

The product in dry form is generally referred to as chromium trioxide, which is the acidic anhydride of chromic acid. Chromium trioxide in solution form may be referred to as chromic acid. However, the dry form may also be marketed under the name chromic acid.

A non-exhaustive list of other names used for the subject merchandise includes: chromic anhydride, chromic trioxide, chromium (VI) oxide, monochromium trioxide, chromia, chromium (VI) trioxide, trioxochromium, and chromtrioxid. A non-exhaustive list of trade names for the subject merchandise includes: 11910080KROMSAV-ANHIDRID IP, Aktivkohle, imprägniert, Typ PLWK, Chromsaure, and Chroomzuur.

All chromium trioxide is covered by the scope of these investigations irrespective of purity, particle size, or physical form. Chromium trioxide is generally imported in dry form, including in the form of pellets, flakes, powders, or beads, but the scope includes chromium trioxide in solution form.

Chromium trioxide that has been blended with another product or products other than water is included in the scope if the resulting mix contains 90 percent or more of chromium trioxide by total formula weight, such as chromium trioxide mixed with a catalyst to make the product ready for use in metal finishing applications. If chromium trioxide is imported blended with another product, only the chromium trioxide content of the blend is included within the scope.

Subject merchandise also includes chromium trioxide that has been processed in a third country into a product that otherwise would be within the scope of these investigations, *i.e.*, if any such further processing would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation it is included in the scope of the investigation, including blending, flaking, mixing with water, or packaging. For example, the dry form of the subject merchandise may be imported into a third country and then processed into solution before shipment to the United States. Such a solution would be subject to the scope.

The subject merchandise is provided for in subheading 2819.10.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). In addition to 1333-82-0, import documentation may also reflect CAS registry numbers 12324-05-9, 12324-08-2, and 1362947-20-3. Although the HTSUS subheading and CAS registry numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice of Scope Ruling Applications Filed in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received scope ruling applications, requesting that scope inquiries be conducted to determine whether identified products are covered by the scope of antidumping duty (AD) and/or countervailing duty (CVD) orders and that Commerce issue scope rulings pursuant to those inquiries. In accordance with Commerce's regulations, we are notifying the public of the filing of the scope ruling applications listed below in the month of September 2025.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yasmin Bordas, AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3813.

#### Notice of Scope Ruling Applications

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(3), we are notifying the public of the following scope ruling applications related to AD and CVD orders and findings filed in or around the month of September 2025. This notification includes, for each scope application: (1) identification of the AD and/or CVD orders at issue (19 CFR 351.225(c)(1)); (2) concise public descriptions of the products at issue, including the physical characteristics (including chemical, dimensional and technical characteristics) of the products (19 CFR 351.225(c)(2)(ii)); (3) the countries where the products are produced and the countries from where the products are exported (19 CFR 351.225(c)(2)(i)(B)); (4) the full names of the applicants; and (5) the dates that the scope applications were filed with Commerce and the name of the ACCESS scope segment where the scope applications can be found.<sup>1</sup> This notice does not include applications which have been rejected and not properly resubmitted. The scope ruling applications listed below are available on Commerce's online e-filing and document management system,

<sup>1</sup> See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300, 52316 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*) ("It is our expectation that the *Federal Register* list will include, where appropriate, for each scope application the following data: (1) identification of the AD and/or CVD orders at issue; (2) a concise public summary of the product's description, including the physical characteristics (including chemical, dimensional and technical characteristics) of the product; (3) the country(ies) where the product is produced and the country from where the product is exported; (4) the full name of the applicant; and (5) the date that the scope application was filed with Commerce.").

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Electronic Service System (ACCESS), at <https://access.trade.gov>.

#### Scope Ruling Applications

Aluminum Extrusions from The People's Republic of China (China) (A-570-967/C-570-968); Micro Channel Heat Exchangers;<sup>2</sup> produced in China and exported from China or Mexico; submitted by Aluminum Extrusions Fair Trade Committee (AEFTC); September 12, 2025; ACCESS scope segment "AEFTC Micro Channel Heat Exchangers."

Certain Cased Pencils from China (A-570-827); Colored Pencils;<sup>3</sup> produced in and exported from the Philippines; submitted by Crayola LLC (Crayola); September 19, 2025; ACCESS scope segment "SCO-Crayola."

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This list of scope ruling applications is not an identification of scope inquiries that have been initiated. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1), if Commerce has not rejected a scope ruling application nor initiated the scope inquiry within 30 days after the filing of the application, the application will be deemed accepted and a scope inquiry will be deemed initiated the following day—day 31.<sup>4</sup> Commerce's

<sup>2</sup> The products are micro channel heat exchangers (MCHE) that are part of HVAC or refrigeration systems that are used for efficient heat transfer in automobile, residential, and industrial applications. MCHEs are comprised of multiple aluminum extrusion parts and non-aluminum extrusion parts and may be produced to various configurations and dimensions but typically contain extruded aluminum micro channel tubing, aluminum headers or manifolds, which are the side pieces in which the extruded tubing are inserted into, and which are normally made of aluminum extrusions (usually 3xxx-series alloy) or aluminum sheet, aluminum fins between the micro channel tubing, which are normally made from aluminum sheet, and brackets, reinforcements, or side sheets which help keep other components (the "core") in place. The brackets are normally made from aluminum sheet, while the reinforcements and side sheets are normally made of aluminum extrusions.

<sup>3</sup> The products are colored pencils that feature a barrel color that closely matches the pigment of the core. The exterior is typically coated in a smooth, glossy finish. The writing on the barrel includes the Crayola brand name, the color name (*e.g.*, "Sky Blue" or "Burnt Sienna"), and sometimes a product line identifier such as "Signature Blend & Shade." This labeling is printed in contrasting ink, usually white or silver. The product comes pre-sharpened and measures about 7 inches in length with a barrel roughly 7 mm in diameter. The core, approximately 3 mm thick, is composed of a non-toxic blend of pigments, binders, extenders, and water.

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(2), within 30 days after the filing of a scope ruling application, if Commerce determines that it intends to address the scope issue raised in the application in another segment of the proceeding (such as a circumvention inquiry under 19 CFR 351.226 or a covered merchandise inquiry under 19 CFR 351.227), it will notify the applicant that it will not initiate a scope

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practice generally dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend, Federal holiday, or other non-business day, the appropriate deadline is the next business day.<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, if the 30th day after the filing of the application falls on a non-business day, the next business day will be considered the “updated” 30th day, and if the application is not rejected or a scope inquiry initiated by or on that particular business day, the application will be deemed accepted and a scope inquiry will be deemed initiated on the next business day which follows the “updated” 30th day.<sup>6</sup>

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(m)(2), if there are companion AD and CVD orders covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin, the scope inquiry will be conducted on the record of the AD proceeding. Further, please note that pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(m)(1), Commerce may either apply a scope ruling to all products from the same country with the same relevant physical characteristics, (including chemical, dimensional, and technical characteristics) as the product at issue, on a country-wide basis, regardless of the producer, exporter, or importer of those products, or on a company-specific basis.

For further information on procedures for filing information with Commerce through ACCESS and participating in scope inquiries, please refer to the Filing Instructions section of the Scope Ruling Application Guide, at [https://access.trade.gov/help/Scope\\_Ruling\\_Guidance.pdf](https://access.trade.gov/help/Scope_Ruling_Guidance.pdf). Interested parties, apart from the scope ruling applicant, who wish to participate in a scope inquiry and be added to the public service list for that segment of the proceeding must file an entry of appearance in accordance with 19 CFR 351.103(d)(1) and 19 CFR 351.225(n)(4). Interested parties are advised to refer to the case segment in ACCESS as well as 19 CFR 351.225(f) for further information on the scope inquiry procedures, including the

inquiry, but will instead determine if the product is covered by the scope at issue in that alternative segment. Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days. Additionally, on November 24, 2025, Commerce tolled certain deadlines by an additional 21 calendar days.

<sup>5</sup> 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).

<sup>6</sup> This structure maintains the intent of the applicable regulation, 19 CFR 351.225(d)(1), to allow day 30 and day 31 to be separate business days.

timelines for the submission of comments.

Please note that this notice of scope ruling applications filed in AD and CVD proceedings may be published before any potential initiation, or after the initiation, of a given scope inquiry based on a scope ruling application identified in this notice. Therefore, please refer to the case segment on ACCESS to determine whether a scope ruling application has been accepted or rejected and whether a scope inquiry has been initiated.

Interested parties who wish to be served scope ruling applications for a particular AD or CVD order may file a request to be included on the annual inquiry service list during the anniversary month of the publication of the AD or CVD order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(n) and Commerce’s procedures.<sup>7</sup>

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this monthly list of scope ruling applications received by Commerce. Any comments should be submitted to Scot Fullerton, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, via email to [CommerceCLU@trade.gov](mailto:CommerceCLU@trade.gov).

This notice of scope ruling applications filed in AD and CVD proceedings is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(d)(3).

Dated: December 31, 2025.

**Scot Fullerton,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–533–945]

#### Chromium Trioxide From India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

**DATES:** Applicable December 29, 2025.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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<sup>7</sup> See *Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*, 86 FR 53205 (September 27, 2021).

NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5075.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### The Petition

On September 29, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of chromium trioxide from India, filed in proper form on behalf of American Chrome & Chemicals, Inc. (the petitioner), a domestic producer of chromium trioxide.<sup>1</sup> The CVD Petition was accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of chromium trioxide from India and the Republic of Türkiye.<sup>2</sup>

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, due to a backlog of documents that were electronically filed via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) during the Federal Government shutdown, on November 24, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by an additional 21 days.<sup>4</sup> The revised deadline for the initiation of this investigation is now December 29, 2025.<sup>5</sup>

Between November 17 and December 9, 2025, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition in supplemental questionnaires.<sup>6</sup> Between

<sup>1</sup> See Petitioner’s Letter, “Petitions for Imposition and Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Chromium Trioxide from India and the Republic of Türkiye,” dated September 29, 2025 (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated November 14, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, “Tolling of All Case Deadlines,” dated November 24, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> The revised deadline after tolling was December 26, 2025, which is a federal holiday. See *Executive Order on Providing for the Closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on December 24, 2025, and December 26, 2025*, dated December 18, 2025 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/12/providing-for-the-closure-of-executive-departments-and-agencies-of-the-federal-government-on-december-24-2025-and-december-26-2025/>). Commerce’s practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day (in this instance, December 29, 2025). 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).

<sup>6</sup> See Commerce’s Letters, “Supplemental Questions,” dated November 17, 2025 (General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire);