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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–678 and 731–TA–1584 (Final)]

Barium Chloride From India; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Antidumping Duty Investigations

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of countervailing and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 701–TA–678 and 731–TA–1584 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of barium chloride from India, provided for in subheading 2827.39.45 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) has preliminarily determined imports of barium chloride from India to be subsidized. In addition, Commerce has made a preliminary negative determination of sales at less-than-fair value in the antidumping duty investigation of barium chloride from India.

DATED: August 17, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alejandro Orozco ((202) 205–3177), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on

the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope.—For purposes of these investigations, Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as “barium chloride, a chemical compound having the formulas BaCl₂ or BaCl₂·2H₂O, currently classifiable under subheading 2827.39.4500 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).”¹

Background.—The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled pursuant to sections 705(b) and 731(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 1673d(b)), as a result of an affirmative preliminary determination by Commerce that certain benefits which constitute subsidies within the meaning of § 703 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b) are being provided to manufacturers, producers, or exporters in India of barium chloride.² The investigations were requested in petitions filed on January 12, 2022, by Chemical Products Corp., Cartersville, Georgia.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11 of the Commission’s rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance during the preliminary phase of the investigations need not file an additional notice of appearance during this final phase. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

Please note the Secretary’s Office will accept only electronic filings during this time. Filings must be made through the

Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>). No in-person paper-based filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission’s rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in the final phase of these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff report.—The prehearing staff report in the final phase of these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on December 16, 2022, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.22 of the Commission’s rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the final phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on January 5, 2023. Information about the place and form of the hearing, including about how to participate in and/or view the hearing, will be posted on the Commission’s website at <https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/calendar.html>. Interested parties should check the Commission’s website periodically for updates. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before December 28, 2022. Any requests to appear as a witness via videoconference must be included with your request to appear. Requests to appear via videoconference must include a statement explaining why the witness cannot appear in person; the Chairman, or other person designated to conduct the investigation, may in their discretion for good cause shown, grant such a request. Requests to appear as remote witness due to illness or a positive COVID–19 test result may be submitted by 3 p.m. the business day prior to the hearing.

A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission’s deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to

¹ For Commerce’s complete scope, please see 87 FR 50602, August 17, 2022.

² While Commerce has preliminarily determined that imports of barium chloride from India are not being and are not likely to be sold in the United States at less than fair value, the Commission is continuing its investigative activities pursuant to Commission rule 207.21(c).

appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 30, 2022. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written submissions.—Each party who is an interested party shall submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of § 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is December 27, 2022. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in § 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of § 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is January 11, 2023. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations, including statements of support or opposition to the petition, on or before January 11, 2023. On January 25, 2023, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before January 27, 2023, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with § 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission's website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings.

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to § 201.12 of the Commission's rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions, or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each

document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Katherine Hiner,

Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Application No. D–12022]

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Comment Period Extension and Hearing Notice for Proposed Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 84–14 (the QPAM Exemption)

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period; hearing notice and subsequent reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department) is extending the comment period for a proposed amendment to prohibited transaction class exemption 84–14 (the Proposed QPAM Amendment). Additionally, the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) will hold a virtual public hearing regarding the Proposed QPAM Amendment. EBSA welcomes comments and requests to testify at the hearing from the general public. As discussed in the **DATES** section below, the Department also will reopen the comment period for the Proposed QPAM Amendment in connection with the hearing.

DATES: Written comments on the Proposed QPAM Amendment and requests to testify at the hearing must be submitted to the Department on or before October 11, 2022. The public hearing will be held on November 17, 2022, and November 18, 2022 (if necessary), via WebEx beginning at 9

a.m. EST. The Department will reopen the comment period for the Proposed QPAM Amendment for a supplemental comment period beginning on the hearing date (November 17, 2022) and publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing that the hearing transcript is available on EBSA's web page and when the supplemental comment period ends.

ADDRESSES: Please submit all written comments and requests to testify at the hearing to the Office of Exemption Determinations through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov using Docket ID number: EBSA–2022–0008. Instructions are provided at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Scott Hesse, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Telephone: (202) 693–8546 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published the Proposed QPAM Amendment on July 27, 2022, with a 60-day comment period that is scheduled to expire on September 26, 2022. Since the publication of the Proposed QPAM Amendment, the Department received a request from interested persons for the Department to extend its comment period for at least an additional 60 days. After carefully considering the extension request, the Department has decided that it is appropriate to extend the initial comment period for an additional 15 days until October 11, 2022 (a total of 75 days) to provide interested parties with additional time to prepare and submit comments, as well as to provide a supplemental comment period following a public hearing.

Hearing and Supplementary Comment Period

On its own motion, the Department also has decided to hold a virtual public hearing to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to testify on material information and issues regarding the Proposed QPAM Amendment. The hearing will be held via WebEx on November 17, 2022, and November 18, 2022 (if necessary), beginning at 9 a.m. EDT and will be transcribed. Registration information to access and view the hearing will be available on EBSA's website: www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa.

The Department will reopen the comment period on the Proposed QPAM