

### Critical Circumstances

With regards to the ITC's negative critical circumstances determination on imports of polyester textured yarn from China discussed above, we will instruct CBP to lift suspension and to refund any cash deposits made to secure the payment of estimated countervailing duties with respect to entries of polyester textured yarn from China, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after February 2, 2019 (*i.e.*, 90 days prior to the date of

publication of the preliminary determination), but before May 3, 2019 (*i.e.*, the date of the publication of the preliminary determination for this investigation).

### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 706 of the Act, Commerce will direct CBP to reinstitute the suspension of liquidation of polyester textured yarn from China and India, effective the date of publication of the ITC's notice of final determinations in the **Federal Register**,

and to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce pursuant to section 706(a)(1) of the Act, countervailing duties for each entry of the subject merchandise in an amount based on the net countervailable subsidy rates for the subject merchandise. On or after the date of publication of the ITC's final injury determinations in the **Federal Register**, CBP must require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the rates noted below:

Country	Company	Subsidy rate (percent)
China .....	Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd. <sup>4</sup> .....	32.18
	Suzhou Shenghong Fiber Co., Ltd. <sup>5</sup> .....	473.09
	Suzhou Shenghong Garment Development Co .....	472.51
	All Others .....	32.18
India .....	JBF Industries Limited .....	21.83
	Reliance Industries Limited .....	4.29
	All Others .....	4.65

### Provisional Measures

Section 703(d) of the Act states that the suspension of liquidation pursuant to an affirmative preliminary determination may not remain in effect for more than four months. Therefore, entries of polyester textured yarn from China and India made on or after August 31, 2019, and prior to the date of publication of the ITC's final determination in the **Federal Register**, are not subject to the assessment of countervailing duties due to Commerce's discontinuation of the suspension of liquidation.

In accordance with section 733(d) of the Act, Commerce instructed CBP to terminate the suspension of liquidation and to liquidate, without regard to CVD duties, unliquidated entries of polyester textured yarn from China and India entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 31, 2019, the date on which the provisional CVD measures expired, through the day preceding the date of publication of the

ITC final injury determinations in the **Federal Register**. Suspension of liquidation will resume on the date of publication of the ITC final injury determination in the **Federal Register**.

### Notifications to Interested Parties

This notice constitutes the countervailing duty orders with respect to polyester textured yarn from China and India pursuant to section 706(a) of the Act. Interested parties can find a list of countervailing duty orders currently in effect at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/stats/iastats1.html>.

These orders are issued and published in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.211(b).

Dated: January 6, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistance Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these orders, polyester textured yarn, is synthetic multifilament yarn that is manufactured from polyester (polyethylene terephthalate). Polyester textured yarn is produced through a texturing process, which imparts special properties to the filaments of the yarn, including stretch, bulk, strength, moisture absorption, insulation, and the appearance of a natural fiber. This scope includes all forms of polyester textured yarn, regardless of surface texture or appearance, yarn density and thickness (as measured in denier), number of filaments, number of plies, finish (luster), cross section, color, dye method, texturing method, or packing method (such as spindles, tubes, or beams).

Excluded from the scope of these orders is bulk continuous filament yarn that: (a) Is

polyester synthetic multifilament yarn; (b) has denier size ranges of 900 and above; (c) has turns per meter of 40 and above; and (d) has a maximum shrinkage of 2.5 percent.

The merchandise subject to these orders is properly classified under subheadings 5402.33.3000 and 5402.33.6000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Merchandise subject to these orders may also enter under HTSUS subheading 5402.52.00.<sup>6</sup> Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### National Conference on Weights and Measures Interim Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Interim Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) will be held in Riverside, CA, from Sunday, January 26, 2020, through Wednesday, January 29, 2020. This notice contains information about significant items on the NCWM Committee agendas but does not include all agenda items. As a result, the items are not consecutively numbered.

<sup>6</sup> HTSUS subheading 5402.52 includes subheadings 5402.52.10.00 and 5402.52.90.00.

<sup>4</sup> As discussed in the PDM, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with Fujian Billion: (1) Billion Development (Hong Kong) Limited, and (2) Billion Industrial Investment Limited.

<sup>5</sup> As discussed in the PDM, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with Suzhou Shenghong Fiber Co., Ltd.: (1) Jiangsu Zhonglu Technology Development Co., Ltd., (2) Jiangsu Guowang High-Technique Fiber Co., Ltd., (3) Jiangsu Shenghong Science and Technology Co., Ltd., (4) Jiangsu Honggang Petrochemical Co., Ltd., (5) Shenghong Group Co., Ltd., (6) Shenghong Holding Group, Co., Ltd., (7) Shenghong (Suzhou) Group Co., Ltd., (8) Jiangsu Shenghong Investment Development Co., Ltd., (9) Jiangsu Shenghong New Material Co., Ltd., and (10) Jiangsu Shenghong Textile Imp & Exp Co. and its successor Jiangsu Huahui Import and Export Co., Ltd.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from Sunday, January 26, 2020, through Wednesday, January 29, 2020. The meeting schedule will be available on the NCWM website at [www.ncwm.com](http://www.ncwm.com).

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at The Mission Inn & Spa, 3649 Mission Inn Avenue Riverside, CA 92501.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Douglas Olson, NIST, Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2600. You may also contact Dr. Olson at (301) 975–2956 or by email at [douglas.olson@nist.gov](mailto:douglas.olson@nist.gov). The meeting is open to the public, but a paid registration is required. Please see the NCWM website ([www.ncwm.com](http://www.ncwm.com)) to view the meeting agendas, registration forms, and hotel reservation information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Publication of this notice on the NCWM's behalf is undertaken as a public service and does not itself constitute an endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the content of the notice. NIST participates in the NCWM as an NCWM member and pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(10) and (c)(4) and in accordance with Federal policy (e.g., OMB Circular A–119 “Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards”).

The NCWM is an organization of weights and measures officials of the states, counties, and cities of the United States, and representatives from the private sector and federal agencies. These meetings bring together government officials and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations on subjects related to the field of weights and measures technology, administration, and enforcement. NIST participates to encourage cooperation between federal agencies and the states in the development of legal metrology requirements. NIST also promotes uniformity in state laws, regulations, and testing procedures used in the regulatory control of commercial weighing and measuring devices, packaged goods, and for other trade and commerce issues.

The NCWM has established multiple committees, task groups, and other working bodies to address legal metrology issues of interest to regulatory officials, industry, consumers, and others. The following are brief descriptions of some of the significant agenda items that will be considered by some of the NCWM Committees at the NCWM Interim Meeting. Comments will be taken on these and other issues

during several public comment sessions. At this stage, the items are proposals. This meeting also includes work sessions in which the Committees may also accept comments, and where recommendations will be developed for consideration and possible adoption at the NCWM 2020 Annual Meeting. The Committees may withdraw or carryover items that need additional development.

These notices are intended to make interested parties aware of these development projects and to make them aware that reports on the status of the project will be given at the Interim Meeting. The notices are also presented to invite the participation of manufacturers, experts, consumers, users, and others who may be interested in these efforts.

The Specifications and Tolerances Committee (S&T Committee) will consider proposed amendments to NIST Handbook 44, “Specifications, Tolerances, and other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices” (NIST HB 44). Those items address weighing and measuring devices used in commercial applications, that is, devices that are used to buy from or sell to the public or used for determining the quantity of products or services sold among businesses. Issues on the agenda of the NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee (L&R Committee) relate to proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130, “Uniform Laws and Regulations in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Fuel Quality” and NIST Handbook 133, “Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods.”

#### NCWM S&T Committee

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 44:

##### *SCL—Scales Code*

Item SCL–17.1 S.1.8.5. Recorded Representations, Point of Sale Systems, Appendix D—Definitions: Tare

This item is a carry-over item from the 2019 NCWM Annual Meeting that has been on the S&T Committee's Agenda since 2017. The S&T Committee will consider a proposal requiring additional sales information to be recorded by cash registers interfaced with a weighing element for items that are weighed at a checkout stand. This item was assigned for further development by a Task Group in July 2018. The Task Group has provided two different versions of the proposal to the S&T Committee. One version is retroactive and the other is a nonretroactive version. The version that will be adopted is expected to be part of the NCWMs 2020 voting process. The

retroactive version would be enforceable on all systems, and the nonretroactive version will be enforceable on only those systems manufactured and placed in service on or after the effective date specified. These systems are currently required to record the net weight, unit price, total price, and the product class, or in a system equipped with price look-up capability, the product name or code number. The change proposed would add “tare weight” to the list of sales information currently required.

##### Item SCL–16.1 Sections Throughout the Code To Include Provisions for Commercial Weigh-in-Motion Vehicle Scale Systems

This item is another carry-over item originally appearing on the S&T's agenda in 2016. The S&T Committee will consider a proposal drafted by the NCWM's Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) Task Group (TG) to amend various sections of NIST HB 44, Scales Code to address WIM vehicle scale systems used for commercial applications. The TG is made up of representatives of WIM equipment manufacturers, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, NIST Office of Weights and Measures, truck weight enforcement agencies, state weights and measures agencies, and others.

The WIM TG was first formed in February 2016 to consider a proposal to expand NIST HB 44, Weigh-In-Motion Systems Used for Vehicle Enforcement Screening—Tentative Code to also apply to legal-for-trade (commercial) and law enforcement applications.

The focus of the TG since July 2016 has been to concentrate on the development of test procedures that can be used to verify the accuracy of a WIM vehicle scale system given the different axle and tandem axle configurations of vehicles that will typically be weighed by a system and a proposed maintenance and acceptance tolerance of 0.2 percent on gross (total) vehicle weight. Members of the TG, to date, have been unsuccessful in agreeing on test procedures, and, as a result, the TG recently developed a “White Paper” during the summer of 2017, which it distributed to the different regional weights and measures associations requesting feedback from their fall 2017 conferences on some different draft test procedures being considered and some other concerns. The TG is awaiting evidence that will substantiate the submitter's claims that these types of WIM systems are capable of meeting NIST HB 44 Scales Code Class III L tolerances.

#### SCL-20.12 Multiple Sections To Add Vehicle Weigh-in-Motion to the Code and Appendix D—Definitions; Vehicle Scale and Weigh-in-Motion Vehicle Scale

This new item to be considered by the S&T Committee is similar to the previous SCL-16.1 item in that it proposes to add WIM systems for motor vehicles to the NIST HB 44 Scales Code. This new proposal differs from SCL-16.1 however, since it would not apply to axle-load type scales but instead, would apply to a full-length vehicle scale used for WIM.

#### SCL-20.10 S.1.2.2.2. Class I and II Scales Used in Direct Sale and S.1.2.2.3. Deviation of a “d” Resolution.

The S&T Committee will consider a new proposal to replace two current requirements (S.1.2.2.2. and S.1.2.2.3.) with a new, amended version of S.1.2.2.2. “Class III and IIII Scales.” This item is also related to two other items (individual item SCL-20.11 and SCL-20.2 that is included as part of Block 2 on the agenda) on the S&T Agenda in 2020 in that all three items address the value of “e” and “d” in precision scales. In 2017, the NCWM adopted a proposal adding a new paragraph (S.1.2.2.2.) requiring the value of the scale division (d) and verification scale interval (e) to be equal on Class I and Class II scales installed into commercial service as of January 1, 2020, when used in a direct sale application (*i.e.*, both parties of a weighing transaction are present when the quantity is determined). The S&T Committee will now consider a new proposal that, if adopted, would eliminate the requirement adopted in 2017. This item would instead state that on Class III and IIII scales, the value of “e” will be specified by the manufacturer, and that (except on dynamic monorail scales) “e” must be less than or equal to “d”. The absence of any requirement included in this proposal regarding the value of “e” and “d” for Class I and Class II scales would imply that for those scales, the values of e and d may differ. The other two items mentioned, SCL-20.11 and SCL-20.2, propose different approaches on how the values of “e” and “d” should be addressed in scales used in direct sales applications.

#### LMD—Liquid Measuring Devices

##### LMD-20.1 Table S.2.2. Categories of Device and Methods of Sealing

The S&T Committee will consider a new proposal to permit the use of an electronic log in lieu of a printed copy of a Category 3 sealing method on liquid measuring devices. Current NIST HB 44

LMD requirements specify that a printed copy of an event logger must be available and only state that an electronic version of this log can be additionally provided. This new proposal would amend the language in Table S.2.2. “Categories of Device and Methods of Sealing” to permit either form (printed or electronic) of the event logger to be made available.

#### VTM—Vehicle Tank Meters

##### VTM-18.1 S.3.1.1. Means for Clearing the Discharge Hose and UR.2.6. Clearing the Discharge Hose

The S&T Committee will again consider this carry-over item that proposes to provide specifications and user requirements for manifold flush systems designed to eliminate product contamination on VTMs used for multiple products. This proposal would add specifications on the design of VTMs under S.3.1.1., “Means for Clearing the Discharge Hose,” and add a new user requirement UR.2.6., “Clearing the Discharge Hose.” During open hearings at previous NCWM meetings, comments were heard about the design of any system to clear the discharge hose of a product prior to the delivery of a subsequent product which could provide opportunities to fraudulently use this type of system.

#### EVF—Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems

##### EVF-20.1 S.1.3.2. EVSE Value of the Smallest Unit

The S&T Committee will consider a new proposal that would specify the maximum value of the indicated and/or recorded electrical energy unit used in an EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment). This proposal would reduce (by a factor of 10) the current specified values of these units. The current maximum values of 0.005 MJ and 0.001 kWh would be changed to 0.0005 MJ and 0.0001 kWh respectively. The submitters contend that testing of these systems would be expedited through these changes and reduce the amount of time necessary to complete official tests.

#### GMA—Grain Moisture Meters 5.56 (A)

##### GMA-19.1 Table T.2.1. Acceptance and Maintenance Tolerances Air Oven Method for All Grains and Oil Seeds

The S&T Committee will consider a proposal that would reduce the tolerances for the air oven reference method. The proposed new tolerances would apply to all types of grains and oil seeds. This item is a carry-over proposal from 2019 and would replace the contents of Table T.2.1. with new

criteria. Additional inspection data will be collected and reviewed to assess whether the proposed change to the tolerances are appropriate.

#### Block 3 Items

The S&T Committee will consider changes included in this block affecting the NIST HB 44 Taximeters Code (Section 5.54.) and the Transportation Network Measurement Systems (TNMS) Code (Section 5.60.) that would amend the value of tolerances allowed for distance tests. The changes proposed in this item would change the Taximeters Code requirement T.1.1. “On Distance Tests” by increasing that tolerance to 2.5% when the test exceeds one mile. The change to the TNMS Code affects requirement T.1.1. “Distance Tests” by reducing the tolerance allowed on overregistration under T.1.1.(a) from the current 2.5% to 1% when the test does not exceed one mile and would increase the tolerance for underregistration in T.1.1.(b) from 2.5% to 4%. These changes if adopted would align the tolerances values for distance tests allowed for taximeters and TNMS.

#### NCWM L&R Committee

##### NIST Handbook 130 and NIST Handbook 133

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbooks 130 and 133:

#### Block 1 (B1) Items

NIST Handbook 133, “Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods,” and NIST Handbook 130, Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation (UPLR), Section 2.8. Multiunit Package.

The L&R Committee will consider a proposal to add a test procedure in NIST Handbook 133 for addressing the total quantity declaration on multiunit or variety packages. In addition, in NIST Handbook 130, it will clarify the definition of Section 2.8. Multiunit package.

##### NIST Handbook 130, Uniform Method of Sale of Commodities (MOS)

##### Item MOS-20.4. 2.XX. Ink and Toner Cartridges

The L&R Committee will consider a proposed method of sale for adoption to clarify the labeling requirements for packaged inkjet and toner cartridges to ensure that consumers are informed about the net quantity of contents of these products, value comparisons can be made, and quantities can be verified to ensure equity between buyer and seller and fair competition between sellers, including original equipment manufacturers. Page verification would

be in accordance to the ISO/IEC standard.

*NIST Handbook 133, "Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods"*

Item NET-20.2. 4.5. Polyethylene Sheeting, Bags, and Liners

The L&R Committee will consider a proposal under Item NET 20.2. to consider changes to the equipment that is used to test the thickness of polyethylene sheeting, bags, and liners. This modification would allow for electronic instruments to be used for thickness measurements. In addition, changes to the test procedure would need to be modified for the use of electronic instruments.

Under Item ODR NEW, the L&R Committee will consider a recommended proposal to remove the Open Dating Regulation in its entirety from NIST Handbook 130.

**Kevin A. Kimball,**

*Chief of Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)'s Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee) will meet on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and Thursday, February 13, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**DATES:** The VCAT will meet on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 13, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Portrait Room, Administration Building, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, with an option to participate via webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1060,

telephone number 301-975-2667. Ms. Shaw's email address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 278, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the VCAT will meet on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and Thursday, February 13, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. The VCAT is composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the NIST Director, eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on major programs at NIST. The Committee also will present its initial observations, findings, and recommendations for the 2019 VCAT Annual Report. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but, is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by email to [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to Stephanie Shaw by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Ms. Shaw. Ms. Shaw's email address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov) and her phone number is 301-975-2667. For participants attending in person, please note that federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if such license or identification card is issued by a state that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-13), or by a state that has an extension for REAL ID compliance. NIST currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. For detailed information please contact Ms. Shaw at 301-975-2667 or visit: [http://nist.gov/public\\_affairs/visitor/](http://nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/). For participants attending via webinar, please contact Ms. Shaw at 301-975-2667 or [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov) for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday,

Dated: February 10, 2020.

**Kevin A. Kimball,**

*Chief of Staff.*

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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 public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a three-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 28, 29, and 30, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. on January 28 and 8:30 a.m. on January 29 and 30.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center, 100 Deer Street at 22