

interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of any public announcement or, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Assessment Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review, for the above-listed companies at the applicable *ad valorem* assessment rates listed for the POR. Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for the POR for each of the respective companies listed above on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, effective upon publication of the final results of review, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction 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

Fujian Province Youxi City Mangrove Wood Machining Co., Ltd. and Fujian Province Youxi City Mangrove Wood Machining Co., Ltd. Youxi Xicheng Branch.

¹² See Appendix II for a list of the non-selected companies under review.

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

Commerce is issuing and publishing these final results of administrative review and notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: February 17, 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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1. Anji Huaxin Bamboo & Wood Products Co., Ltd.
2. Bel Trade Wood Industrial Co.
3. Bel Trade Wood Industrial Co., Ltd. Youxi Fujian.
4. Cao County Hengda Wood Products Co., Ltd
5. Fotiou Frames Limited
6. Fujian Hongjia Craft Products Co., Ltd.
7. Fujian Jinquan Trade Co., Ltd.; Fujian Province Youxi County Baiyuan Wood Machining Co., Ltd.¹³
8. Fujian Wangbin Decorative Material Co., Ltd.
9. Nanping Huatai Wood & Bamboo Co., Ltd.
10. Shaxian Hengtong Wood Industry Co., Ltd.
11. Shenzhen Xijintai Industrial Co., Ltd.
12. Zhangzhou Wangjiamei Industry & Trade Co., Ltd.
13. Zhangzhou Yihong Industrial Co., Ltd.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-045, C-570-046]

1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of acidic (non-neutralized) concentrations of 1-hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-diphosphonic acid (HEDP), also referred to as hydroxyethylidenediphosphonic acid, hydroxyethanediphosphonic acid, acetodiphosphonic acid, and etidronic acid, in solid or powder form (acidic solid HEDP) from the People's Republic of China (China) are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on HEDP from China.

DATES: Applicable February 23, 2026

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Vannatta, Office of Policy,

¹³ In past reviews, Commerce has found these entities to be cross-owned. See *Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products from the People's Republic of China: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021*, 88 FR 62319 (September 11, 2023) and *Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022*, 89 FR 15816 (March 5, 2024). Absent information to the contrary, we intend to continue to treat these entities as cross-owned for the purpose of this administrative review.

Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 9, 2025, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its *Preliminary Determination*¹ that imports of acidic solid HEDP produced in China are circumventing the *Orders*.² Commerce conducted this circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.226(j). On May 23, 2025, Jiangshan America, LLC (Jiangshan America) and Uniphos, Inc. (Uniphos) (collectively, the U.S. Importers) submitted a case brief.³ On May 30, 2025, Compass Chemical International LLC (Compass, a domestic interested party) submitted a rebuttal brief.⁴

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.⁵ 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.⁶ On December 18, 2025, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final determination in this circumvention inquiry by 35 days.⁷ On January 14, 2026, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the

final determination in this circumvention inquiry by an additional 23 days.⁸ Accordingly, the deadline for this final determination is now February 18, 2026.

For a summary of events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for consideration in the final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁹

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). All issues raised in this inquiry are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice at Appendix II. 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 at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by the *Orders* includes all grades of aqueous acidic (non-neutralized) concentrations of HEDP from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Orders*, see Appendix I of this notice.

Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry

The merchandise subject to the circumvention inquiry (inquiry merchandise) includes all grades of acidic (non-neutralized) concentrations of 1-hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-disphosphonic acid (HEDP), also referred to as hydroxyethylidenediphosphonic acid, hydroxyethanediphosphonic acid, acetodiphosphonic acid, and etidronic acid, in solid or powder form (acidic solid HEDP), produced in China and exported to the United States. The Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number for acidic solid HEDP is 2809-21-4. The solid or powder form of acidic HEDP subject to this circumvention inquiry is typically entered into the United States under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the

United States (HTSUS) subheadings 2931.49.0080, 2931.90.9052, and 2811.19.6190.

Analysis of Comments Received

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we made no changes to the *Preliminary Determination*, as described below, and at the Comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Methodology and Final Circumvention Determination

Commerce conducted this circumvention inquiry in accordance with section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226. For this final determination, Commerce continues to rely on facts available under section 776(a) of the Act, including facts available with adverse inferences (AFA) under section 776(b) of the Act with respect to all known Chinese producers and exporters of acidic solid HEDP, due to their failure to respond to Commerce's requests for information. For further explanation of Commerce's decision to rely on AFA with respect to all known Chinese producers and exporters of acidic solid HEDP, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum. As a result, in accordance with section 781(c) of the Act, Commerce determines that the inquiry merchandise produced in and exported from China is circumventing the *Orders*. Furthermore, Commerce is applying this affirmative determination of circumvention of the *Orders* on a country-wide basis.

Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements

Based on the affirmative country-wide determinations of circumvention, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3) and (m)(1)(ii), we will direct CBP to suspend liquidation of all unliquidated entries of acidic solid HEDP produced in and exported from China that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after December 19, 2024, the date of publication of the initiation of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**.¹⁰

In addition, we will direct CBP to collect a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties. For exporters of acidic solid HEDP that have a company-specific separate AD cash deposit rate under the *AD Order*, the cash deposit rate will be the exporter-specific or producer/exporter-specific separate AD cash deposit rate established for that

¹ See *1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention*, 90 FR 19668 (May 9, 2025) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See *1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Antidumping Duty Order*, 82 FR 22807 (May 18, 2017) (*AD Order*); see also *1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 82 FR 22809 (May 18, 2017) (*CVD Order*) (collectively, *Orders*).

³ See U.S. Importers' Letter, "Case Brief," dated May 23, 2025 (U.S. Importers' Case Brief).

⁴ See Compass' Letter, "Rebuttal Comments in Response to Comments on the Preliminary Determination," dated May 30, 2025 (Compass' Rebuttal Comments).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated November 14, 2025.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Tolling of all Case Deadlines," dated November 24, 2025.

⁷ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for the Final Determination in the Circumvention Inquiry," dated December 18, 2025.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Second Extension of Deadline for the Final Determination in the Circumvention Inquiry," dated January 14, 2026.

⁹ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on 1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

¹⁰ See *1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 89 FR 103779 (December 19, 2024).

company in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding. For exporters of acidic solid HEDP that do not have an exporter-specific or producer/exporter-specific separate AD cash deposit rate, the AD cash deposit rate will be equal to the cash deposit rate for the China-wide entity.¹¹

Further, we will direct CBP to collect a cash deposit for estimated countervailing duties. If the acidic solid HEDP was produced and exported by the same company, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific CVD cash deposit rate established for that company in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding. If both the producer and the exporter of the subject merchandise have company-specific CVD cash deposit rates, and their rates differ, the cash deposit rate will be the higher of these two rates. If either the producer or the exporter, but not both, have company-specific cash deposit rates, the cash deposit rate will be that company's CVD cash deposit rate. For companies that do not have a company-specific CVD cash deposit rate, the CVD cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters.¹²

These suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice will serve as the only reminder to all parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction 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 the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(g)(2).

Dated: February 18, 2026.

Christopher Abbott,

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

Appendix I

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by the *Orders* includes all grades of aqueous acidic (non-

neutralized) concentrations of 1-hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-disphosphonic acid (HEDP), also referred to as hydroxyethylidenediphosphonic acid, hydroxyethanediphosphonic acid, acetodiphosphonic acid, and etidronic acid. The Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number for HEDP is 2809–21–4.

The merchandise subject to the *Orders* is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheading 2931.90.9043. It may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 2811.19.6090, 2931.90.9041, 2931.90.9051, 2811.19.6190, 2931.39.0018, 2931.49.0050 and 2931.49.0080. While HTSUS subheadings and the CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes only, the written description of the scope of the *Orders* is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Request; Applications for Inclusion on the Lists of Arbitrators Under the Data Privacy Framework Program

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed

information collection must be received on or before April 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to David Ritchie, Senior Policy Advisor, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce by email to dpf.program@trade.gov or PRA@trade.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0625–0281 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to David Ritchie, Senior Policy Advisor, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce by email to dpf.program@trade.gov or PRA@trade.gov, or by phone at 202–482–1512.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States, the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK), and Switzerland share a commitment to enhancing privacy protection, the rule of law, and a recognition of the importance of transatlantic data flows to our respective citizens, economies, and societies, but take different approaches to doing so. Given those differences, the Department of Commerce (DOC) developed the EU–U.S. Data Privacy Framework (EU–U.S. DPF), the UK Extension to the EU–U.S. Data Privacy Framework (UK Extension to the EU–U.S. DPF), and the Swiss-U.S. Data Privacy Framework (Swiss-U.S. DPF) in consultation with the European Commission, the UK Government, the Swiss Federal Administration, industry, and other stakeholders. These arrangements were respectively developed to provide U.S. organizations reliable mechanisms for personal data transfers to the United States from the European Union/European Economic Area, the United Kingdom (and, as applicable, Gibraltar), and Switzerland while ensuring data protection that is consistent with EU, UK, and Swiss law.

The DOC issued the EU–U.S. DPF Principles and the Swiss-U.S. DPF Principles, including the respective sets of Supplemental Principles (collectively the Principles) and Annex I of the Principles, as well as the UK Extension to the EU–U.S. DPF under its statutory authority to foster, promote, and develop international commerce (15 U.S.C. 1512). The International Trade Administration (ITA) administers and supervises the Data Privacy Framework program, including by maintaining and

¹¹ See *AD Order*, 82 FR at 22808.

¹² See *CVD Order*, 82 FR at 22810.