22, 2022.

Lisa W. Wang,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–423–813]

Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020–2021

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. 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, 2020, through June 30, 2021, period of review (POR). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable July 29, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Lindgren and Deborah Cohen, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1671 and 202–482–4521, respectively.

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 On September 7, 2021, 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 8, 2022, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review.³ For further details, see the 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. For a full description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act. Export price has been calculated in accordance with section 772(a) 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 at

¹ See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium, Colombia and Thailand: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 83 FR 35214 (July 25, 2018) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 86 FR 50034 (September 7, 2021).

³ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results," dated March 8, 2022.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium; 2020–2021," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁴ *Initiation and Preliminary Results*.

<https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Results of the Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
S.A. Citrique Belge N.V	0.00

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.⁵ 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.⁶ Parties who submit case 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.⁷ Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain portions of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.⁸

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**.⁹ 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.¹⁰ 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 the written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless otherwise extended.¹¹

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.¹² If Citrique Belge's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of the review, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the *Final Modification for Reviews*, *i.e.*, “{w}here the weighted-average margin of dumping for the exporter is determined to be zero or *de minimis*, no antidumping duties will be assessed.”¹³

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Citrique Belge for which the producer did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company (or companies) involved in the transaction.¹⁴

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. 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 upon publication of the final results of this administrative review 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 Citrique Belge¹⁵ will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent, and therefore *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, 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 review, a prior review, or in the 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; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be the all-others rate of 19.30 percent, the rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation of this proceeding.¹⁶ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

¹¹ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

¹³ 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*).

¹⁴ See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

¹⁵ On June 13, 2022, Commerce preliminarily determined that Citribel nv (Citribel) is the successor-in-interest to Citrique Belge. See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 87 FR 35738 (June 13, 2022). Should Commerce's final results in the changed circumstances review remain unchanged from these preliminary results, we intend to instruct CBP to assign entries of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by Citribel the AD cash deposit rate applicable to Citrique Belge. *Id.*

¹⁶ See *Order*, 83 FR at 35215.

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020) (*Temporary Rule*).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2); see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

⁸ See *Temporary Rule*.

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

Notification to Importers

This notice 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 review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

Dated: July 22, 2022.

Lisa W. Wang,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. Discussion of the Methodology
- V. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Scope Determination and Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain hardwood plywood products and veneered panels (hardwood plywood) exported from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam), which were assembled in Vietnam using hardwood plywood inputs sourced from the People's Republic of China (China) are products of China and are subject to the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on hardwood plywood from China. Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determines that certain hardwood

plywood assembled in Vietnam using hardwood plywood inputs sourced from China are circumventing the AD and CVD orders on hardwood plywood from China.

DATES: Applicable July 29, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kabir Archuleta, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 4, 2018, Commerce issued the *Orders* on imports of hardwood plywood from China.¹ On February 25, 2020, the Coalition for Fair Trade in Hardwood Plywood (the petitioner) alleged that imports of hardwood plywood that was assembled in Vietnam using core veneers, multi-ply core veneered panels, and/or veneer core platforms sourced from China are circumventing the *Orders*.² In their allegation, the petitioner requested that Commerce issue a scope ruling that certain hardwood plywood completed in Vietnam using hardwood plywood inputs manufactured in China, and imported into the United States as Vietnamese-origin plywood is within the scope of the *Orders*. In the alternative, the petitioner requested that Commerce initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry, pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.225(h),³ to determine whether these products constitute merchandise

completed or assembled in a third country that is circumventing, and should be included within, the scope of the *Orders*.

On June 17, 2020, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the notice of initiation of these scope and anti-circumvention inquiries.⁴ In that notice Commerce explained that it intended to examine the scope inquiry request filed by the petitioner under 19 CFR 351.225(c) as part of this anti-circumvention inquiry, and that we will make a final finding with regard to the scope inquiry to determine whether any of the production scenarios identified by the petitioner are already properly considered subject to the scope of the *Orders*.⁵

On April 15, 2022, Commerce extended the deadline to issue a final determination in these inquiries to October 17, 2022.⁶ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁷ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I 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://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Orders

The products subject to these *Orders* are hardwood and decorative plywood, and certain veneered panels. For a full description of the scope, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Merchandise Subject to the Scope and Anti-Circumvention Inquiries

These scope and anti-circumvention inquiries cover hardwood plywood

¹ See *Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 504 (January 4, 2018); and *Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 513 (January 4, 2018) (collectively, the *Orders*).

² See Petitioner's Letter, "Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from The People's Republic of China: Request from Scope Ruling/Anti-Circumvention ruling," dated February 25, 2020 (Petitioner's Request).

³ Commerce significantly revised its scope regulations on September 20, 2021, with an effective date of November 4, 2021. See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300 (September 20, 2021). The amendments to 19 CFR 351.225 apply to scope inquiries for which a scope ruling application is filed, as well as any scope inquiry self-initiated by Commerce, on or after November 4, 2021. The newly promulgated 19 CFR 351.226 applies to circumvention inquiries for which a circumvention request is filed, as well as any circumvention inquiry self-initiated by Commerce, on or after November 4, 2021. We note that these scope and circumvention inquiries were initiated prior to the effective date of the new regulations, and, thus, any reference to the regulations is to the prior version of the regulations.

⁴ See *Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-circumvention Inquiries and Scope Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders; Vietnam Assembly*, 85 FR 36530 (June 17, 2020) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁵ *Id.*, 85 FR at 36533.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline," dated April 18, 2022.

⁷ See Memorandum, "Preliminary Decision Memorandum for the Anti-Circumvention and Scope Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).