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Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: April 27, 2018.

James Maeder,

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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Scope of the Investigation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin From Indonesia: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that polyethylene terephthalate resin (PET resin) from Indonesia is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. The period of investigation is July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

DATES: Applicable May 4, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caitlin Monks, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on October 23, 2017.[1] On January 23, 2018, Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20, 2018, through January 22, 2018.[2] On February 22, 2018, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation.[3] As a result, the revised deadline for the preliminary determination of this investigation is now April 27, 2018.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[4] A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. 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 *https://access.trade.gov,* and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at *http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/.* The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is PET resin from Indonesia. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,[5] the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product

[1] *See Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations,* 82 FR 48977 (October 23, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

[2] *See* Memorandum, ''Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,'' dated January 23, 2018.

[3] *See Polyethylene Terephthalate from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations,* 83 FR 7655 (February 22, 2018).

[4] *See* Memorandum, ''Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Indonesia'' dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[5] *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule,* 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

coverage (*i.e.,* scope).[6] For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. After evaluating the comments, Commerce is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice* to exclude PET-glycol resin. *See* the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Constructed export prices have been calculated in accordance with section 772(b) of the Act. Normal value (NV) is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. In addition, Commerce has preliminarily relied upon partial adverse facts available, in accordance with sections 776(a)(1) and 776(b) of the Act, for the Indorama Producers.[7] For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Sections 733(d)(1)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. Commerce calculated an individual estimated weighted-average dumping margin for the Indorama Producers, the only individually examined exporter/producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated dumping margin is not zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the estimated weighted-average dumping margin calculated for the Indorama Producers is the margin assigned to all-other producers and exporters, pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
PT. Indo-Rama Synthetics Tbk./ PT. Indorama Polypet Indonesia/Indorama Ventures Indonesia	13.16
All-Others	13.16

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register.**

Section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered, or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. On April 20, 2018, Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for imports of PET resin from Indonesia produced or exported by Indorama Polymers and all other producers/exporters.[8] Accordingly, for Indorama Polymers and all other producers/exporters, in accordance with section 733(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date which is 90 days before the publication of this notice.

Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondent listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin 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.

Disclosure

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

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.[9] Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation 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.

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

[6] *See Initiation Notice.*

[7] Commerce preliminarily determines, pursuant to section 771(33)(A) and 771(33)(F) of the Act, that mandatory respondent PT. Indo-Rama Synthetics Tbk. (Indorama Synthetics) is affiliated with mandatory respondent Indorama Polymers Public Co., Ltd. (Indorama Polymers), PT. Indorama Polypet Indonesia (Polypet), and Indorama Ventures Indonesia (Ventures Indonesia). Additionally, Commerce determined that Indorama Synthetics, Polypet, and Ventures Indonesia should be treated as a single entity (the Indorama Producers) pursuant to 19 CFR 351.401(f). *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at ''Affiliation and Collapsing.''

[8] *See Antidumping Duty Investigations on Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan; Preliminary Determinations of Critical Circumstances,* 83 FR 17791 (April 24, 2018).

[9] *See* 19 CFR 351.309; *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

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. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of Commerce's regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On April 6, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), the Indorama Producers requested that Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.[10] In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce will make its final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

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[10] *See* Letter from Indorama, ''Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Indonesia: Request for Postponement of Final Determination,'' dated April 6, 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Surveys for User Satisfaction, Impact and Needs; Correction

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration (ITA) published a document in the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2018, concerning a request to solicit clients' opinions about the use of ITA products, services, and trade events, to promote optimal use and provide focused and effective improvements to ITA programs. The document was a duplicate submission of an identical notice published in the **Federal Register** on February 28, 2018 (83 FR 8651). This notice corrects the duplicate submission by withdrawing the notice published on May 1, 2018.

DATES: Document 2018–09119, that published May 1, 2018 at 83 FR 19047, is withdrawn as of May 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: We will continue to accept public comments for the original **Federal Register** published on February 28, 2018 (83 FR 8651) that are submitted on or before April 30, 2018 by the following method:

Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,