

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-570-191]

Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable February 19, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On January 6, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of sol gel alumina-based ceramic abrasive grains from the People's Republic of China (China).¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than March 12, 2025.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

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 until no 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.

¹ See *Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 90 FR 3175 (January 14, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*); see also *Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation; Correction*, 90 FR 7659 (January 22, 2025).

Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On February 7, 2025, the petitioner² in this CVD investigation timely requested that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination.³ The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determination in the investigation so that Commerce can fully analyze the forthcoming questionnaire responses of the mandatory respondents and issue supplemental questionnaires, as necessary.⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner submitted its request for postponement of the preliminary determination in this investigation 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and stated the reasons for its request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, May 16, 2025. 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 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

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: February 12, 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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XE676]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

² The petitioner is Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics, Inc.

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioner's Request for Extension Preliminary Determination Deadline," dated February 7, 2025.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

ACTION: Notice of web conference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) webinar to support public engagement and provide information related to the Council's upcoming discussion of the Programmatic Evaluation will meet on March 6, 2025.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be web conferences. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3077>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Programmatic Evaluation initiated by the Council in June 2023 will revisit the management policies, goals, and objectives for all of the Council's federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska. Through this process, the Council will consider whether and how its management approach should be updated and revised in consideration of current environmental variability and the ability of the management framework to respond to such change. The Council will next discuss the Programmatic Evaluation at its April 2025 meeting, March 31-April 7, 2025, in Anchorage, AK. More information on upcoming meetings is available at <https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting/>. Meeting materials related to this agenda item will be posted to the Council's eAgenda in advance of the meeting.

This webinar is intended as an additional resource to help interested members of the public understand the materials related to the Programmatic Evaluation which were prepared by staff. The Programmatic Evaluation will be an agenda topic at the upcoming April Council meeting with opportunities for public input. The webinar will include an orientation to the Programmatic Evaluation discussion materials, and time for clarifying questions. This webinar will be