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Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Bloomington, Minnesota.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1586 (Final)]

Sodium Nitrite From Russia

Determination

On the basis of the record ¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of sodium nitrite from Russia, provided for in subheading 2834.10.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”).²

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective January 13, 2022, following receipt of antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed with the Commission and Commerce by Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC, Parsippany, New Jersey. The Commission established a general schedule for the conduct of the final

phase of its investigations of sodium nitrite from India and Russia following publication of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of sodium nitrite were subsidized by the government of Russia. Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission’s investigations and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of April 20, 2022 (87 FR 23567). In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission conducted its hearing through written testimony and video conference on June 21, 2022. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The investigation schedules became staggered when Commerce did not align its countervailing duty investigation on Russia with either of the corresponding antidumping duty investigations; did not postpone the final determination of its antidumping duty investigation on Russia; and aligned its countervailing duty investigation on sodium nitrite from India with its postponed antidumping duty investigation regarding India. On August 15, 2022, the Commission issued a final affirmative determination in its countervailing duty investigation of sodium nitrite from Russia (87 FR 51141, August 19, 2022). Following publication of a final determination by Commerce that imports of sodium nitrite from Russia were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 735(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(a)), notice of the supplemental scheduling of the final phase of the Commission’s antidumping duty investigation on Russia was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of September 23, 2022 (87 FR 58136).

The Commission made this determination pursuant to § 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)). It completed and filed its determination in this investigation on October 27, 2022. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5379 (October 2022), entitled *Sodium Nitrite from Russia: Investigation No. 731-TA-1586 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: October 28, 2022.

Katherine Hiner,

Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-593]

U.S.-Pacific Islands Trade and Investment: Impediments and Opportunities

ACTION: Notice of investigation and scheduling of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on September 29, 2022, of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) instituted Investigation No. 332-593, *U.S.- Pacific Islands Trade and Investment: Impediments and Opportunities*. The USTR requested that the Commission conduct an investigation and provide a report that analyzes Pacific Island trade with the United States and identifies impediments to and opportunities for increased trade flows between the United States and the Pacific Islands, and for increased U.S. investment in the Pacific Islands.

DATES:

January 31, 2023: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.

February 2, 2023: Deadline for filing prehearing briefs and statements.

February 7, 2023: Deadline for filing electronic copies of oral hearing statements.

February 14, 2023: Public hearing.

February 21, 2023: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.

April 17, 2023: Deadline for filing all other written submissions.

September 29, 2023: Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

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¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² 87 FR 55781 (September 12, 2022).