

modified by 18 U.S.C. 3551, *et. seq.*; provisions of the Privacy Act, as applicable; 18 U.S.C. 1905; 26 U.S.C. 7213, 7213A, and 7431; and 42 U.S.C. 1306.

(3) All Census Bureau employees and persons with Special Sworn Status will be regularly advised of regulations governing the confidentiality of the data and will be required to complete an annual Data Stewardship Awareness training, and those who have access to Federal Tax Information data will be regularly advised of regulations governing the confidentiality of the data and will be required to complete an annual Title 26, U.S. Code awareness program. Employees of FedRAMP-approved cloud service providers do not have access to Census Bureau protected data maintained in this system of records.

(4) The restricted-access IT environment has been established to limit the number of Census Bureau staff with direct access to the personal identifiers in this system to protect the confidentiality of the data and to prevent unauthorized use or access.

(5) All Census Bureau and FedRAMP-approved computer systems that maintain sensitive information are in compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act, as amended (44 U.S.C. 3551–3559), which includes auditing and controls over access to restricted data.

(6) The use of unsecured telecommunications to transmit individually identifiable information is prohibited.

(7) Paper copies that contain sensitive information are stored in secure facilities in a locked drawer or file cabinet.

(8) Each requested use of the data maintained in this system of records will be reviewed by an in-house Project Review Board to ensure that data relating to the project will be used only for authorized purposes. All uses of the data are solely for statistical purposes, which by definition means that uses will not directly affect benefits or enforcement actions for any individual. Only when the Project Review Board has approved a project will access to information from one or more of the source data sets be granted. Data from external sources in approved projects will not be made publicly available. Any publications based on the Statistical Administrative Records System will be cleared for release under the direction of the Census Bureau's Disclosure Review Board, which will confirm that all the required disclosure protection procedures have been

implemented. No information will be released that identifies any individual.

#### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

None.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

None.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

None.

#### EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(4), this system of records is exempted from subsections (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f) of the Privacy Act. These subsections include, but are not limited to, certain requirements concerning notification, access, and contest procedures. This exemption is applicable as the data are maintained by the Census Bureau solely as statistical records, as required under Title 13, U.S. Code, and are not used in whole or in part in making any determination about an identifiable individual. This exemption is made in accordance with the Department's rules which appear in 15 CFR part 4 Subpart B.

#### HISTORY:

81 FR 776554, November 3, 2016, Notice of Proposed Amendment.

Jennifer Goode,

*Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Office of Privacy and Open Government.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–533–907]

#### Sodium Nitrite From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of 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 sodium nitrite from India for the period of investigation (POI) January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable June 21, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eva Kim, 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) 482–8283.

#### 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 countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on February 8, 2022.<sup>1</sup> On March 18, 2022, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until June 13, 2022.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of 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 sodium nitrite from India. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, *see* Appendix I.

##### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage, (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> No interested party commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>1</sup> *See Sodium Nitrite from India and the Russian Federation: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 87 FR 7108 (February 8, 2022) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> *See Sodium Nitrite from India: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 87 FR 15373 (March 18, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> *See Memorandum*, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Sodium Nitrite from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> *See Initiation Notice*, 87 FR at 7109.

## Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines 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>6</sup>

Commerce notes that, in making these findings, it relied, in part, on facts available and, because it finds that the Government of India did not act to the best of its ability to respond to Commerce’s requests for information, it drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.<sup>7</sup> For further information, *see* the “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” section in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

## Alignment

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce is aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final antidumping duty investigation of sodium nitrite from India based on a request made by the petitioner.<sup>8</sup> Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than October 25, 2022, unless postponed.

## All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and *de minimis* rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

Commerce calculated an individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Deepak Nitrite Limited (Deepak), the only individually examined exporter/

producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated rate is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the estimated weighted-average rate calculated for Deepak is the rate assigned to all other producers and exporters, pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act.

## Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Deepak Nitrite Limited <sup>9</sup> .....	12.88
All Others .....	12.88

## Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

## Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.244(b).

## Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.<sup>10</sup>

## Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the deadline for the verification questionnaire response in this investigation. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be

submitted no later than seven days after the deadline for case briefs.<sup>11</sup> Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.<sup>12</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party’s name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

## International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of its determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of sodium nitrite from India are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

## Notification to Interested Parties

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

<sup>6</sup> 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(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

<sup>7</sup> See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

<sup>8</sup> The petitioner is Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC. See Petitioner’s Letter, “Sodium Nitrite from India: Request to Align Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Companion Antidumping Duty Final Determination,” dated May 27, 2022.

<sup>9</sup> Deepak Nitrite Limited includes Deepak Nitrite Limited Nandesari Division.

<sup>10</sup> See Commerce’s Letter, “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Sodium Nitrite from India: Verification Preparedness Questionnaire,” dated June 6, 2022.

<sup>11</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>12</sup> See *Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period*, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

Dated: June 13, 2022.

**Lisa W. Wang,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

## Appendix I

### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is sodium nitrite in any form, at any purity level. In addition, the sodium nitrite covered by this investigation may or may not contain an anticaking agent. Examples of names commonly used to reference sodium nitrite are nitrous acid, sodium salt, anti-rust, diazotizing salts, erinitrit, and filmerine. Sodium nitrite's chemical composition is  $\text{NaNO}_2$ , and it is generally classified under subheading 2834.10.1000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The American Chemical Society Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) has assigned the name "sodium nitrite" to sodium nitrite. The CAS registry number is 7632-00-0. For purposes of the scope of this investigation, the narrative description is dispositive, not the tariff heading, CAS registry number or CAS name, which are provided for convenience and customs purposes.

## Appendix II

### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope Comments
- IV. Subsidies Valuation
- V. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences
- VI. Benchmarks and Interest Rates
- VII. Analysis of Programs
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Domestic and International Client Export Services and Customized Forms Revision

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 22, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to John Seo, Senior Economist, International Trade Administration, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-7497 or [john.seo@trade.gov](mailto:john.seo@trade.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to John Seo, Senior Economist, International Trade Administration, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-7497 or [john.seo@trade.gov](mailto:john.seo@trade.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The International Trade Administration's (ITA) Global Markets/ U.S. Commercial Service (CS) is mandated by Congress to broaden and deepen the U.S. exporter base. The CS accomplishes this by providing counseling, programs, and services to help U.S. organizations export and conduct business in overseas markets. This information collection package enables the CS to provide appropriate export services to U.S. exporters and international buyers.

The CS offers a variety of services to enable clients to begin exporting/ importing or to expand existing exporting/importing efforts. Clients may learn about our services from business related entities such as the National Association of Manufacturers, Federal Express, State Economic Development offices, the internet, or word of mouth. The CS provides a standard set of services to assist clients with identifying potential overseas partners, establishing meeting programs with appropriate overseas business contacts, and providing due diligence reports on potential overseas business partners. The CS also provides other export-related services considered to be of a "customized nature" because they do not fit into the standard set of the CS' export services, but are driven by unique business needs of individual clients.

The dissemination of international market information and potential business opportunities for U.S. exporters are critical components of the Commercial Service's export assistance

programs and services. U.S. companies conveniently access and indicate their interest in these services by completing the appropriate forms via ITA and the CS U.S. Export Assistance Center websites.

The CS works closely with clients to educate them about the exporting/ importing process and to help prepare them for exporting/importing. When a client is ready to begin the exporting/ importing process our field staff provide counseling to assist in the development of an exporting strategy. We provide fee-based, export-related services designed to help client export/import. The type of export-related service that is proposed to a client depends upon a client's business goals and where they are in the export/import process. Some clients are at the beginning of the export process and require assistance with identifying potential distributors, whereas other clients may be ready to sign a contract with a potential distributor and require due diligence assistance.

Before the CS can provide export-related services to clients, such as assistance with identifying potential partners or providing due diligence, specific information is required to determine the client's business objectives and needs. For example, before we can provide a service to identify potential business partners we need to know whether the client would like a potential partner to have specific technical qualifications, coverage in a specific market, English or foreign language ability or warehousing requirements. This information collection is designed to elicit such data so that appropriate services can be proposed and conducted to most effectively meet the client's exporting goals. Without these forms the CS is unable to provide services when requested by clients.

The forms ask U.S. exporters standard questions about their company details, demographic information, export experience, information about the products or services they wish to export, and exporting goals. In addition, the CS is seeking approval to collect demographic information to help meet the Executive Order (E.O.) On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. In order to better assist underserved communities as defined by the E.O., the CS plans to ask questions related to equity and underserved communities. CS staff will use this information to gain a better understanding of client's needs and objectives so that they can provide appropriate and effective export