

Accordingly, because the final weighted-average dumping margin for the POSCO single entity in this review is zero percent, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Commerce's "automatic assessment" will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by the POSCO single entity for which the company did not know that the merchandise it sold to an intermediary (e.g., a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>9</sup>

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

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of these final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the POSCO single entity will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in these final results of this administrative review (i.e., zero percent); (2) for merchandise exported by companies not covered in this review but covered in a prior completed segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the completed segment 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 investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established for the most recently completed segment of the proceeding for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and

exporters will continue to be the all-others rate (i.e., 7.10 percent).<sup>10</sup>

These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Notification to Importers

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

#### Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is being issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: February 13, 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

[A-570-180, A-428-854, A-533-932, A-517-807]

### Hexamethylenetetramine From the People's Republic of China, Germany, India, and Saudi Arabia: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

**DATES:** Applicable February 21, 2025.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Cloyd at (202) 482-1246 (the People's Republic of China (China)); Ajay Menon at (202) 482-0208 (Germany); Dakota Potts at (202) 482-0223 (India); and Andrew Hart at (202) 482-1058 (Saudi Arabia), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On October 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of hexamethylenetetramine (hexamine) from China, Germany, India, and Saudi Arabia.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determinations of these investigations are due no later than March 10, 2025.

#### Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1)(A)(b)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 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.

On February 11, 2025, the petitioner<sup>2</sup> in these LTFV investigations submitted timely requests that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations.<sup>3</sup> The petitioner stated

<sup>1</sup> See *Hexamethylenetetramine from the People's Republic of China, Germany, India, and Saudi Arabia: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value investigations*, 89 FR 213 (November 4, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> The petitioner is Bakelite LLC.

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioner's Letters, "Antidumping Investigation of Hexamethylenetetramine from the People's Republic of China: Request to Postpone

*Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>9</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2023).

<sup>10</sup> See *Order*.

on the administrative record in each proceeding that it requests postponement in order to allow sufficient time to fully develop all aspects of the administrative record and so that Commerce can analyze forthcoming questionnaire responses, as necessary.<sup>4</sup>

For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the requests, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than 190 days after the date on which it initiated these investigations, *i.e.*, April 29, 2025. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: February 14, 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

[A–570–992]

#### Monosodium Glutamate From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that imports of monosodium glutamate (MSG) completed in Malaysia using glutamic acid produced in the People's Republic of China (China) are circumventing the antidumping duty

Preliminary Determination,” “Antidumping Investigation of Hexamethylenetetramine from the Federal Republic of Germany: Request to Postpone Preliminary Determination,” “Antidumping Investigation of Hexamethylenetetramine from the Republic of India: Request to Postpone Preliminary Determination,” and “Antidumping Investigation of Hexamethylenetetramine from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Request to Postpone Preliminary Determination,” each dated February 11, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

(AD) order on MSG from China. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable February 21, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Cloyd or Jacob Saude, 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) 482–1246 or (202) 482–0981, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On January 6, 2015, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD order on MSG from China.<sup>1</sup> On May 15, 2024, in response to a request from Ajinomoto Health and Nutrition North America, Inc. (Ajinomoto NA), a domestic interested party, Commerce initiated this country-wide circumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of MSG completed in Malaysia using glutamic acid produced in China are circumventing the *Order* and, accordingly, should be covered by the scope of the *Order*, pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>2</sup> In September 2024, Commerce selected Ajinomoto MSG (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (Ajinomoto) as a mandatory respondent in this circumvention inquiry.<sup>3</sup> On December 18, 2024, Commerce received a covered merchandise referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding CBP EAPA Investigation No. 7950, which concerns the *Order*.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, CBP requested that Commerce issue a determination as to whether MSG, finished in Malaysia by Ajinomoto using glutamic acid produced in China, and subsequently exported from Malaysia to the United States is subject to the *Order* (*i.e.*, the covered merchandise referral specified that the products at issue were those specified in this circumvention inquiry).<sup>5</sup> Notice of this referral was published in the **Federal Register** on

<sup>1</sup> See *Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Second Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Amended Antidumping Order*, 80 FR 487 (January 6, 2015) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 89 FR 42425 (May 15, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, “Respondent Selection,” dated September 5, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, “Receipt of Covered Merchandise Referral and Placement of Covered Merchandise Referral Documents on the Record,” dated January 7, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

January 14, 2025.<sup>6</sup> In that notice, Commerce explained that, because the covered merchandise referral requests a determination on merchandise identified in a request for a circumvention inquiry previously submitted to Commerce and currently under consideration, it would address the covered merchandise referral and Ajinomoto NA's circumvention inquiry request in the ongoing circumvention inquiry.<sup>7</sup> For a complete description of events that followed the initiation of this circumvention inquiry, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

#### Scope of the Order

The scope of this order covers MSG, whether or not blended or in solution with other products. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry

This circumvention inquiry covers MSG finished in Malaysia using glutamic acid produced in China and subsequently exported from Malaysia to the United States (inquiry merchandise).

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this circumvention inquiry in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.226(i). Because China is a non-market economy country within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, Commerce relied on surrogate values to value the purchases of Chinese inputs, as discussed in section 773(c) of the Act. Commerce relied on facts available under section 776(a) of the Act, including facts available with adverse inferences under section 776(b) of the Act with respect to the following companies (the non-responsive companies) that did not timely respond to Commerce's quantity and value questionnaire: Ajinomoto MSG Sdn Bhd, Aruni Enterprise M Sdn Bhd, Habita Foods Industries Sdn Bhd, Delisauce World Foods Sdn Bhd, Suntraco Food Industries Sdn Bhd, Yeo Hiap Seng (Malaysia) Berhad, Bidor Kwong Heng Sdn Bhd, and Scigate Industries 002998063–A. Based on facts available

<sup>6</sup> See *Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Intent To Address Covered Merchandise Referral In Ongoing Circumvention Inquiry*, 90 FR 3183 (January 14, 2025).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, “Preliminary Decision Memorandum for the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).