

Background

On February 19, 2019, Commerce published AD and CVD orders on rubber bands from China.¹ On April 26, 2019, Commerce published an AD order on rubber bands from Thailand.² On January 2, 2024, Commerce initiated the current sunset reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.218(c).³

We did not receive a timely notice to participate in these sunset reviews from any domestic interested party within fifteen days of the publication of the *Initiation Notice* in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). As a result, consistent with 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(A)(1), Commerce has determined that no domestic interested party intends to participate in these sunset reviews. On January 23, 2024, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B)(2), Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) in writing that we intended to revoke the AD and CVD orders (collectively, *Orders*) on rubber bands from China and the AD order on rubber bands from Thailand.⁴

Scope of the Orders

The scope of the *Orders* covers bands made of vulcanized rubber, with a flat length, as actually measured end-to-end by the band lying flat, no less than 1/2 inch and no greater than 10 inches; with a width, which measures the dimension perpendicular to the length, actually of at least 3/64 inch and no greater than 2 inches; and a wall thickness actually from 0.020 inch to 0.125 inch. Vulcanized rubber has been chemically processed into a more durable material by the addition of sulfur or other equivalent curatives or accelerators. Subject products are included regardless of color or inclusion of printed material on the rubber band's surface, including but not limited to, rubber bands with printing on them, such as a product name, advertising, or slogan, and printed material (e.g., a tag) fastened to the rubber band by an adhesive or another temporary type of connection. The scope includes vulcanized rubber bands which are contained or otherwise

exist in various forms and packages, such as, without limitation, vulcanized rubber bands included within a desk accessory set or other type of set or package, and vulcanized rubber band balls. The scope excludes products that consist of an elastomer loop and durable tag all-in-one, and bands that are being used at the time of import to fasten an imported product.

Excluded from the scope of the *Orders* are vulcanized rubber bands of various sizes with arrow shaped rubber protrusions from the outer diameter that exceeds at the anchor point a wall thickness of 0.125 inches and where the protrusion is used to loop around, secure and lock in place.

Excluded from the scope of the *Orders* are yarn/fabric-covered vulcanized rubber hair bands, regardless of size.

Merchandise covered by the *Orders* is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 4016.99.3510. Merchandise covered by the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheading 4016.99.6050. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the *Orders* is dispositive.

Revocation

Pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B)(3), if no domestic interested parties respond to a notice of initiation, Commerce shall, within 90 days after the initiation of the review, revoke the order. Because no domestic interested party filed a notice of intent to participate in these sunset reviews, we are revoking the AD and CVD orders on rubber bands from China and the AD order on rubber bands from Thailand.

Effective Date of Revocation

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(3)(A) and 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2)(i), where Commerce revokes an order, the revocation will be effective on or after the fifth anniversary of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the order. Therefore, Commerce intends instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to terminate the suspension of liquidation of merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after: February 19, 2024, for merchandise subject to the *China AD and CVD Orders*, and April 26, 2024, for merchandise subject to the *Thailand AD Order*.

Entries of subject merchandise prior to the effective date of revocation will continue to be subject to suspension of liquidation and antidumping duty and countervailing duty deposit

requirements. Commerce will complete any pending reviews of these orders and will conduct administrative reviews of subject merchandise entered prior to the effective date of revocation in response to appropriately filed requests for review.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews, the revocation of the *Orders*, and this notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(c) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4) and 351.222(i)(1)(i).

Dated: March 14, 2024.

Ryan Majerus,

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

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Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico: Final Results of the 2022 Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that the Government of Mexico (GOM) and the respondent companies selected for individual examination, *Compañía Industrial Azucarera S.A. de C.V.* and its affiliates and *Ingenio Presidente Benito Juárez S.A. de C.V.* (collectively, respondents), were in compliance with the terms of the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended (CVD Agreement), during the period of review (POR) from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Commerce also determines that the CVD Agreement met the statutory requirements during the POR.

DATES: Applicable March 21, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sally C. Gannon or Jill Buckles, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0162 or (202) 482–6230, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

¹ See *Rubber Bands from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 4774 (February 19, 2019) (*China AD and CVD Orders*).

² See *Rubber Bands from Thailand: Antidumping Duty Order*, 84 FR 17779 (April 26, 2019) (*Thailand AD Order*).

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 89 FR 66 (January 2, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁴ See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on January 2, 2024," dated January 23, 2024.

Background

On December 27, 2023, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review.¹ We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. No interested party submitted comments. Hence, these final results are unchanged from the *Preliminary Results*, and no memorandum accompanies this notice.

Scope of the CVD Agreement

The product covered by this CVD Agreement is raw and refined sugar of all polarimeter readings derived from sugar cane or sugar beets. Merchandise covered by this CVD Agreement is typically imported under the following headings of the HTSUS: 1701.12.1000, 1701.12.5000, 1701.13.1000, 1701.13.5000, 1701.14.1020, 1701.14.1040, 1701.14.5000, 1701.91.1000, 1701.91.3000, 1701.99.1015, 1701.99.1017, 1701.99.1025, 1701.99.1050, 1701.99.5015, 1701.99.5017, 1701.99.5025, 1701.99.5050, and 1702.90.4000.² The tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of this CVD Agreement is dispositive.

A full description of the scope of the CVD Agreement is contained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³

Analysis

Commerce continues to determine that the CVD Agreement met the statutory requirements under sections 704(c) and (d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), during the POR. We also continue to find that the GOM and respondents selected for individual examination were in compliance with the terms of the CVD Agreement during the POR.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). 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 sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213 and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: March 15, 2024.

Ryan Majerus,

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

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public webinar of its Risk Policy Working Group to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). This meeting will be held in-person with a webinar option.

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9H82ErpB>.
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Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Risk Policy Working Group (RPWG) will address the terms of

reference (TORs) approved by the Council, including the development of possible changes to the risk policy. In particular, the RPWG will focus on how a revised risk policy could work within the Council process and be implemented in conjunction with harvest control rules. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 18, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: Free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in April, May, and June of 2024. Certain fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet regulatory

¹ See *Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico; Preliminary Results of the 2022 Administrative Review*, 88 FR 89368 (December 27, 2023) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² Prior to July 1, 2016, merchandise covered by the CVD Agreement was classified in the HTSUS under subheading 1701.99.1010. Prior to January 1, 2020, merchandise covered by the CVD Agreement was classified in the HTSUS under subheadings 1701.14.1000 and 1701.99.5010.

³ See *Preliminary Results* PDM at 3-4.