

Dated: March 4, 2014.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

## Appendix 1

### Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation covers monosodium glutamate (MSG), whether or not blended or in solution with other products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15% or more of MSG by dry weight. Products with which MSG may be blended include, but are not limited to, salts, sugars, starches, maltodextrins, and various seasonings. Further, MSG is included in this investigation regardless of physical form (including, but not limited to, substrates, solutions, dry powders of any particle size, or unfinished forms such as MSG slurry), end-use application, or packaging.

MSG has a molecular formula of  $C_5H_8NO_4Na$ , a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6106-04-3, and a Unique Ingredient Identifier (UNII) number of W81N5U6R6U.

Merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States at subheading 2922.42.10.00. Merchandise subject to this investigation may also enter under HTS subheadings 2922.42.50.00, 2103.90.72.00, 2103.90.74.00, 2103.90.78.00, 2103.90.80.00, and 2103.90.90.91. The tariff classifications, CAS registry number, and UNII number are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-993]

#### Monosodium Glutamate From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination; and Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of monosodium glutamate (MSG) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The Department also preliminarily determines that critical circumstances exist for imports of MSG from the PRC. The period of investigation is January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. The final determination will be issued 75 days after the date of this preliminary determination.<sup>1</sup> Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* March 11, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jun Jack Zhao or Justin Neuman, Office VII, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1396 and (202) 482-0486, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is MSG, whether or not blended or in solution with other

<sup>1</sup> Due to the closure of the Federal Government in Washington, DC on March 3, 2014, the Department reached this determination on the next business day (i.e., March 4, 2014). 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).

products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of MSG by dry weight.<sup>2</sup>

#### Methodology

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> 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 (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### Critical Circumstances

In accordance with section 703(e)(1) of the Act, we preliminarily find that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of MSG from the PRC. A discussion of our determination can be found in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Preliminary Determination and Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we determine separate subsidy rates for Langfang Meihua Bio-Technology Co., Ltd. and Tongliao Meihua Biological Sci-Tech Co., Ltd. (collectively, the Meihua

<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Appendix 1 to this notice.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance regarding "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum). A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at Appendix 2 of this notice.

Group)<sup>4</sup> and Henan Lotus Flower Gourmet Powder Co., Ltd. (Henan Lotus), the individually-investigated producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. We also calculated an all-others rate. In accordance with sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, for companies not individually investigated, we apply an “all-others” rate, which is normally calculated by weighting the subsidy rates of the individual companies selected as mandatory respondents by those companies’ exports of the subject

merchandise to the United States. Under section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act, the all-others rate should exclude zero and *de minimis* rates calculated for the exporters and producers individually investigated as well as rates based entirely on facts otherwise available. Where the rates for the investigated companies are all zero or *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, section 705(c)(5)(A)(ii) of the Act instructs the Department to establish an all-others rate using “any reasonable method.” For Henan Lotus,

which did not participate in this investigation, we determine a rate based solely on adverse facts available (AFA), in accordance with sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. Therefore, the only rate in this investigation that is not *de minimis* or based entirely on facts otherwise available is the rate calculated for the Meihua Group. Consequently, the rate calculated for the Meihua Group is also assigned as the “all-others” rate. The overall preliminary subsidy rates are summarized in the table below:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
Langfang Meihua Bio-Technology Co., Ltd. and Tongliao Meihua Biological Sci-Tech Co., Ltd. (collectively, the Meihua Group) .....	13.41
Henan Lotus Flower Gourmet Powder Co., Ltd. <sup>5</sup> .....	404.03
All Others .....	13.41

In accordance with sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, we are directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all entries of MSG from the PRC that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and to require a cash deposit for such entries of merchandise in the amounts indicated above. Moreover, because we preliminarily find critical circumstances exist with respect to all exporters, in accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, we are directing CBP to apply the suspension of liquidation to any unliquidated entries entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date 90 days prior to the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, we intend to verify the information submitted by the respondents prior to making our final determination.

#### Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement.<sup>6</sup> Interested parties may submit case and rebuttal briefs, as well as request a hearing.<sup>7</sup> For a schedule of the deadlines for filing case briefs, rebuttal

briefs, and hearing requests, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

In accordance with section 705(b)(2) of the Act, if our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: March 4, 2014.

#### Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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Inferences.” for a full description of our methodology.

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)–(d), 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>4</sup> We find these companies to be cross-owned in accordance with 19 CFR 351.525(b)(6)(vi). *See* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>5</sup> The Department applied AFA to this company; *see* the Preliminary Determination Memorandum at “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse

- VII. Application of the Countervailing Duty Law to Imports from the PRC
- VIII. Subsidies Valuation
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-011]

#### Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Justin Neuman at (202) 482-0486 or Milton Koch at (202) 482-2584, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On January 22, 2014, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty investigation of certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products from the People's Republic of China (PRC).<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than March 28, 2014.

##### Postponement of Due Date for the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, if the Department concludes that the parties concerned in the investigation are cooperating and determines that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, section 703(c)(1)(B) of the

Act allows the Department to postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation.

The Department determines that the parties involved in this proceeding are cooperating, and that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the Department is investigating numerous alleged subsidy programs in the PRC; these programs include preferential loans and directed credit, debt forgiveness, grants, tax incentives, export incentive programs, and the provision of goods, services, and land for less than adequate remuneration. Due to the number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices being investigated, we determine that this investigation is extraordinarily complicated. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are postponing the due date for the preliminary determination to not later than 130 days after the day on which the investigation was initiated. Thus, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determinations is now June 1, 2014. Because the deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with the Department's practice, the deadline will become the next business day, June 2, 2014.<sup>3</sup>

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

Dated: March 5, 2014.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-995]

#### Countervailing Duty Investigation of Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination and Alignment of Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

<sup>2</sup> See section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the "Department") preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of grain-oriented electrical steel from the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").<sup>1</sup> We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* March 12, 2014.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Yasmin Nair, David Cordell or Brian Davis, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202.482.3813, 202.482.0408 or 202.482.7924, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation covers grain-oriented silicon electrical steel ("GOES"). GOES is a flat-rolled alloy steel product containing by weight at least 0.6 percent but not more than 6 percent of silicon, not more than 0.08 percent of carbon, not more than 1.0 percent of aluminum, and no other element in an amount that would give the steel the characteristics of another alloy steel, in coils or in straight lengths. The GOES that is subject to this investigation is currently classifiable under subheadings 7225.11.0000, 7226.11.1000, 7226.11.9030, and 7226.11.9060 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

##### Methodology

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty ("CVD") investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act"). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>2</sup> For a full description of the

<sup>1</sup> Due to the closure of the Federal Government on March 3, 2014, Commerce reached this determination on the next business day (*i.e.*, March 4, 2014). 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).

<sup>2</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E)

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<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 79 FR 4667 (January 29, 2014).