

## Suspended Investigations

No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in August 2025.

Commerce's procedures for the conduct of Sunset Review are set forth in 19 CFR 351.218. The *Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review* provides further information regarding what is required of all parties to participate in Sunset Review.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103(c), Commerce will maintain and make available a service list for these proceedings. To facilitate the timely preparation of the service list(s), it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding contact Commerce in writing within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation.

Please note that if Commerce receives a Notice of Intent to Participate from a member of the domestic industry within 15 days of the date of initiation, the review will continue.

Thereafter, any interested party wishing to participate in the Sunset Review must provide substantive comments in response to the notice of initiation no later than 30 days after the date of initiation. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>1</sup> An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the day on which it is due.

In prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their comments, including footnotes. In these sunset reviews, we request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their comments, an executive summary for each issue raised in their comments. Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the decision memorandum that will accompany the notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Finally, we request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: June 18, 2025.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

**[C-602-814, C-553-002, C-403-807, C-549-856]**

### **Silicon Metal From Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, and Thailand: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations**

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

**DATES:** Applicable June 30, 2025.

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

On May 14, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on imports of silicon metal from Australia, Laos, Norway, and Thailand.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determinations in these CVD investigations are due no later than July 18, 2025.

#### **Postponement of Preliminary Determinations**

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation until not later than 130 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 June 18 and 23, 2025, the petitioners<sup>2</sup> submitted timely requests that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in the CVD investigations of silicon metal from Australia, Laos, Norway, and Thailand to 130 days from the date of initiation, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2).<sup>3</sup> The petitioners stated that postponement of the preliminary determinations is necessary because the current schedule does not provide Commerce with sufficient time to examine the subsidies that producers and exporters of silicon metal from Australia, Laos, Norway, and Thailand receive.<sup>4</sup>

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioners submitted their request for postponement of the preliminary determinations in these investigations 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determinations and stated the reasons for their request. Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the petitioners' request for postponement. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations in the CVD investigations of silicon metal from Australia, Laos, Norway, and Thailand until not later than 130 days after the date on which it initiated these investigations, *i.e.*, September 22, 2025.<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to section 705(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

<sup>2</sup> The petitioners are Ferroglobe USA, Inc. and Mississippi Silicon LLC.

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioners' Letters, "Petitioners' Request to Postpone the Deadline for the Preliminary Determinations," dated June 18, 2025, and June 23, 2025.

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

<sup>5</sup> Because the deadline for these preliminary determinations falls on the weekend (*i.e.*, September 21, 2025), the deadline becomes the next business day (*i.e.*, September 22, 2025). 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>1</sup> See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

<sup>1</sup> See *Silicon Metal from Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, and Thailand: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 90 FR 21746 (May 21, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).

days after the date of the preliminary determinations.

### Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: June 26, 2025.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–721–002, C–729–806, C–552–854]

### Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Algeria, Egypt, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

**DATES:** Applicable June 24, 2025.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### The Petitions

On June 4, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from Algeria, Egypt, and Vietnam filed in proper form on behalf of the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (the petitioner) and its individual members, domestic producers of rebar.<sup>1</sup> The CVD Petitions were accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of rebar from Algeria, Bulgaria, Egypt, and Vietnam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties," dated June 4, 2025 (Petitions). The individual members of the Rebar Trade Action Coalition are Byer Steel Corporation, Commercial Metals Company, Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc., Nucor Corporation, Optimus Steel, and Steel Dynamics, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

Between June 10 and 20, 2025, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petitions in supplemental questionnaires.<sup>3</sup> Between June 13 and 23, 2025, the petitioner filed timely responses to these requests for additional information.<sup>4</sup>

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of Algeria (GOA), Government of Egypt (GOE), and Government of Vietnam (GOV) (collectively, Governments) are providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of rebar in Algeria, Egypt, and Vietnam, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing rebar in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating CVD investigations, the Petitions were accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petitions on behalf of the domestic industry, because the petitioner and its individual members are interested parties, as defined in sections 771(9)(C) and (F) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested CVD investigations.<sup>5</sup>

#### Periods of Investigation

Because the Petitions were filed on June 4, 2025, the period of investigation for the Algeria, Egypt, and Vietnam CVD

<sup>3</sup> See Commerce's Letters, "Supplemental Questions," dated June 9, 2025 (First General Issues Questionnaire), First Country-Specific CVD Supplemental Questionnaires: Algeria CVD Supplemental and Egypt CVD Supplemental, dated June 10, 2025, and Second Country-Specific CVD Supplemental Questionnaires: Second Algeria CVD Supplemental and Second Egypt CVD Supplemental, dated June 18 and 20, 2025; *see also* Memorandum, "Teleconference with Counsel to the Petitioner," dated June 20, 2025 (June 20, 2025, Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioner's Letters, "Petitioners' Response to Supplemental Questions—General Issues," dated June 11, 2025 (First General Issues Supplement) and "Petitioner's Response to the 2nd Supplemental Questionnaire Regarding Common Issues and Injury Volume I of the Petition," dated June 23, 2025 (Second General Issues Supplement); *see also* Country-Specific CVD Supplemental Responses: Algeria CVD Supplement and Egypt CVD Supplement," dated June 13 and 16, 2025; and Second Country-Specific CVD Supplemental Responses: Second Algeria CVD Supplement and Second Egypt CVD Supplement, dated June 23, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> See section on "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions," *infra*.

investigations is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.<sup>6</sup>

### Scope of the Investigations

The product covered by these investigations is rebar from Algeria, Egypt, and Vietnam. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, *see* the appendix to this notice.

### Comments on the Scope of the Investigations

On June 20, 2025, Commerce requested information and clarification from the petitioner regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petitions is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.<sup>7</sup> On June 23, 2025, the petitioner provided clarifications.<sup>8</sup> The description of merchandise covered by these investigations, as described in the appendix to this notice, reflects these clarifications.

As discussed in the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>9</sup> Commerce will consider all comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determinations. If scope comments include factual information, all such factual information should be limited to public information.<sup>10</sup> Commerce requests that interested parties provide at the beginning of their scope comments a public executive summary for each comment or issue raised in their submission. Commerce further requests that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each comment or issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. Commerce intends to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the analysis of scope comments. To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that scope comments be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on July 14, 2025, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, and should also be limited to public information, must be

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

<sup>7</sup> See June 20, 2025, Memorandum.

<sup>8</sup> See Second General Issues Supplement at 1–2.

<sup>9</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) (defining "factual information").