

antidumping or countervailing duties required on those entries at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption and to continue to collect the cash deposit previously ordered.

For the first administrative review of any order, there will be no assessment of antidumping or countervailing duties on entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the relevant provisional-measures “gap” period of the order, if such a gap period is applicable to the period of review.

#### Establishment of and Updates to the Annual Inquiry Service List

On September 20, 2021, Commerce published the final rule titled “*Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*” in the **Federal Register**.<sup>8</sup> On September 27, 2021, Commerce also published the notice entitled “*Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*” in the **Federal Register**.<sup>9</sup> The *Final Rule* and *Procedural Guidance* provide that Commerce will maintain an annual inquiry service list for each order or suspended investigation, and any interested party submitting a scope ruling application or request for circumvention inquiry shall serve a copy of the application or request on the persons on the annual inquiry service list for that order, as well as any companion order covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin.<sup>10</sup>

In accordance with the *Procedural Guidance*, for orders published in the **Federal Register** before November 4, 2021, Commerce created an annual inquiry service list segment for each order and suspended investigation. Interested parties who wished to be added to the annual inquiry service list for an order submitted an entry of appearance to the annual inquiry service list segment for the order in ACCESS, and on November 4, 2021, Commerce finalized the initial annual inquiry service lists for each order and suspended investigation. Each annual inquiry service list has been saved as a public service list in ACCESS, under each case number, and under a specific

segment type called “AISL-Annual Inquiry Service List.”<sup>11</sup>

As mentioned in the *Procedural Guidance*, beginning in January 2022, Commerce will update these annual inquiry service lists on an annual basis when the *Opportunity Notice* for the anniversary month of the order or suspended investigation is published in the **Federal Register**.<sup>12</sup> Accordingly, Commerce will update the annual inquiry service lists for the above-listed antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings. All interested parties wishing to appear on the updated annual inquiry service list must take one of the two following actions: (1) new interested parties who did not previously submit an entry of appearance must submit a new entry of appearance at this time; or (2) interested parties who were included in the preceding annual inquiry service list must submit an amended entry of appearance to be included in the next year’s annual inquiry service list. For these interested parties, Commerce will change the entry of appearance status from “Active” to “Needs Amendment” for the annual inquiry service lists corresponding to the above-listed proceedings. This will allow those interested parties to make any necessary amendments and resubmit their entries of appearance. If no amendments need to be made, the interested party should indicate in the area on the ACCESS form requesting an explanation for the amendment that it is resubmitting its entry of appearance for inclusion in the annual inquiry service list for the following year. As mentioned in the *Final Rule*,<sup>13</sup> once the petitioners and foreign governments have submitted an entry of appearance for the first time, they will automatically be added to the updated annual inquiry service list each year.

Interested parties have 30 days after the date of this notice to submit new or amended entries of appearance. Commerce will then finalize the annual inquiry service lists five business days thereafter. For ease of administration, please note that Commerce requests that

law firms with more than one attorney representing interested parties in a proceeding designate a lead attorney to be included on the annual inquiry service list.

Commerce may update an annual inquiry service list at any time as needed based on interested parties’ amendments to their entries of appearance to remove or otherwise modify their list of members and representatives, or to update contact information. Any changes or announcements pertaining to these procedures will be posted to the ACCESS website at <https://access.trade.gov>.

#### Special Instructions for Petitioners and Foreign Governments

In the *Final Rule*, Commerce stated that, “after an initial request and placement on the annual inquiry service list, both petitioners and foreign governments will automatically be placed on the annual inquiry service list in the years that follow.”<sup>14</sup> Accordingly, as stated above and pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(n)(3), the petitioners and foreign governments will not need to resubmit their entries of appearance each year to continue to be included on the annual inquiry service list. However, the petitioners and foreign governments are responsible for making amendments to their entries of appearance during the annual update to the annual inquiry service list in accordance with the procedures described above.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: January 29, 2024.

**James Maeder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that

<sup>8</sup> See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*).

<sup>9</sup> See *Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*, 86 FR 53205 (September 27, 2021) (*Procedural Guidance*).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> This segment has been combined with the ACCESS Segment Specific Information (SSI) field which will display the month in which the notice of the order or suspended investigation was published in the **Federal Register**, also known as the anniversary month. For example, for an order under case number A–000–000 that was published in the **Federal Register** in January, the relevant segment and SSI combination will appear in ACCESS as “AISL-January Anniversary.” Note that there will be only one annual inquiry service list segment per case number, and the anniversary month will be pre-populated in ACCESS.

<sup>12</sup> See *Procedural Guidance*, 86 FR 53206.

<sup>13</sup> See *Final Rule*, 86 FR 52335.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on sodium gluconate, gluconic acid, and derivative products (sodium gluconate) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Applicable February 2, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Trejo, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4390.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 13, 2018, Commerce published the AD order on sodium gluconate from China.<sup>1</sup> On October 2, 2023, Commerce initiated the first sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act),<sup>2</sup> and subsequently, a domestic interested party<sup>3</sup> timely submitted its complete notice of intent to participate<sup>4</sup> and adequate substantive response regarding this review.<sup>5</sup> The domestic interested party claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a producer of the domestic like product in the United States.<sup>6</sup> Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party, nor was a hearing requested. On November 17, 2023, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it did not receive adequate substantive responses from respondent interested parties.<sup>7</sup> As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

<sup>1</sup> See *Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 83 FR 56299 (November 13, 2018) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 67729 (October 2, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> The domestic interested party is PMP Fermentation Products, Inc.

<sup>4</sup> See Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China—Domestic Interested Parties' Notice of Intent to Participate," dated October 12, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> See Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China—Domestic Interested Parties' Substantive Response," dated November 1, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See Commerce's Letter "Sunset Reviews Initiated on October 2, 2023," dated November 17, 2023.

**Scope of the Order**

The product covered by the *Order* is sodium gluconate from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

**Analysis of Comments Received**

A complete discussion of all issues raised in this review, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail if the *Order* were revoked, is provided in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>9</sup> A list of the topics in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is in the appendix to this notice. The Issues and 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 Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNotices/Layout.aspx>.

**Final Results of Sunset Review**

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1), 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the dumping margin likely to prevail would be up to 213.15 percent.<sup>10</sup>

**Administrative Protective Order**

This notice serves as the only reminder to interested parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return/destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. 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 violation which is subject to sanction.

**Notification to Interested Parties**

We are issuing and publishing these final results of sunset reviews in

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 9.

accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: January 29, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

**Appendix**

**Sections in the Issues and Decision Memorandum**

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Order*
- IV. History of the *Order*
- V. Legal Framework
- VI. Discussion of the Issues
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  2. Magnitude of the Margin of Dumping Likely To Prevail
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-549-820]

**Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Thailand was not sold in the United States at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results of review.

**DATES:** Applicable February 2, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Kinney, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On January 28, 2004, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping (AD) duty order on PC strand from Thailand.<sup>1</sup> On January 3,

<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping*