

from wood, woody crops, agricultural crops/byproducts/residue, and agricultural/industrial/other waste). They may have any weight, shape, dimensionality, design, or size, and may be bleached, unbleached, dyed, colored, or printed. They may include ingredients, additives, or chemistries to enhance functionality including, but not limited to, anti-microbial, anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, heat/flare resistant, hydrophobic, oleophobic, absorbent, or adsorbent. Thermoformed molded fiber products may also be subject to other processing or treatments, including, but not limited to, hot or after pressing, die-cutting, punching, trimming, padding, perforating, printing, labeling, dyeing, coloring, coating, laminating, embossing, debossing, repacking, or denesting. Thermoformed molded fiber products subject to this investigation may also have additional design features, including, but not limited to, tab closures, venting, channeling, or stiffening.

Thermoformed molded fiber products remain covered by the scope of this investigation if the subject product is encased by exterior packaging. They also remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise (e.g., a lid or cover of any type packaged with a molded fiber bowl, addition of any items to make the thermoformed molded fiber packaging suitable for end-use such as absorbent pads). When thermoformed molded fiber products are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the thermoformed molded fiber products are subject merchandise.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are products covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on paper plates from People's Republic of China, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are thermoformed molded fiber products imported as packaging material that enclose and/or surround non-subject merchandise prepackaged for final sale upon importation into the United States (e.g., molded fiber packaging surrounding a cellular phone).

Thermoformed molded fiber products include thermoformed molded fiber products matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the thermoformed molded fiber products. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the thermoformed molded fiber products include, but are not limited to, hot or after pressing, die-cutting, punching, trimming, padding, perforating, printing, labeling, dyeing, coloring, coating, laminating, embossing, debossing, repacking, or denesting.

Thermoformed molded fiber products are classified under subheadings 4823.70.0020

and 4823.70.0040, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Imports may also be classified under subheadings 4823.61.0020, 4823.61.0040, 4823.69.0020, 4823.69.0040, 4823.90.1000, HTSUS. References to the HTSUS classification are provided for convenience and customs purposes, and the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-549-856]

Silicon Metal From the Kingdom of Thailand: Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination With Final Less-Than-Fair-Value Determinations

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

DATES: Applicable September 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hedberg and Amber Hodak, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement

and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0955 or (202) 482-8034, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 21, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of silicon metal from the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand).¹ Simultaneously, Commerce initiated the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of silicon metal from Angola, Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Norway.² The CVD investigation and the LTFV investigations cover the same class or kind of merchandise.

Alignment With Final LTFV Determinations

On September 23, 2025, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Ferroglobe USA, Inc. and Mississippi Silicon LLC (the petitioners) timely requested an alignment of the final CVD determination with the final LTFV determinations of silicon metal from Angola and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.³ Therefore, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4)(i), Commerce is aligning the final CVD determination of silicon metal from Thailand with the final LTFV determinations of silicon metal from Angola and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final LTFV determinations, which are currently scheduled to be issued no later than December 15, 2025, unless postponed.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4)(i).

¹ See *Silicon Metal from Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, and Thailand: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 90 FR 21746 (May 21, 2025).

² See *Silicon Metal from Angola, Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Norway: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 90 FR 21741 (May 21, 2025).

³ See Petitioners' Letter, "Petitioners' Request to Align Final Countervailing Duty Determination with the Less-Than-Fair-Value Final Determinations," dated September 23, 2025.

Dated: September 25, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–821–841]

Unwrought Palladium From the Russian Federation: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable September 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 19, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of unwrought palladium from the Russian Federation.¹

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or

more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On September 3, 2025, the petitioners² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determination.³ The petitioners stated that they request postponement “for reasons including the novelty of the issues and the number and complexity of the subsidy programs under investigation.”⁴ In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioners have stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, December 29, 2025.⁵ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: September 25, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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² The petitioners are Stillwater Mining Company d/b/a Sibanye-Stillwater and the United Steel, Paper, and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL–CIO, CLC (collectively, the petitioners).

³ See Petitioners’ Letter, “Request to Extend the Preliminary Determination,” dated September 3, 2025.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Postponing the preliminary determination to 130 days after initiation would place the deadline on Saturday, December 27, 2025. Commerce’s practice dictates that, where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–552–845]

Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that thermoformed molded fiber products (molded fiber products) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.

DATES: Applicable September 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 6, 2025, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of molded fiber products from Vietnam, in which we also postponed the final determination until September 24, 2025, and invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*.¹ On August 20 and September 12, 2025, Commerce issued its post-preliminary analysis memoranda in which we made certain changes to our differential pricing analysis and notified interested parties of our double remedies analysis.² We

¹ See *Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measure*, 90 FR 20153 (May 12, 2025) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM); see also *Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures; Correction*, 90 FR 24571 (June 11, 2025); and Memorandum, “Briefing Schedule,” dated August 14, 2025.

² See Memoranda, “Post-Preliminary Analysis for the Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,” dated August 20, 2025; and “Post-

¹ See *Unwrought Palladium from the Russian Federation: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 90 FR 41039 (August 22, 2025).

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