DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-991]

Chlorinated Isocyanurates from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of chlorinated isocyanurates (chlorinated isos) from the People’s Republic of China (China). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 13, 2014, Commerce published in the Federal Register a countervailing duty order on chlorinated isos from China.¹ Pursuant to a request from the petitioners,²

Commerce initiated this administrative review on February 6, 2019.\textsuperscript{3} On August 21, 2019, Commerce postponed the preliminary results of this review and extended the deadline until January 9, 2020.\textsuperscript{4}

**Scope of the Order**

The product covered by this order is chlorinated isos from China. For a complete description of the scope of the order, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.\textsuperscript{5}

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this countervailing duty review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily 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.\textsuperscript{6}

For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary 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). ACCESS is available to registered users at http://access.trade.gov, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the

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\textsuperscript{2} The petitioners are Bio-Lab, Inc., Clearon Corp., and Occidental Chemical Corporation.

\textsuperscript{3} *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 84 FR 2159* (February 6, 2019).


\textsuperscript{5} *See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Chlorinated Isocyanurates from the People’s Republic of China; 2017,”* dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

\textsuperscript{6} *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.
Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.

The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that, during the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Subsidy Rate</th>
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<td>Hebei Jiheng Chemical Co., Ltd.</td>
<td>397.61 percent</td>
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<td>Heze Huayi Chemical Co., Ltd.</td>
<td>1.52 percent</td>
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<td>Juancheng Kangtai Chemical Co., Ltd.</td>
<td>2.85 percent</td>
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Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.\(^7\) In accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c), case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results, unless Commerce alters the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.\(^8\) Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

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\(^7\) See 19 CFR 351.224(b)

\(^8\) See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).
Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party’s name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined.

Unless the deadline is extended, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of any issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after issuance of these preliminary results.

**Assessment Rates and Cash Deposit Requirement**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we preliminarily assigned subsidy rates in the amounts shown above for the producers/exporters shown above. Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of review.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties, in the amounts shown above for each of the respective companies, 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 review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most-
recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash
deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)
and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).


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