

established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because Commerce's final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation of silicon metal from Norway no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that such injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, all cash deposits posted will be refunded, and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section above.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This final determination and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: June 24, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

Appendix

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation covers all forms and sizes of silicon metal, including silicon metal powder. Silicon metal contains at least 85.00 percent but less than 99.99 percent silicon, and less than 4.00 percent iron, by actual weight. Semiconductor grade silicon (merchandise containing at least 99.99 percent silicon by actual weight and classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2804.61.0000) is excluded from the scope of this investigation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-602-814]

Silicon Metal From Australia: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of silicon metal from Australia. The period of investigation is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

DATES: Applicable June 30, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Clahane, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5449.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 26, 2025, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* of this investigation in the **Federal Register** and aligned the final determination with the final determination in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of silicon metal from Australia, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4).¹ Commerce invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*.² On February 9, 2026, Commerce published the preliminary determination in the LTFV investigation of silicon metal from Australia and postponed the deadline for the final determination.³

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.⁴ 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.⁵ Consequently, the deadline for the final determination of this investigation is now June 24, 2026.

For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary*

¹ See *Silicon Metal from Australia: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 90 FR 46390 (September 26, 2025) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Silicon Metal from Australia," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

³ See *Silicon Metal from Australia: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 91 FR 5711 (February 9, 2026).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated November 14, 2025.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Tolling of all Case Deadlines," dated November 24, 2025.

Determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via 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/frnotices>.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is silicon metal from Australia. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Verification

Consistent with section 782(i) of the Act, in February 2026, Commerce verified all information reported by the mandatory respondent, Simcoa Operations Pty, Ltd. (Simcoa), and the Government of Australia (GOA). We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant account records and original source documents provided by Simcoa and the GOA.⁶

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation, and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation, are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties and addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see Appendix II to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, Commerce determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁷ For a full description of the methodology underlying our final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁶ See Memoranda, “Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Simcoa Operations,” dated March 19, 2026; and “Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of the Government of Australia,” dated March 19, 2026.

⁷ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received from interested parties and our verification findings, we made certain changes to the subsidy rate calculations for Simcoa. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and *de minimis* rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

Commerce calculated an individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Simcoa, the only individually examined exporter/producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated rate is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the estimated weighted-average rate calculated for Simcoa is the rate assigned to all other producers and exporters, pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated net countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Simcoa Operations Pty, Ltd. ⁸	32.57
All Others	32.57

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations performed to interested parties in this final determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our *Preliminary Determination*, and pursuant to sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce instructed U.S. Customs and

⁸ As discussed in the *Preliminary Determination* PDM, Commerce found the following companies to be cross-owned with Simcoa: Silicon Metal Company of Australia Pty Ltd.; Simcoa Mines Pty Ltd.; and Microsilica Pty Ltd.

Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits and suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 26, 2025, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we instructed CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after January 24, 2026, the first day provisional measures were no longer in effect, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise on or before January 23, 2026.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a CVD order, reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act, and require a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties for such entries of subject merchandise in the amounts indicated above. Pursuant to section 705(c)(2) of the Act, if the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, and all estimated duties deposited or securities posted as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its final affirmative determination that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of silicon metal from Australia. As Commerce’s final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 705(b) of the Act, the ITC will determine, within 45 days, whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of silicon metal from Australia. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will

issue a CVD order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed in the “Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation” section, above.

Administrative Protective Order

In the event that the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to an 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/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

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: June 24, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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Comment 2: Whether Commerce Erred in its Specificity Analysis for Silicon Mining Rights for LTAR Program

Comment 3: How to Countervail the Exemption from RET Program Liability

Comment 4: Whether Commerce Erred in its Specificity Analysis for the RET Program Liability

Comment 5: Whether Electricity for LTAR is a Countervailable Subsidy

Comment 6: Whether Payments Under CRR Service Replacing the Ancillary Service (Spinning Reserve) Scheme is Countervailable

Comment 7: Whether the Payments Under the DSM Program are Specific and Countervailable

Comment 8: Whether the R&D Tax Incentive Benefitted Simcoa During the POI

Comment 9: Whether Commerce Erred in its Specificity Analysis for the R&D Tax Incentive Program

Comment 10: Whether Commerce Erred in its Specificity Analysis for the Fuel Tax Credits Program

VII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–821–825]

Phosphate Fertilizers From the Russian Federation: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on phosphate fertilizers from the Russian Federation (Russia) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Sunset Review” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable June 30, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David De Falco, Trade Agreements Policy and Negotiations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2178.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 7, 2021, Commerce published the CVD order on phosphate

fertilizers from Russia.¹ On March 2, 2026, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.218(c).²

On March 17, 2026, Commerce received a notice of intent to participate in this sunset review from Mosaic Company (Mosaic) and J. R. Simplot Company, LLC (Simplot) (collectively, the domestic interested parties), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).³ The domestic interested parties claim interested party status within the meaning of section 771(9)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b)(29)(v) as producers of the domestic like product.⁴

On April 1, 2026, Commerce received an adequate substantive response from the domestic interested parties, within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁵ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from either the Government of Russia or a respondent interested party to this proceeding. On April 29, 2026, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from any respondent interested parties.⁶ As a result, Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(B)(2) and (C)(2).

¹ See *Phosphate Fertilizers from the Kingdom of Morocco and the Russian Federation: Countervailing Duty Orders*, 86 FR 18037 (April 7, 2021) (*Order*), as amended in *Phosphate Fertilizers from the Russian Federation: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Final Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation; Notice of Amended Final Determination and Amended countervailing Duty Order*, 89 FR 5491 (January 29, 2024).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 91 FR 10053 (March 2, 2026).

³ See Mosaic’s Letter, “Phosphate Fertilizers from the Russian Federation: Petitioner’s Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review,” dated March 17, 2026 (Mosaic’s Notice of Intent); and Simplot’s Letter, “Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review Of Countervailing Duty Order On Phosphate Fertilizers from Russia: Notice Of Intent To Participate In Sunset Review,” dated March 17, 2026 (Simplot’s Notice of Intent).

⁴ See Mosaic’s Notice of Intent at 2; and Simplot’s Notice of Intent at 2.

⁵ See Mosaic’s Letter, “Phosphate Fertilizers From the Russian Federation: Substantive Response to the Notice of Initiation,” dated April 1, 2026; and Simplot’s Letter, “First Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review Of The Countervailing Duty Order On Phosphate Fertilizers from the Russian Federation: Simplot’s Substantive Response,” dated April 1, 2026.

⁶ See Commerce’s Letter, “Sunset Reviews Initiated March 2, 2026,” dated April 29, 2026.