

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Chemical Weapons Convention Declaration and Report Handbook and Forms & Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations (CWCR)**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2025, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Chemical Weapons Convention Declaration and Report Handbook and Forms & Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations (CWCR).

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0091.

*Form Number(s):* Form 1-1, Form, 1-2, Form 1-2A, Form 1-2B.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, extension of current information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 725.

*Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes to 12 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 15,815 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC or Convention) is a multilateral arms control and non-proliferation treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons (CW). The CWC prohibits, inter alia, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons. Furthermore, each State Party to the Convention is required to make initial and annual declarations on certain facilities which produce, process, consume, transfer, or import/export toxic chemicals and their precursors as specified in three lists or schedules of chemicals contained in the Convention's Annex on Chemicals. In addition to traditional CW agents, the

Schedules include chemicals that have both large-scale commercial uses and CW applications (referred to as "dual-use chemicals"). Information is also required on facilities which produce a broad class of chemicals referred to as "Unscheduled Discrete Organic Chemicals," or "UDOCs." Finally, information is also required from facilities subject to inspection by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). This information is in addition to information provided in initial and annual declarations.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Executive Order 13128 authorizes the Department of Commerce (DOC) to issue regulations necessary to implement the Act and U.S. obligations under Article VI and related provisions of the Convention.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0694-0091.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C-570-193]

**Erythritol From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable

subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of erythritol from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable May 16, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ajay Menon or Christopher Doyle, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0208 or (202) 482-5882, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on January 10, 2025.<sup>1</sup> On February 19, 2025, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now May 12, 2025.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary 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). 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>.

**Scope of the Investigation**

The product covered by this investigation is erythritol from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

<sup>1</sup> See *Erythritol from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 90 FR 1962 (January 10, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Erythritol from China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 90 FR 9888 (February 19, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Erythritol from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).