

On May 23, 2025, the petitioner² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement so that Commerce can fully analyze the forthcoming questionnaire responses and issue supplemental questionnaires prior to making its preliminary CVD determination.⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the 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, *i.e.*, August 25, 2025.⁵

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.

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

Dated: May 29, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Sodium Nitrite From India: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2024

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on sodium nitrite from India. The period of review (POR) is August 17, 2022, through January 31, 2024. Commerce preliminarily determines that Deepak Nitrite Limited (Deepak) did not make sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable June 4, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Zhang, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 27, 2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on sodium nitrite from India.¹ On April 9, 2024, based on timely requests for administrative reviews, Commerce initiated an administrative review covering two companies—Deepak and Kutch Chemical Industries Ltd. (Kutch Chemical).² On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled administrative deadlines in this proceeding by seven days.³ On October 7, 2024, we extended the deadline for the preliminary results to March 7, 2025.⁴ On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled administrative deadlines in this proceeding by an additional 90 days.⁵ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this *Order* is sodium nitrite from India. For a full

description of the scope, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁷

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public 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>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested a review withdraw the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation. On May 9, 2024, Prochimie International, Inc. timely withdrew its request for a review of Kutch Chemical.⁸ No other parties requested an administrative review of Kutch Chemical. On May 10, 2024, Commerce notified interested parties of its intent to rescind the review with respect to Kutch Chemical,⁹ and no parties commented on this intent to rescind the review. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding this administrative review with respect to Kutch Chemical.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period August 17, 2022 through January 31, 2024:

⁷ *Id.* at 2–4.

⁸ *See* Prochimie International Inc.'s Letter, "Kutch Chemical Industries Ltd Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review (POR 8/17/22–1/31/24)," dated May 9, 2024.

⁹ *See* Memorandum, "Notice of Intent To Rescind Review, in Part," dated May 10, 2024.

² The petitioner is Arkema, Inc.

³ *See* Petitioner's Letter, "Request to Extend Preliminary Determination," dated May 23, 2025.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Postponing the preliminary determination to 130 days after initiation would place the deadline on Sunday, August 24, 2025. When a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, Commerce's practice is to move the deadline to the next business day. *See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

¹ *See Sodium Nitrite from India: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 12313 (February 27, 2023) (*Order*).

² *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 24780 (April 9, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

³ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

⁴ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated October 7, 2024.

⁵ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁶ *See* "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Sodium Nitrite from India; 2022–2024," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Deepak Nitrite Limited	0.00

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in these preliminary results 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 the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice.¹⁰ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹¹ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.¹² All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this administrative review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹³ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries

as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁴

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety via ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.¹⁵ Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, unless extended.

Assessment Rate

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.¹⁶ If a respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is above *de minimis* in the final results of this review, we will calculate an importer-specific assessment rate based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for each importer's examined sales and the total entered value of the sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).¹⁷ Where the respondent did not report entered value, we

calculated a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total quantity associated with those sales. To determine whether an importer-specific, per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we also calculated an importer-specific *ad valorem* ratio based on estimated entered values. If a respondent's weighted-average dumping margin or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties in accordance with the *Final Modification for Reviews*.¹⁸

In accordance with Commerce's "automatic assessment" practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Deepal for which it did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the all-others rate in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation (*i.e.*, 42.76 percent) if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹⁹

For Kutch Chemical for which this review is being rescinded, antidumping duties shall be assessed on entries at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP for Kutch Chemical no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.²⁰ We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹³ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁴ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

¹⁷ In these preliminary results, Commerce applied the assessment rate calculation method adopted in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012) (*Final Modification for Reviews*).

¹⁸ See *Final Modification for Reviews*, 77 FR at 8103; see also 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

¹⁹ See *Order*, 88 FR at 12314; see also *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

²⁰ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements for estimated antidumping duties will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of this review for all shipments of sodium nitrite from India entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for companies subject to this review will be equal to the dumping margin established in the final results of the review; (2) for merchandise exported by companies not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment for the producer of the merchandise; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be the 42.76 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.²¹ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this period of review. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties, and/or an increase in the amount of antidumping duties by the amount of the countervailing duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: May 29, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on refined brown aluminum oxide (aluminum oxide) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, at the levels indicated in the “Final Results of Sunset Review” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable June 4, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vlad Gololobov, Trade Agreements Policy and Negotiations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 19, 2003, Commerce published the AD order on aluminum oxide from China in the **Federal Register**.¹ On February 3, 2025, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the fourth sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of

the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).²

On February 18, 2025, Commerce received a timely and complete notice of intent to participate in the sunset review from the domestic interested parties³ within the deadline specified in the 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).⁴ The domestic interested party claimed the interested party status within the meaning of section 771(9)(C) of the Act as U.S. producers of aluminum oxide.⁵ On February 24, 2025, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it had received a notice of intent to participate from the domestic interested parties.⁶

On March 5, 2025, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i), domestic interested parties filed a timely and adequate substantive response.⁷ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested parties. On March 21, 2025, Commerce notified the ITC that it did not receive substantive response from any respondent interested parties.⁸ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce is conducting an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this *Order* is aluminum oxide from China. For the full description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decisions Memorandum.⁹

Analysis of Comments Received

A complete discussion of all issues raised in this sunset review, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping in the event of

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 90 FR 8789 (February 3, 2025).

³ The domestic interested parties are Great Lakes Minerals, LLC, Imerys Niagara Falls, Inc., U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc., and Washington Mills.

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, “Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from China: Domestic Interested Parties' Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated February 18, 2025.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See Commerce's Letter, “Sunset Reviews Initiated on February 3, 2025,” dated February 24, 2025.

⁷ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, “Five-Year (“Sunset”) Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from China: Domestic Interested Parties' Substantive Response,” dated March 5, 2025.

⁸ See Commerce's Letter, “Sunset Reviews Initiated on February 3, 2025,” dated March 21, 2025.

⁹ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from the People's Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

²¹ See *Order*, 88 FR at 12314.

¹ See *Antidumping Duty Order: Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide (Otherwise Known as Refined Brown Artificial Corundum or Brown Fused Alumina) from the People's Republic of China*, 68 FR 65249 (November 19, 2003) (*Order*).