

Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3586.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review on October 11, 2018.<sup>1</sup> For a history of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>2</sup> On January 28, 2019, Commerce tolled the deadlines in this case and for the final results by 40 days.<sup>3</sup> On March 5, 2019, Commerce extended the deadline for these final results to May 7, 2019.<sup>4</sup>

##### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised by interested parties in their case and rebuttal briefs, and our analysis thereof, are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The issues are identified in the Appendix to this notice. The Issues and 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 in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the internet at <http://trade.gov/enforcement/frn/index.html>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*; 2016, 83 FR 51444 (October 11, 2018) (*Preliminary Results*) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China; 2016."

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, "Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the 2016 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," which is dated concurrently with these final results and is hereby adopted by this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum to the Record from Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. As a result, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Administrative Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for the Final Results," dated March 5, 2019.

the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

##### Rescission of Administrative Review

It is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of a CVD order, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), when there are no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.<sup>5</sup> Normally, upon completion of an administrative review of a CVD order, the suspended entries are liquidated at the assessment rate calculated for the review period.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry for which Commerce can instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate at the newly calculated assessment rate.<sup>7</sup> Based on our examination of the record, we continue to find that there is no evidence of reviewable entries, shipments, or U.S. sales of subject merchandise during the POR.<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, in the absence of suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR for this administrative review, Commerce is rescinding this administrative review of the CVD order on MCBs from China, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice.

##### Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (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 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.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(1) of the Tariff Act of

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube from Turkey: Notice of Final Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, In Part*, 77 FR 6542 (February 8, 2012) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at 2; *Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*; 2014, 82 FR 4300 (January 13, 2017) (*China MCBs 2014 AR*).

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

<sup>7</sup> See *China MCBs 2014 AR*.

<sup>8</sup> See Issues and Decision Memorandum at sections, "Rescission of Administrative Review," and "Discussion of the Issue."

1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: May 7, 2019.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

##### Appendix

##### List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. Rescission of Administrative Review
- V. Discussion of the Issue: Treatment of Fedmet
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-427-830]

#### Strontium Chromate From France: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances, 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 strontium chromate from France is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable May 17, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis McClure or Joshua Simonidis, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5973 or (202) 482-0608, respectively.

#### 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 2, 2018.<sup>1</sup> Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.<sup>2</sup> On March 11, 2019, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until May 13, 2019.<sup>3</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup> 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 product covered by this investigation is strontium chromate from France. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,<sup>5</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>6</sup> No interested

party commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. Commerce is therefore not modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the Scope of the Investigation 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. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In accordance with section 733(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, Commerce preliminarily finds that critical circumstances do not exist for all imports of strontium chromate from France. For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce's critical circumstances analysis, 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 Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques (SNCZ), the only individually examined exporter/producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated dumping margin is not zero, *de minimis*, or determined entirely under section 776 of the Act, the estimated weighted-average dumping margin calculated for SNCZ 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)
Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques .....	30.32
All Others .....	30.32

### 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**. 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 margin 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. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

### 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

<sup>1</sup> See *Strontium Chromate From Austria and France: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 83 FR 49543 (October 2, 2018) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum to the Record from Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

<sup>3</sup> See *Strontium Chromate from Austria and France: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 84 FR 8669 (March 11, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Strontium Chromate from France," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>5</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>6</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

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.<sup>7</sup> 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 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 17, 2019, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), SNCZ requested that Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional

measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>8</sup> 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.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.<sup>9</sup>

#### 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: May 13, 2019.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I

##### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is strontium chromate, regardless of form (including but not limited to, powder (sometimes known as granular), dispersions (sometimes known as paste), or in any solution). The chemical formula for strontium chromate is SrCrO<sub>4</sub> and the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number is 7789-06-2.

Strontium chromate that has been blended with another product or products is included in the scope if the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of strontium chromate by total formula weight. Products with which strontium chromate may be blended include, but are not limited to, water and solvents such as Aromatic 100 Methyl Amyl Ketone (MAK)/2-Heptanone, Acetone, Glycol Ether EB, Naphtha Leicht, and Xylene. Subject merchandise includes strontium chromate

that has been processed in a third country into a product that otherwise would be within the scope of this investigation if processed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope strontium chromate.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 2841.50.9100. Subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS subheading 3212.90.0050. While the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

#### Appendix II

##### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[A-351-842]

#### Certain Uncoated Paper From Brazil: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain uncoated paper (uncoated paper) from Brazil is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Interested parties are

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>8</sup> See SNCZ's letter, "Strontium Chromate from France: Request to Postpone the Due Date for the Final Determination," dated April 17, 2019.

<sup>9</sup> See section 735(b)(2) of the Act.