Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by the investigation is slag pots with a nominal capacity of 65 cubic feet to 1200 cubic feet regardless of shape, form, or finish.

Slag pots are load bearing devices typically formed as a curved shell or bowl-shaped container. Slag pots are metallurgical goods typically produced either using a casting process or a fabrication process (e.g., welding) and may include a ceramic refractory coating, heat treatment or various finishes in order to handle high temperature slag. Slag pots may contain integral features or attachments including (1) legs (or a stand) and (2) pivotal mounting hooks or brackets. Legs (or a stand) are a fixed or detachable support structure which allows the slag pot to be securely positioned upright on a surface when not being lifted or transported and may also keep the slag pot off the ground and allow for air cooling. The pivotal mounting hooks and brackets are specialized attachment points (such as lifting lugs or trunnions) that allow the slag pot to be securely lifted and transported by a crane or lifting device, or that enable the slag pot to swing or rotate while remaining attached to the lifting mechanism. The merchandise covered by this investigation includes all aforementioned attachments of a fully assembled slag pot, regardless of whether shipped assembled or unassembled.

Slag pots are included within the scope whether finished or unfinished, whether imported individually or with other subject or non-subject merchandise, or whether assembled with attachments or unassembled. Finishing includes, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, machining, and assembly of various parts.

The country of origin for slag pots whether fully assembled, unfinished or finished, is the country where the slag pot was cast or forged. Subject merchandise includes slag pots that have been further processed or further assembled in a third country. Further processing and further assembly include, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, painting, coating, priming, machining, and assembly of attachments.

Slag pots subject to the investigation are specified within the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 7309.00.0090. The slag pot attachments covered by the scope of this investigation may enter under HTSUS subheadings 7316.00.0000, 7325.10.0080, 7325.99.1000, 7325.99.5000, and 7326.19.0080. The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A-570-164]

Certain Paper Plates From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain paper plates (paper plates) from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) during the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toni Page or Lingjun Wang, 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) 482–1398 or (202) 482–2316, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 5, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register** and invited interested parties to comment. For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Determination, see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum. ²

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).
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 https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are paper plates from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), between November 12 and 24, 2024, Commerce conducted verification of the sales and factors of production information submitted by Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd. (Fuzhou Hengli) and Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd (Jinhua). We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting records and original source documents provided by Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua.

Analysis of Comments Received

The issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by the parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties and addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see Appendix II.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

In accordance with section 735(a)(3)(B) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.206(h), Commerce finds for the final determination that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of paper plates for the non-selected companies eligible for a separate rate ⁴ and continues to find that critical circumstances exist with respect to the China-wide entity.⁵ We find for the final determination that critical circumstances exist with respect to

¹ See Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures, 89 FR 72367 (September 5, 2024) (Preliminary Determination), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

³ See Memoranda, "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd. (JPP) in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China (China)," dated December 16, 2024; and "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Hengli Paper Co., Ltd. (Hengli) and its producer Guangdong Ecosource Environmental Technology Co., Ltd. (Ecosource)," dated December 17, 2024.

⁴ See Issues and Decision Memorandum at 5.

⁵ See Preliminary Determination, 89 FR at 72367.

Fuzhou Hengli and its unaffiliated producers, but that critical circumstances do not exist for Jinhua.⁶ For a full description of the methodology and the results of Commerce's critical circumstances analysis, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our review and analysis of the information received during verification and comments received from interested parties for this final determination, we made certain changes to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins for Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Use of Adverse Facts Available (AFA)

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce continues to find, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, that the use of facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, is warranted in determining the dumping rate for the China-wide entity. In addition, for this final determination, we are also assigning a rate based on AFA to Fuzhou Hengli. We are assigning a rate of 515.40 percent, which is the highest calculated individual dumping margin of any respondent in the investigation, to the China-wide entity and Fuzhou Hengli.

Separate Rates

No interested party commented on Commerce's preliminary separate rate determinations ⁹ and we have no basis to reconsider those determinations. Accordingly, we continue to find that Fuzhou Hengli, Jinhua, and certain non-individually examined companies that are listed in the rate table below, are eligible for a separate rate.

Combination Rates

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*, and Policy Bulletin 05.1,¹⁰ Commerce calculated combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Producer	Exporter	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit rate (adjusted for subsidy offsets) (percent)
Guangdong Ecosource Environmental Technology Co., Ltd.	Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd	* 515.40	504.86
Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Tech- nology Co., Ltd.	Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd	* 515.40	504.86
Jinhua P&P Products Co., Ltd	Jinhua P&P Products Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Festa Party Products Mfy. (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd	Festa (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Top Printing Paper Products (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.	Festa (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Festa Party Products Mfy. (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd	Festa Limited	267.63	267.63
Top Printing Paper Products (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.	Festa Limited	267.63	267.63
Jieyang Weikangda Paper Co., Ltd	Fujian Putian Zhonghao Trade Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Dongyang Founder Paper Product Co., Ltd	Fujian Putian Zhonghao Trade Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Fuzhou Nicrolandee Arts & Craft Co., Ltd	Fuzhou Nicrolandee Arts & Craft Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Zhejiang Lanweier Paper Products Co., Ltd	Hangzhou Enli Paper Products Co. Ltd	267.63	267.63
Landward Color Printing Co., Ltd	Landward Color Printing Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Tech- nology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Feisuo Import & Export Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Homelink Eco-Itech Co., Ltd	Ningbo Homelink Eco-Itech Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Tech- nology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Tech- nology Co., Ltd.	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Kosda New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Kosda New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Goldland Industry and Technology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Qtop Import & Export Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Zhejiang Lingrong Crafts Co., Ltd	Ningbo Qtop Import & Export Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Qingdao Robana Paper Product Co., Ltd	Qingdao Gold Top Trade Co. Ltd	267.63	267.63
Qingdao Wonderful Industry and Trade Co. Ltd	Qingdao Wonderful Industry and Trade Co. Ltd	267.63	267.63
Shandong Boao Package Co., Ltd	Shandong Boao Package Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Festa Party Products Mfy. (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd	Xanadu Industrial Limited	267.63	267.63
Top Printing Paper Products (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.	Xanadu Industrial Limited	267.63	267.63
Hangzhou Enli Paper Products Co., Ltd	Yeko Trading Limited	267.63	267.63
China-Wide Entity		* 515.40	515.40

^{*} Rate based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection

with this final determination 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).

 $^{^6\,}See$ Issues and Decision Memorandum at 5.

⁷ See Preliminary Determination PDM at 15-18.

⁸ *Id.* at 18.

⁹ Id. at 9-12.

¹⁰ See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in

Antidumping Investigations involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy Bulletin 05.1), available at https://access.trade.gov/Resources/policy/bull05-1.pdf.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to start or continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I of this notice, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption as described below.

Section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of: (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered; or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. Commerce continues to find that critical circumstances exist for imports of subject merchandise produced or exported by the nonselected separate rate companies and the China-wide entity. In accordance with section 733(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of shipments of subject merchandise from the nonselected separate rate companies and the China-wide entity that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 7, 2024, which is 90 days before the publication of the Preliminary Determination. Provisional measures were not imposed for Fuzhou Hengli following the preliminary determination because of Commerce's preliminary negative determination with respect to it. However, Commerce's final affirmative critical circumstances determination now applies to Fuzhou Hengli as a result of the final affirmative determination of critical circumstances with respect to it. Accordingly, pursuant to section 735(c)(4)(C) of the Act, Commerce will instruct CBP to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries from Fuzhou Hengli, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after 90-days prior to the date of publication of this final determination in the Federal **Register**. For Jinhua, because Commerce has made a negative final determination with regard to critical circumstances, Commerce will instruct CBP to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 5, 2024, the date of publication in the Federal Register of the Preliminary Determination and, in accordance with

section 735(c)(3) of the Act, Commerce will instruct CBP to terminate any retroactive suspension of liquidation required under section 733(e)(2) of the Act, and release any bond or other security, and refund any cash deposit required, under section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act, with respect to entries of the merchandise the liquidation of which was suspended retroactively under section 733(e)(2) of the Act before September 5, 2024.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), upon the publication of this notice, Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties for appropriate entries.

Commerce will instruct CBP to require the following cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties for all appropriate entries: (1) for the producer/ exporter combinations listed in the table above, the applicable cash deposit rate is listed in the table for that combination; (2) for all combinations of Chinese producers/exporters of the merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the cash deposit rate listed for the China-wide entity in the table above; and (3) for all third-country exporters of the merchandise under consideration that are not listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Chinese producer/exporter combination or the China-wide entity that supplied that third-country exporter. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC)

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because the final determination in this investigation is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of paper plates no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded or canceled, and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instructions by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

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). 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 determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/ or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dipdyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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IX. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [Application No. 84–35A12]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review for Northwest Fruit Exporters (NFE), Application No. 84–35A12.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to NFE on January 8, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amanda Reynolds, Acting Director, OTEA, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at *etca@trade.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4011–21) (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing title III are found at 15 CFR part 325. OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the Federal Register. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

NFE amended its Certificate as follows:

- 1. Remove the following companies as Members of the Certificate:
 - a. Blue Star Growers, Inc., Cashmere, WA
 - b. Columbia Valley Fruit, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
 - c. Honey Bear Tree Fruit Co., LLC., Yakima, WA
 - d. Oneonta Trading Corp., Wenatchee, WA
- e. Smith & Nelson, Inc., Tonasket, WA
- 2. Change the names of the following Members of the Certificate:
 - a. HoneyBear Growers, LLC (Brewster, WA) changes to Honeybear Growers, LLC (Brewster, WA)
- 3. Change the Export Product coverage of the following Members of the Certificate:
 - a. Legacy Fruit Packers LLC changes
 Export Product coverage from fresh
 apples and fresh pears to fresh
 apples (dropping fresh pears).
 - b. Piepel Premium Fruit Packing LLC changes Export Product coverage from fresh apples and fresh sweet cherries to fresh apples (dropping fresh sweet cherries).
 - c. Honeybear Growers, LLC changes Export Product coverage from fresh apples to fresh apples and fresh sweet cherries (adding fresh sweet cherries).

List of Members, as Amended

- 1. Allan Bros., Naches, WA
- 2. AltaFresh L.L.C. dba Chelan Fresh Marketing, Chelan, WA
- 3. Apple House Warehouse & Storage, Inc., Brewster, WA
- 4. Apple King, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
- 5. Auvil Fruit Co., Inc. dba Gee Whiz II, LLC, Orondo, WA
- 6. Baker Produce, Inc., Kennewick, WA
- 7. Blue Bird, Inc., Peshastin, WA
- 8. Borton & Sons, Inc., Yakima, WA9. Brewster Heights Packing & Orchards, LP dba Gebbers Farms, Brewster,
- 10. Chelan Fruit, Chelan, WA
- 11. Chiawana, Inc. dba Columbia Reach Pack, Yakima, WA
- 12. Chuy's Cherries LLC, Mattawa, WA
- 13. CMI Orchards LLC, Wenatchee, WA
- 14. Columbia Fresh Packing LLC, Kennewick, WA
- 15. Congdon Packing Co. L.L.C., Yakima, WA
- 16. Cowiche Growers, Inc., Cowiche, WA
- 17. CPC International Apple Company, Tieton, WA
- 18. Crane Ranch, Brewster, WA
- 19. Custom Apple Packers, Inc., Quincy and Wenatchee, WA
- 20. Diamond Fruit Growers Inc., Odell, OR
- 21. Domex Superfresh Growers LLC, Yakima, WA