

of its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV. 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 imports of subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This preliminary 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: December 19, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I

##### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids produced primarily from flat-rolled aluminum. The subject merchandise includes disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids regardless of shape or size and whether or not wrinkled or smooth.

The term “disposable” is used to identify an aluminum article that is designed to be used once, or for a limited number of times, and then recycled or otherwise disposed.

“Containers, pans, and trays” are receptacles for holding goods.

The subject disposable aluminum lids are intended to be used in combination with disposable containers produced from aluminum or other materials (e.g., paper or plastic). Where a disposable aluminum lid is imported with a non-aluminum container, only the disposable aluminum lid is included in the scope.

Disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids are also included within the scope regardless of whether the surface has been embossed, printed, coated (including with a non-stick substance), or decorated, and regardless of the style of the edges. The inclusion of a non-aluminum lid or dome sold or packaged with an otherwise in-scope article does not remove the article from the scope, however, only the disposable aluminum container, pan, tray, and lid is covered by the scope definition.

Disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids are typically used in food-related applications, including but not limited to food preparation, packaging, baking, barbecuing, reheating, takeout, or storage, but also have other uses. Regardless of end use, disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids that meet the scope definition and are not otherwise excluded are subject merchandise.

Excluded from the scope are disposable aluminum casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers (including disposable aluminum cups and bottles) properly classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 7612.90. However, aluminum containers,

pans, trays, and lids that would otherwise be covered by the scope are not excluded based solely on the fact that they are being classified under HTSUS subheading 7612.90.5000 due to the thickness of aluminum being less than 0.04 mm or greater than 0.22 mm.

The flat-rolled aluminum used to produce the subject articles may be made to ASTM specifications ASTM B479 or ASTM B209–14, but can also be made to other specifications. Regardless of the specification, however, all disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids meeting the scope description are included in the scope.

Disposable aluminum containers, pans, trays, and lids are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 7615.10.7125. Further, merchandise that falls within the scope of this proceeding may also be entered into the United States under HTSUS subheadings 7612.90.1090, 7615.10.3015, 7615.10.3025, 7615.10.7130, 7615.10.7155, 7615.10.7180, 7615.10.9100, and 8309.90.0000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

#### Appendix II

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Period of Investigation
- IV. Single Entity Analysis
- V. Discussion of the Methodology
- VI. Critical Circumstances
- VII. Adjustment Under Section 777(A)(f) of the Act
- VIII. Adjustment to Cash Deposit Rates for Export Subsidies
- IX. Recommendation

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Establishment of the Methane Plume Remote Sensing Measurements Consortium

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**ACTION:** Notice of Research Consortium.

**SUMMARY:** NIST is establishing the Methane Plume Remote Sensing Measurements Consortium (“Consortium”) to support the rapidly growing field of remote sensing for the detection and quantification of methane emissions, primarily from point sources. This Consortium aims to unite Federal and State agencies, academia, business, and industry to enhance robust transparency, accuracy, reliability, and interoperability of methane plume detection and quantification data products. In this evolving field of

measurement and analysis, consistency across products and results, an understanding of the drivers of error, and a well-constructed validation strategy, are important to increase trust in the data products. To achieve this, the Consortium is focused on identifying the strengths and limitations of current methodologies and analysis approaches. The Consortium seeks to foster transparency through improved documentation, consensus building around best practices and the development of documentary consensus standards. In addition, the Consortium seeks to support the coordination and standardization of validation approaches for these measurements and the utilization of controlled releases. By fostering collaboration among business, Federal agencies, local governmental stakeholders, and researchers, the Consortium aims to drive advancements in methane plume detection and quantification and the analysis supported by them.

Participants will be required to sign a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA).

**DATES:** The Consortium’s activities will commence on January 15, 2024 (“Commencement Date”). NIST will accept letters of interest to participate in this Consortium on an ongoing basis.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed letters of interest or requests for additional information about the Consortium can be directed via mail to the Consortium Manager, Dr. Annmarie Eldering, Greenhouse Gas Measurements Program of NIST’s Special Programs Office, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, or via electronic mail [annmarie.eldering@nist.gov](mailto:annmarie.eldering@nist.gov), or by telephone at (301) 975–5558.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Saikat Ghosh, Partnership Officer, National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Technology Partnerships Office, by mail to 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, by electronic mail to [Saikatghosh@nist.gov](mailto:Saikatghosh@nist.gov) or by telephone at (301) 975–3084.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST is establishing the Methane Plume Remote Sensing Measurements Consortium (“Consortium”) to support the rapidly growing field of remote sensing for the detection and quantification of methane emissions, primarily from point sources. This Consortium aims to unite Federal and State agencies, academia, business, and industry to enhance robust transparency, accuracy, reliability, and interoperability of methane plume detection and quantification data products. In this rapidly growing and

evolving field of measurement and analysis, consistency across products and results, an understanding of the drivers of error, and a well-constructed validation strategy are important to increase trust in the data products. To achieve this, the Consortium is focused on identifying strengths and limitations current methodologies and analysis approaches. The Consortium seeks to foster transparency through improved documentation, consensus building around best practices and the development of documentary consensus standards. In addition, the Consortium seeks to support the coordination and standardization of validation approaches for these measurements and the utilization of controlled releases. By fostering collaboration among business, Federal agencies, local governmental stakeholders, and researchers, the Consortium aims to drive advancements in methane plume detection and quantification and the analysis supported by them.

#### Consortium Goals

The Consortium brings together NIST, state and local governments, academia, businesses, and other stakeholders to collaborate on analysis, documentation, and consensus building that will improve transparency, trust, and usability of remote sensing methane plume detections and quantification. The Consortium will also develop a tiered validation framework and assist in efficient deployment of controlled release experiments. Collaborative work across the wide range of measurement and analysis teams will be the most efficient approach to achieve our goals.

This initiative aims to achieve the following goals, with work in two task groups:

##### Task Group 1

- Develop consensus terminology and a taxonomy of terminology. Publish a NIST report or other document with these definitions.
- Develop a set of written consensus standards that capture the best practices, recommendations for data product formats, and methodology documentation. This will be achieved through collaborative evaluation of intercomparison exercises and common datasets analyzed by multiple teams.
- Implement and analyze alternative validation strategies, incorporating information from simulations, cross-team analysis, controlled releases, and well characterized industrial emission sources.
- All of these activities will support the goals of developing standards for detection and quantification of methane

plumes with remote sensing data to ensure consistency, reliability, and trust in the data used by all stakeholders.

##### Task Group 2

- Develop definitions for a tiered validation framework, allowing for approaches such as algorithm validation (with data from other measurement systems), algorithm assessment with simulated data, performance assessment with well-characterized industrial emissions, and controlled release experiments
  - Consensus validation strategies will be developed and documented, incorporating information from simulations, cross-team analysis, controlled releases, and well characterized industrial emission sources.
  - Document consensus standards for analysis and reporting of results of controlled release experiments
  - Develop platforms for improved communication and utilization of controlled release experiments, maximizing participation by measurement teams and opportunities for cross comparison of results
  - Create a repository of controlled release measurement datasets for easy access by new participants and for community analysis.
- Sharing of proprietary information developed by the Consortium will be subject to that detailed in the CRADA. Participants will not be required to contribute any funds or pay any fee. Contributions of data and/or methodologies is highly encouraged.

#### Participation Process

Eligibility will be determined by NIST based on information provided by prospective participants in response to this notice. Submitted responses from prospective participants will be evaluated by NIST to determine eligibility to participate in this Consortium. Prospective participants should provide a letter of interest with the following information to NIST's Consortium Manager:

- (1) A description of their interest and experience in methane plume detection and quantification from remote sensing measurements and/or experience conducting and analyzing data from controlled release experiment for methane plume validation and/or related expertise necessary to contribute to Consortium activities.
- (2) List of interested party's anticipated participants.

Letters of interest must not include business proprietary information. NIST will not treat any information provided in response to this notice as proprietary

information. Following review, each organization will be notified of its eligibility. In order to participate in this Consortium, each eligible organization must sign a CRADA for this Consortium. All participants in this Consortium will be bound by the same terms and conditions. NIST does not guarantee participation in the Consortium to any organization submitting a letter of interest.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 3710a.

**Alicia Chambers,**

*NIST Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Archipelagic Plan Team (APT) and Pelagic Plan Team (PPT) to discuss fishery management issues and develop recommendations for future management of fisheries in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The APT and PPT will meet jointly from Tuesday to Thursday, January 21–23, 2025, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST). For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually with remote participation (Webex) options available for the members, and public attendance limited to web conference via Webex. Specific information on joining the meeting, connecting to the web conference and making oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522–8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The APT and PPT meeting will be held Tuesday to Thursday, January 21–23, 2025, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii