

environmental technology sectors and to deliberate on potential recommendation topics. The committee will also hear briefings on U.S. government resources and programs to support U.S. environmental technology exporters, including the U.S. National Export Strategy. An agenda will be made available one week prior to the meeting upon request to Megan Hyndman.

The meeting will be open to the public and time will be permitted for public comment before the close of the meeting. Members of the public seeking to attend the meeting are required to register by Friday, November 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. EST, via the contact information provided above. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov or (202) 823-1839 no less than one week prior to the meeting. Requests received after this date will be accepted, but it may not be possible to accommodate them.

Written comments concerning ETTAC affairs are welcome any time before or after the meeting. To be considered during the meeting, written comments must be received by Friday, November 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. EST to ensure transmission to the members before the meeting. Draft minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

Dated: October 13, 2023.

Man K. Cho,

Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of these expedited sunset reviews, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on low melt polyester staple fiber (low melt PSF) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels

indicated in the “Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable October 19, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Hart, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 16, 2018, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD orders on low melt PSF from Korea and Taiwan.¹ On July 3, 2023, Commerce published the *Initiation Notice* of the first sunset reviews of the *Orders* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i) and (ii), Commerce received notices of intent to participate in these sunset reviews from Huvis Indorama Advanced Materials, LLC and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America (collectively, the domestic interested parties) within 15-days after the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*.³ The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as producers of a domestic like product in the United States.

Commerce received timely, adequate substantive responses to the *Initiation Notice* from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day period specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁴ Commerce did not receive substantive responses from any other interested parties, and no party requested a hearing.

On August 22, 2023, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from

¹ See *Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 83 FR 40752 (August 16, 2018) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 42688 (July 3, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

³ See Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea—Domestic Interested Parties’ Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated July 18, 2023; see also Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from Taiwan—Domestic Interested Parties’ Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated July 18, 2023.

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea—Domestic Interested Parties’ Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated July 18, 2023; see also, Domestic Interested Parties’ Letter, “Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from Taiwan—Domestic Interested Parties’ Notice of Intent to Participate,” dated July 18, 2023.

other interested parties.⁵ As a result, in accordance with section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted expedited, *i.e.*, 120-day, sunset reviews of the *Orders*.

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise subject to the *Orders* is synthetic staple fibers, not carded or combed, specifically bi-component polyester fibers having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component (low melt PSF). For a complete description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁶

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in these sunset reviews are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail if the *Orders* were revoked.⁷ 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 <http://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <http://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews

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 at a rate up to 16.27 percent for Korea and up to 49.93 percent for Taiwan.

Administrative Protective Orders

This notice serves as the only reminder to interested parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning

⁵ See Commerce’s Letter, “Sunset Reviews for July 2023,” dated August 22, 2023.

⁶ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁷ *Id.*

the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. 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 subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the results in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 771(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

Lisa W. Wang,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Orders*
- IV. History of the *Orders*
- V. Legal Framework
- VI. Discussion of the Issues
 1. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Dumping
 2. Magnitude of the Margins of Dumping Likely to Prevail
- VII. Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews
- VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Identifying Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: NOAA is beginning the process to identify Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (AOAs) in Alaska state waters to help sustainably advance invertebrate (e.g., shellfish, sea cucumber) and seaweed (e.g., macroalgae, kelp) aquaculture, in partnership with the State of Alaska. NOAA requests data, comments, views, information, analysis, or suggestions from the public to support the identification of AOAs in Alaska state waters, including siting parameters that can be used to select potential study areas for further analysis. Please

respond to the questions listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, as appropriate.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 18, 2023.

Two webinar-based listening sessions are scheduled for Alaska.

1. November 14, 2023, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (AKST) Alaska.

2. November 15, 2023, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (AKST) Alaska.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2023–0113, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2023–0113 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written information to Jon Kurland, Regional Administrator for Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Records Office. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668.

- **Webinar links:** Links and toll-free phone numbers for each webinar can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/request-information-identifying-aquaculture-opportunity-areas-alaska>.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. Responses to this request are voluntary. Respondents need not reply to all questions. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for any costs that you may incur in responding to this Request for Information (RFI), or for the use of any information contained in the response. The documents and information submitted in response to this RFI become the property of the U.S. Government and will not be returned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Bishop, 907–586–7724, nmfs.akr.aoinfo@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An AOA is a defined geographic area that NOAA

has evaluated through both spatial analysis and a programmatic National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and determined to be environmentally, socially, and economically appropriate to support multiple commercial aquaculture operations. On June 1, 2023, NOAA announced the beginning of the process to identify AOAs in partnership with the State of Alaska in Alaska state waters. This is the beginning of a multi-year process in which NOAA and the State of Alaska will work to analyze locations and identify AOAs in Alaska state waters to help sustainably advance invertebrate (e.g., shellfish, sea cucumber) and seaweed (e.g., macroalgae, kelp) aquaculture. NOAA will not consider finfish aquaculture during identification of AOAs in Alaska because it is prohibited by state law.

NOAA has directives to preserve ocean sustainability and facilitate domestic aquaculture in the U.S., including through the National Aquaculture Act of 1980, the NOAA Marine Aquaculture Policy, and the Executive Order 13211, Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth (May 7, 2020). NOAA has a variety of proven science-based tools and strategies that can support these directives and help communities thoughtfully consider how and where to sustainably develop aquaculture that will complement wild-capture fisheries, working waterfronts, and our nation’s seafood processing and distribution infrastructure.

The areas identified as AOAs will have characteristics that are expected to be able to support multiple aquaculture farm sites of varying types; however, all portions of the AOA may not be appropriate for aquaculture or for all types of aquaculture. Identifying AOAs is an opportunity to use the best available science, which includes Indigenous Knowledge, and supports the “triple bottom line” of environmental, economic, and social sustainability. This approach has been refined and utilized widely within states and by other countries with robust, sustainable aquaculture sectors.

The Secretary of Commerce will identify AOAs in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, other appropriate Federal officials, and appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, and in coordination with appropriate State and Tribal governments.