

interested party within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁷ We received no substantive responses from any respondent interested party. On December 26, 2024, Commerce notified the ITC that it did not receive substantive responses from any respondent interested parties.⁸ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted expedited (120-day) sunset reviews of the *Orders*.

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these *Orders* are acetone from Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁹

Analysis of Comments Received

A complete discussion of all issues raised in these sunset reviews is contained in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.¹⁰ A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. 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 <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be directly accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

⁷ See Domestic Interested Party's Letters, "First Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Acetone From Belgium: Domestic Industry's Substantive Response," dated November 22, 2024; "First Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Acetone From Korea: Domestic Industry's Substantive Response," dated November 22, 2024; "First Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Acetone From Singapore: Domestic Industry's Substantive Response," dated November 22, 2024; "First Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Acetone From South Africa: Domestic Industry's Substantive Response," dated November 22, 2024; "First Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Acetone From Spain: Domestic Industry's Substantive Response," dated November 22, 2024.

⁸ See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on November 4, 2024," dated December 26, 2024.

⁹ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Acetone from Belgium, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, the Republic of South Africa, and Spain," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

¹⁰ *Id.*

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and that the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail would be weighted-average dumping margins up to 28.10 percent for Belgium, 47.86 percent for Korea, 131.75 percent for Singapore, 414.92 percent for South Africa, and 171.81 percent for Spain.¹¹

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to interested parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return/destruction or conversion to judicial protective order of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a). Timely 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 violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: March 3, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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¹¹ See *Orders*.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-972, A-583-848]

Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents From the People's Republic of China and Taiwan: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on certain stilbenic optical brightening agents (OBAs) from the People's Republic of China (China) and Taiwan would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD orders.

DATES: Applicable February 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Weiner, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3902.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 10, 2012, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD orders on OBAs from China and Taiwan.¹ On July 1, 2024, Commerce initiated the second sunset review of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the *Orders* be revoked.³

¹ See *Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 77 FR 27423 (May 10, 2012); and *Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from Taiwan: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 77 FR 27419 (May 10, 2012) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 89 FR 54435 (July 1, 2024).

³ See *Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from the People's Republic of China and Taiwan: Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 89 FR 88729 (November 8, 2024), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM).

On February 27, 2025, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁴

Scope of the Orders

The OBAs covered by the *Orders* are all forms (whether free acid or salt) of compounds known as triazinylaminostilbenes (*i.e.*, all derivatives of 4,4'-bis [1,3,5-triazin-2-yl] ⁵ amino-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid), except for compounds listed in the following paragraph. The stilbenic OBAs covered by the *Orders* include final stilbenic OBA products, as well as intermediate products that are themselves triazinylaminostilbenes produced during the synthesis of stilbenic OBA products.

Excluded from the *Orders* are all forms of 4,4'-bis[4-anilino-6-morpholino-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl] ⁶ amino-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid, C₄₀H₄₀N₁₂O₈S₂ ("Fluorescent Brightener 71"). The *Orders* cover the above-described compounds in any state (including but not limited to powder, slurry, or solution), of any concentrations of active stilbenic OBA ingredient, as well as any compositions regardless of additives (*i.e.*, mixtures or blends, whether of stilbenic OBAs with each other, or of stilbenic OBAs with additives that are not stilbenic OBAs), and in any type of packaging.

These OBAs are classifiable under subheading 3204.20.8000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), but they may also enter under subheadings 2933.69.6050, 2921.59.4000, and 2921.59.8090. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at

⁴ See *Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from China and Taiwan*, 90 FR 10830 (February 27, 2025) (ITC Final Determination).

⁵ The brackets in this sentence are part of the chemical formula.

⁶ *Id.*

the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Orders* will be February 27, 2025.⁷ Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act, and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: March 3, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-933]

Hexamethylenetetramine From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With 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 hexamethylenetetramine (hexamine) from India. The period of investigation

is April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable March 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claudia Cott or Thomas Schauer, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4270 or (202) 482-0410, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). On November 4, 2024, Commerce published the notice of initiation of this countervailing duty (CVD) investigation in the **Federal Register**.¹ On November 21, 2024, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination until February 28, 2025.²

For a complete description of events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included in 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 hexamine from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

¹ See *Hexamethylenetetramine from the People's Republic of China and India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 89 FR 87560 (November 4, 2024) (Initiation Notice).

² See *Hexamethylenetetramine from the People's Republic of China and India: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 89 FR 92096 (November 21, 2024).

³ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of the Hexamethylenetetramine from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ See *ITC Final Determination*.