

Continuation of the *Orders*

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping or countervailable subsidies and the continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Orders* will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year review of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also 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 or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply is a violation of the APO which may be subject to sanctions.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: August 6, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable August 12, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Romani or Thomas Schauer, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0198 or (202) 482-0410, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 22, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of passenger vehicle and light truck tires from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than August 26, 2020.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless

it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.²

On July 24 and August 4, 2020, the petitioner³ submitted timely requests that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determination.⁴ According to the petitioner, additional time is necessary “to permit Commerce to review respondents’ initial full questionnaire responses, any comments thereon and rebuttal factual information filed in response, and any supplemental questionnaire responses before determining preliminary subsidy rates.”⁵ The petitioner further elaborates that an extension of the deadline for the preliminary results is warranted “{g}iven the number of programs under investigation, including Commerce’s first investigation of a currency undervaluation subsidy under its new rules.”⁶ Consistent with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner stated the reasons for its request, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny that request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, until October 30, 2020. Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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² See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

³ The petitioner is the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC.

⁴ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from Vietnam: Request to Extend Deadline for Preliminary Determination,” dated July 24, 2020 (First Request); and Petitioner’s Letter, “Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires from Vietnam: Second Request to Extend Deadline for Preliminary Determination,” dated August 4, 2020 (Second Request).

⁵ See First Request at 1; and Second Request at 1.

⁶ See First Request at 2; and Second Request at 2.