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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On October 21, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the final results of a scope ruling regarding imports of quartz surface products manufactured in China and further processed in Malaysia, finding that such imports are covered by the scope of the *Orders*.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, because exporters of quartz surface products from Malaysia export both subject and non-subject merchandise, Commerce established a scope certification process for all imports of quartz surface products from Malaysia. Commerce also determined that certain companies processing Chinese quartz slab in Malaysia, including Bada Industries, were ineligible to participate in this scope certification process, but indicated that they could request reconsideration of their exclusion from the certification process in a future segment of the proceeding.<sup>2</sup>

On June 26, 2023, based on a request filed by Global Stone,<sup>3</sup> Commerce initiated a CCR to determine whether Bada Industries is eligible to certify that its quartz surface products are not produced from Chinese-origin quartz slab.<sup>4</sup> On July 26, 2023, Global Stone filed a timely request for administrative review for its exporter, Bada Industries.<sup>5</sup> On September 11, 2023, Commerce initiated AD and CVD administrative reviews of Bada Industries, among other Malaysian exporters.<sup>6</sup>

**Rescission of Review**

Commerce has determined that a CCR is not the appropriate segment to

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Final Scope Ruling on Malaysian Processed Quartz Slab and Rescission of the Circumvention Inquiry*, 87 FR 64009, 64010 (October 21, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, 87 FR at 64010.

<sup>3</sup> See Global Stone's Letter, "Request for Changed Circumstances Review of Bada Industries," dated May 11, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; Global Stone*, 88 FR 41377 (June 26, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>5</sup> See Global Stone's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review—Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China," dated July 26, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 62322, 62335 (September 11, 2023) (*Initiation of Reviews*).

reconsider ineligible parties' exclusion from a certification process, where that ineligibility was due to a party's failure to cooperate in a prior segment of a proceeding.<sup>7</sup> Commerce explained that an administrative review is the proper segment of a proceeding for a party deemed ineligible from participating in a certification process to request reconsideration of its eligibility to certify, absent evidence of a changed circumstance.<sup>8</sup> In light of *Solar Cells*, Commerce has reevaluated Global Stone's CCR request and determines that a party's newfound willingness to participate is not a changed circumstance sufficient to warrant such a review. Additionally, as noted above, Commerce recently initiated AD and CVD administrative reviews of Bada Industries, among other exporters.<sup>9</sup> As a result, consistent with *Solar Cells*, Commerce will reevaluate the eligibility of Bada Industries to participate in the certification process as part of these administrative reviews. Consequently, we are rescinding this CCR with respect to Bada Industries.

**Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order**

This notice serves as the only 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 or 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 issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

<sup>7</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Final Scope Determination and Final Affirmative Determinations of Circumvention With Respect to Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam*, 88 FR 57419 (August 23, 2023) (*Solar Cells*), and accompanying Vietnam Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 19 (finding that Commerce has no basis to conduct a changed circumstances review absent evidence of a changed circumstance).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> See *Initiation of Reviews*, 88 FR at 62335.

Dated: October 19, 2023.

**James Maeder,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

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**Certain Quartz Surface Products From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; AM Stone**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the changed circumstances reviews (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain quartz surface products (quartz surface products) from the People's Republic of China (China) regarding quartz surface products imported by AM Stone & Cabinets, Inc. (AM Stone) into the United States and exported by Universal Quartz and Stone Industrial SDN BHD (Universal Quartz).

**DATES:** Applicable October 24, 2023.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On October 21, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the final results of a scope ruling regarding imports of quartz surface products manufactured in China and further processed in Malaysia, finding that such imports are covered by the scope of the *Orders*.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, because exporters of quartz surface products from Malaysia export both subject and non-subject merchandise, Commerce established a scope certification process for all imports of quartz surface products from Malaysia. Commerce also determined that certain companies processing Chinese quartz slab in Malaysia, including Universal Quartz, were

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ineligible to participate in this scope certification process, but indicated that they could request reconsideration of their exclusion from the certification process in a future segment of the proceeding.<sup>2</sup>

On June 26, 2023, based on a request filed by AM Stone,<sup>3</sup> Commerce initiated a CCR to determine whether Universal Quartz is eligible to certify that its quartz surface products are not produced from Chinese-origin quartz slab.<sup>4</sup> On July 26, 2023, AM Stone filed a timely request for administrative review for its exporter, Universal Quartz.<sup>5</sup> On September 11, 2023, Commerce initiated AD and CVD administrative reviews of Universal Quartz, among other Malaysian exporters.<sup>6</sup>

**Rescission of Review**

Commerce has recently determined that a CCR is not the appropriate segment to reconsider ineligible parties' exclusion from a certification process, where that ineligibility was due to a party's failure to cooperate in a prior segment of a proceeding.<sup>7</sup> Commerce explained that an administrative review is the proper segment of a proceeding for a party deemed ineligible from participating in a certification process to request reconsideration of its eligibility to certify, absent evidence of a changed circumstance.<sup>8</sup> In light of *Solar Cells*, Commerce has reevaluated AM Stone's CCR request and determines that a party's newfound willingness to participate is not a changed circumstance sufficient to warrant such a review. Additionally, as noted above, Commerce recently initiated AD and CVD administrative reviews of Universal Quartz, among other exporters.<sup>9</sup> As a result, consistent with *Solar Cells*, Commerce will reevaluate

the eligibility of Universal Quartz to participate in the certification process as part of these administrative reviews. Consequently, we are rescinding this CCR with respect to Universal Stone.

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Dated: October 19, 2023.

**James Maeder,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Rescission of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews**

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

**SUMMARY:** Based upon the timely withdrawal of all review requests, the

U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative reviews covering the periods of review (POR) and the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders identified in the table below.

**DATES:** Applicable October 24, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Based upon timely requests for review, Commerce initiated administrative reviews of certain companies for the PORs and the AD and CVD orders listed in the table below, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).<sup>1</sup> All requests for these reviews have been timely withdrawn.<sup>2</sup>

**Rescission of Reviews**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested the review withdraw their review requests within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation for the requested review. All parties withdrew their requests for the reviews listed in the table below within the 90-day deadline. No other parties requested administrative reviews of these AD/CVD orders for the PORs noted in the table. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding, in their entirety, the administrative reviews listed in the table below.

	Period of review
<b>AD Proceedings</b>	
Bahrain: Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet, A-525-001 .....	4/1/2022-3/31/2023
Cambodia: Mattresses, A-555-001 .....	5/1/2022-4/30/2023

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, 87 FR at 64010.

<sup>3</sup> See AM Stone's Letter, "Request for Changed Circumstances Review of Universal Quartz," dated May 11, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews*; AM Stone, 88 FR 41385 (June 26, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>5</sup> See AM Stone's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review—Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China," dated July 26, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 62322, 62335 (September 11, 2023) (*Initiation of Reviews*).

<sup>7</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Final Scope Determination and Final Affirmative Determinations of Circumvention With Respect to Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam*, 88 FR 57419 (August 23, 2023) (*Solar Cells*), and accompanying Vietnam Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 19 (finding that Commerce has no basis to conduct a changed circumstances review absent evidence of a changed circumstance).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> See *Initiation of Reviews*, 88 FR at 62335.

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR

21609 (April 11, 2023); *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 29881 (May 9, 2023); *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 38021 (June 12, 2023); see also *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 44262 (July 12, 2023); and *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 51271 (August 3, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> The letters withdrawing the review requests may be found in Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>.