Final Rescission of Donghua Fine Chemical

As we have explained in the Final Decision Memorandum and the Proprietary Analysis Memorandum, we continue to find that, because Donghua Fine Chemical appears to be affiliated with PRC-companies that have had prior shipments of subject merchandise to the United States, it has therefore failed to certify to its first U.S. entry, its first U.S. shipment, and its first U.S. sale, as required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv)(A) and (C).\(^5\) We also continue to find that Donghua Fine Chemical failed to report shipments of subject merchandise to the United States. As a result, we are rescinding the new shipper review of Donghua Fine Chemical.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the Final Decision Memorandum and Proprietary Analysis Memorandum, both dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice. A list of the issues raised in the briefs and addressed in the Final Decision Memorandum is appended to this notice. The Final Decision Memorandum is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Final Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Final Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Final Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Effective upon publication of the final rescission of the new shipper review of Donghua Fine Chemical, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to discontinue the option of posting a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for entries of subject merchandise by Donghua Fine Chemical. Cash deposits will be required for exports of subject merchandise by Donghua Fine Chemical entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date at the ad valorem PRC-wide rate, 453.79 percent.

Assessment Instructions

As a result of the rescission of the new shipper review of Donghua Fine Chemical, the entries of subject merchandise made by Donghua Fine Chemical covered by this new shipper review will be reviewed in 2012–2013 administrative review. Because the period of review (POR) of the administrative review coincides with the POR of this new shipper review, we will assess Donghua Fine Chemical’s entries and issue liquidation instructions for Donghua Fine Chemical’s entries upon completion of the 2012–2013 administrative review. Accordingly, upon completion of the 2012–2013 administrative review, we will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on entries for Donghua Fine Chemical at the appropriate rate determined in the final results of the 2012–2013 administrative review.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to the administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under the APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of 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. This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: December 2, 2013.

Paul Piquado
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

List of Issues Addressed in the Final Decision Memorandum

Comment 1: Interpretation of the New Shipper Review Certification Requirement

Comment 2: Affiliation Findings

Comment 3: Surrogate Values

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Effective Date: December 9, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 24, 2013, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a countervailing duty investigation on steel concrete reinforcing bar from Turkey.\(^1\) The original signature date for the preliminary determination was November 29, 2013. Subsequently, as explained in a memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, the Department exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013.\(^2\) Accordingly, all deadlines in this investigation were extended by 16 days, and the signature date for the preliminary determination was revised to December 16, 2013.\(^3\)

\(^1\) See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Turkey: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations, 78 FR 60831 (October 2, 2013) (Initiation Notice).

\(^2\) See Memorandum for the Record from Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government” (October 18, 2013).

\(^3\) See Memorandum to the File titled “Revised Signature Date for Preliminary Determination,” dated October 24, 2013.
Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension in accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2), section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act allows the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation.

On November 21, 2013, the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members, the petitioners in this investigation, requested that the deadline for the preliminary determination in this case be extended in accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2). Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, we are fully extending the due date for the preliminary determination. Because, as noted above, the Department tolled the original preliminary signature date to account for the Federal Government closure, the extension is effectively 65 days from the revised preliminary date of December 16, 2013. As a result, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination is now February 19, 2014. 

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act. 

Dated: November 25, 2013.

Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement & Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

DATES: Effective Date: December 9, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On October 22, 2013, the Department of Commerce (the “Department”) received a countervailing duty (“CVD”) petition concerning imports of 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (“tetrafluoroethane”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”), filed in proper form by Mexichem Fluor, Inc. (“Petitioner”), domestic producers of tetrafluoroethane. The CVD petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (“AD”) petition concerning imports of tetrafluoroethane from the PRC. On October 25 and November 6, 2013, the Department requested additional information and clarification of certain areas of the Petition, and on October 29 and November 8, 2013, respectively, Petitioner filed a response to each request. Additionally, on November 7, 2013, Petitioner filed a response to the Department’s November 6, 2013, request for additional information and clarification of the scope of the Petition.

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”), Petitioners allege that producers/exporters of tetrafluoroethane in the PRC received countervailable subsidies within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, and that imports from these producers/exporters materially injure, or threaten material injury to, an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that Petitioners filed this Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because it is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act, and Petitioners have demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the CVD investigation that it is requesting the Department to initiate (see “Determination of Industry Support for the Petition” below).

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation (“POI”) is January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is tetrafluoroethane from the PRC. For a full description of the scope of the investigation, please see the “Scope of Investigation” in the appendix to this notice.

Comments on the Scope of the Investigation

During our review of the Petition, we solicited information from Petitioners to ensure that the proposed scope language is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief. Moreover, as discussed in the preamble to the Department’s regulations 4, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit such comments by December 22, 2013, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. All comments must be filed on the record of the AD investigation, as well as the concurrent CVD investigation.

Filing Requirements

All submissions to the Department must be filed electronically using Enforcement & Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (“IA ACCESS”). An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department’s electronic records system, IA ACCESS, by 5 p.m. on the due date. Documents excepted from the electronic submission requirements must be filed manually (i.e., in paper form) with the Department.5

6 See “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China,” dated November 22, 2013 (hereafter referred to as the “Petition”).

7 See Petitioner’s October 29, 2013, filing titled, “1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China: Response to CVD Issues Deficiency Questionnaire,”; see also Petitioner’s October 29, 2013, filing titled, “1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China: Response to General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire” (“General Issues Supplement”); and Petitioner’s November 8, 2013, filing titled, “1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China: Response to Antidumping Supplemental Questionnaire”.

8 See Petitioner’s October 7, 2013, filing titled, “1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China: Determination of Industry Support for the Petition”.

9 See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).