

data on the record of the relevant inquiry.

Commerce intends to establish a schedule for questionnaire responses after respondent selection. A company's failure to completely respond to Commerce's requests for information may result in the application of facts available, pursuant to section 776(a) of the Act, which may include adverse inferences, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act.

### Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce will notify CBP of the initiation and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to the circumvention inquiry that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the *Orders* and to apply the cash deposit rates that would be applicable if the products were determined to be covered by the scope of the *Orders*.

Should Commerce issue affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determinations, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)–(4). In the event that Commerce issues affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determinations that the products are circumventing the *Orders*, Commerce will instruct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and to apply the applicable cash deposit rate. Commerce will also instruct CBP to begin the suspension of liquidation and application of cash deposits for any unliquidated entries not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the circumvention inquiry pursuant to paragraphs (l)(2)(ii) and (l)(3)(ii). In addition, pursuant to paragraphs (l)(2)(iii)(A) and (l)(3)(iii)(A), Commerce may instruct CBP to begin the suspension of liquidation and application of cash deposits for any unliquidated entries not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, prior to the date of initiation of the circumvention inquiry, but not for such entries prior to November 4, 2021, the effective date of these provisions in the *Final Rule*.<sup>8</sup> These rules will not affect CBP's authority to take any additional action with respect to the suspension of liquidation or related measures for these

<sup>8</sup> See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300, 52345 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*).

entries, as stated in 19 CFR 351.226(l)(5).

### Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that the requesters' request for this circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of this circumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of CORE completed in and exported from Indonesia using CRS manufactured in Vietnam are circumventing the *Orders*. In addition, we have included a description of the products that are subject to this inquiry, and an explanation of Commerce's decision to initiate this inquiry as provided in the accompanying Circumvention Initiation Checklist.<sup>9</sup>

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), unless this circumvention inquiry is rescinded, in whole or in part, or extended, Commerce intends to issue its preliminary circumvention determination no later than 150 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**. Furthermore, in accordance with section 781(f) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(e)(2), unless this circumvention inquiry is rescinded, in whole or in part, or extended, Commerce intends to issue its final determination within 300 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(iii).

Dated: March 19, 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.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–122–878, C–533–947]

### Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Canada and India: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

<sup>9</sup> See Circumvention Initiation Checklist.

**DATES:** Applicable March 25, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harrison Tanchuck at (202) 482–7421 or Natasia Byrd at (202) 482–1240 (Canada); Erin Howard at 202–482–3453 (India); AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On February 10, 2026, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of citric acid and certain citrate salts from Canada and India.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than April 16, 2026.

#### Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty 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 March 17, 2026, the petitioners<sup>2</sup> submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determinations.<sup>3</sup> The petitioners stated that they request postponement because the mandatory respondents have yet to submit complete initial responses to Commerce's initial

<sup>1</sup> See *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Canada and India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 91 FR 7257 (February 17, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> The petitioners are Archer-Daniels-Midland Company; Cargill, Incorporated; and Primary Products Ingredients Americas LLC.

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Request For Extension of Preliminary Determination Deadline," dated March 17, 2026.

questionnaires.<sup>4</sup> Postponing the preliminary determinations will provide Commerce time to issue supplemental questionnaires, as needed, and develop the record regarding potential deficiencies.<sup>5</sup> The petitioners also would like additional time to review the responses to identify deficiencies they believe should be addressed in the preliminary determinations.<sup>6</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioners have stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determinations, 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 determinations to no later than 130 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated, *i.e.*, June 22, 2026.<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: March 20, 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.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–570–026, C–570–027]

#### **Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders**

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

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request from Steel Dynamics Inc. and Nucor

Corporation (collectively, the requesters), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a country-wide circumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) completed in Indonesia using hot-rolled steel (HRS) and cold-rolled steel (CRS) manufactured in the People’s Republic of China (China), are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on CORE from China.

**DATES:** Applicable March 25, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Justin Enck at (202) 482–1614 or Shawn Gregor at (202) 482–3226, Office of Policy, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On February 2, 2026, pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.226(i), the requesters filed a circumvention inquiry request alleging that CORE completed in Indonesia using HRS and CRS manufactured in China are circumventing the AD and CVD orders on CORE from China,<sup>1</sup> and, accordingly, should be included within the scope of the *Orders*.<sup>2</sup>

On February 13 and 25, 2026, we issued supplemental questionnaires to the requesters.<sup>3</sup> On February 19 and 27, 2026, the requesters filed their responses to our requests for additional information.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016); see also *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, Republic of Korea and the People’s Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 81 FR 48387 (July 25, 2016) (collectively, *Orders*).

<sup>2</sup> See Requesters’ Letter, “Request for Circumvention Inquiry (Indonesia),” dated January 30, 2026 (Circumvention Request). The request was filed after 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, January 30, 2026, and therefore, is considered to be filed on the next business day, Monday, February 2, 2026.

<sup>3</sup> See Commerce’s Letters, “Indonesia Circumvention Inquiry Request Supplemental Questionnaire,” dated February 13, 2026, and “Indonesia Circumvention Inquiry Request Second Supplemental Questionnaire,” dated February 25, 2026.

<sup>4</sup> See Requesters’ Letters, “Response to Indonesia Circumvention Inquiry Request Supplemental Questionnaire,” dated February 19, 2026, and “Response to Indonesia Circumvention Inquiry Request Second Supplemental Questionnaire,” dated February 27, 2026.

##### **Scope of the Orders**

The products covered by these *Orders* are certain flat-rolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the Circumvention Initiation Checklist.<sup>5</sup>

##### **Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry**

The circumvention inquiry covers CORE completed in Indonesia using Chinese-origin HRS or CRS that is subsequently exported from Indonesia and imported into the United States.

##### **Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry**

Section 351.226(d) of Commerce’s regulations states that if Commerce determines that a request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c), then Commerce “will accept the request and initiate a circumvention inquiry.” Section 351.226(c)(1) of Commerce’s regulations, in turn, requires that each circumvention inquiry request allege “that the elements necessary for a circumvention determination under section 781 of the Act exist” and be “accompanied by information reasonably available to the interested party supporting these allegations.” The requesters alleged circumvention pursuant to section 781(b) of the Act (merchandise completed or assembled in other foreign countries).

Section 781(b)(1) of the Act provides that Commerce may find circumvention of an order when merchandise of the same class or kind subject to the order is completed or assembled in a foreign country other than the country to which the order applies. In conducting a circumvention inquiry, under section 781(b)(1) of the Act, Commerce relies on the following criteria: (A) merchandise imported into the United States is of the same class or kind as any merchandise produced in a foreign country that is the subject of an AD or CVD order; (B) before importation into the United States, such imported merchandise is completed or assembled in another foreign country from merchandise which is subject to the order or is

<sup>5</sup> See Checklist, “Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Circumvention Initiation Checklist), at Attachment I.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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

<sup>7</sup> Postponing the preliminary determinations to 130 days after initiation would place the deadline on Saturday, June 20, 2026. 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).