

Procedure for Article 10.12 (Binational Panel Reviews), which were adopted by the three governments for panels requested pursuant to Article 10.12(2) of USMCA which requires Requests for Panel Review to be published in accordance with Rule 40. For the complete Rules, please see https://can-mex-usa-sec.org/secretariat/agreement-accord-acuerdo/usmca-aceum-tmec/rules-regles-reglas/article-article-articulo_10_12.aspx?lang=eng.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 44 no later than 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is December 29, 2020);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person who does not file a Complaint but who intends to participate in the panel review must file a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 45 no later than 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is January 11, 2021); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including challenges to the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and to the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: December 15, 2020.

Vidya Desai,

Acting U.S. Secretary, USMCA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From India: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance) received countervailable subsidies that are above *de minimis* during the period of review, November 6, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

DATES: Applicable December 30, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ariela Garvett, AD/CVD Operations,

Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 3, 2020, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this review.¹ On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days.² On July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days,³ thereby extending the deadline for these final results until November 19, 2020. On November 5, 2020, Commerce postponed the final results of this review by 33 days until December 22, 2020.⁴

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF). For a complete description of the scope of this order, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the interested parties' case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Results*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for these final results, are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵ 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).

¹ See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of India: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 85 FR 18916 (April 3, 2020) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19," dated April 24, 2020.

³ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews," dated July 21, 2020.

⁴ See Memorandum, "2017–2018 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from India: Extension of Deadline for Final Results," dated November 5, 2020.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results in the 2017–2018 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from India," dated concurrently, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content. A list of the issues raised by interested parties and responded to by Commerce in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is provided in the Appendix to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁶

For a description of the methodology underlying Commerce's conclusions, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the comments received from interested parties and record information, we made certain changes to the net subsidy rate calculated for Reliance. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of the Administrative Review

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(B)(5), we find the net countervailable subsidy rate for the period November 6, 2017 through December 31, 2018 to be as follows:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Reliance Industries Limited	4.44

Assessment and Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) 15 days after the date of publication of these final results to liquidate shipments of subject merchandise. We will instruct CBP to liquidate shipments of subject merchandise produced and/or

⁶ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5)(A) of the Act regarding specificity.

exported by Reliance entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 6, 2017 through December 31, 2018, at the *ad valorem* assessment rate listed above for Reliance.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, we intend also to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown above on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, Commerce will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit rates, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations and analysis performed for these final results to interested parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.⁷

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an 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 the return/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.

Notification to Interested Parties

These final results are 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: December 21, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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- Comment 5: Application of AFA to the SEZ Duty-Free Importation of Capital Goods and Raw Materials, Components, Consumables, Intermediates, Spare Parts, and Packing Materials Program and EPCGS
- Comment 6: Land Benchmark
- Comment 7: Whether the SEZ Programs, Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), and Merchandise Export From India Scheme (MEIS) Are Countervailable

VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Service Pier Extension Project on Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Washington

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

ACTION: Issuance of a modified incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued a modified incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to United States Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass marine mammals incidental to the Service Pier Extension (SPE) project at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Washington.

DATES: This modified IHA is valid from the original date of issuance through July 15, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401. Electronic copies of the original application and supporting documents (including NMFS **Federal Register** notices of the original proposed and

final authorizations, and the previous IHA), as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental take authorization may be provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to in shorthand as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

History of Request

On June 28, 2018, NMFS published a notice of our issuance of an IHA authorizing take of five species of marine mammals by Level A and Level B harassment incidental to the SPE project (83 FR 30406). Species authorized for take included killer whale (*Orcinus orca*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*). The effective dates of that IHA were July 16, 2019 through July 15, 2020. On February 4, 2019, the Navy informed NMFS that the project was being

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).