issuance of a section D questionnaire. See Letter from petitioner to the Department, entitled “Diffusion-Annealed Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products from Japan: Petitioner’s Request for Extension of the Antidumping Investigation Preliminary Determination,” dated August 7, 2013. For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department is postponing by 50 days, to October 23, 2013, the deadline for its preliminary determination of this investigation pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(e) and (f). In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act, the deadline for the final determination of this antidumping duty investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: August 9, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Background

The petitioner in this investigation is the Coalition of Gulf Shrimp Industries (Petitioner). This investigation covers 14 government programs. In addition to the Royal Thai Government (RTG), the respondents in this investigation are Thai Union Frozen Products Public Co., Ltd. (TUF) and Thai Union Seafood Co., Ltd. (TUS) (collectively, Thai Union), and Marine Gold Products Limited.

Scope of Investigation

The period for which we are measuring subsidies, or period of investigation, is January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

Case History

The events that have occurred since the Department published the Preliminary Determination on June 4, 2013,2 are discussed in the Memorandum to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand” (Decision Memorandum).3

Scope Comments

On March 28, 2013, Petitioner asked the Department to clarify that the scope of this investigation does not include brine-frozen shrimp.4 We have addressed this request and comments thereon in the Memorandum to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, “Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, People’s Republic of China, Thailand, and Socialist Republic of Vietnam—Final Scope Memorandum Regarding Onboard Brine-Frozen Shrimp” (Scope Memorandum), which is hereby adopted by this notice.

Scope of the Investigation

This investigation covers certain frozen warmwater shrimp and prawns, whether wild-caught (ocean harvested) or farm-raised (produced by aquaculture), head-on or head-off, shell-on or peeled, tail-on or tail-off, deveined or not deveined, cooked or raw, or otherwise processed in frozen form, regardless of size. See Appendix I for a complete description of the scope of this investigation.

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in this investigation are discussed in the Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of subsidy programs and the issues that parties have raised, and to which the Department has responded in the Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice as Appendix II. The Decision and Scope Memoranda are public documents and are on file electronically via IA ACCESS. IA ACCESS is available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov and in the CRU, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, complete versions of the Decision and Scope Memoranda can be accessed directly on the Internet at http://www.trade.gov/ia/. The signed and the electronic versions of these memoranda are identical in content.

Final Determination

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3Public versions of all business proprietary documents and all public documents are on file electronically via Import Administration’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). Access to IA ACCESS is available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov and in the Department’s Central Records Unit (CRU), room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building.

For this final determination, we have calculated de minimis total net countervailable subsidy rates from the individually investigated producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. The All-Others rate is also de minimis.\(^5\)

Therefore, pursuant to section 705(a)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), we have disregarded these de minimis subsidies and we determine that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers/exporters of frozen shrimp in Thailand. Because we have reached a final negative determination, we are terminating this investigation. See section 705(c)(2)(A).

Moreover, in accordance with section 705(c)(2)(B) of the Act we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to release any bond or other security and refund any cash deposits that were collected for shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after June 4, 2013, the date that we instructed CBP to suspend liquidation following the Preliminary Determination. The interest provisions of section 778 of the Act do not apply.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission of our determination.

Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to Administrative Protective Order (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/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 that is subject to sanction.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

\(^5\) The All-Others rate was calculated using an average of the investigated companies de minimis rates and it is also de minimis. See section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act.