Estimated Time Per Response: 13 hours, 28 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 22,512.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

IV. Request for Comments
Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Melamine From the People’s Republic of China: 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 Department of Commerce (“Department”) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers/exporters of melamine from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). The period of investigation is January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Effective Date: April 20, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eve Wang or Andrew Medley, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6231 and (202) 482–4987, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

The Department published its notice of initiation of this countervailing duty (“CVD”) investigation on December 9, 2014; on the same day, the Department published its notice of initiation of an antidumping duty (“AD”) investigation of melamine from the PRC.1 The CVD and AD investigations cover the same merchandise. On April 1, 2015, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, amended (“the Act”), Cornerstone Chemical Company (“Petitioner”) requested alignment of the final CVD determination with the final AD determination of melamine from the PRC.2 Therefore, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), we are aligning the final CVD determination with the final AD determination. Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than August 24, 2015, unless postponed.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is melamine from the PRC. For a complete description of the scope of the investigation, see Appendix 1 to this notice.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this CVD investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.3 The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public via Enforcement and

3 See Melamine From the People’s Republic of China and Trinidad and Tobago: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations, 79 FR 73030 (December 9, 2014). See also Melamine From the People’s Republic of China and Trinidad and Tobago: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations, 79 FR 73037 (December 9, 2014).

4 See Letter from Petitioner entitled “Melamine From The People’s Republic of China And The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago/Request For Alignment,” dated April 1, 2015.

5 See Memorandum to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, From Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, titled “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Melamine from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with this notice (“Preliminary Decision Memorandum”).


5 See sections 776(a)(2)(A) and (C) of the Act.


6 ACCESS is available to registered users at http://access_trade.gov, and is available to all parties in the Department’s Central Records Unit, located at room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.
Zhongyuan Dahua, Qingidaun Unichem, M&A Chemicals, and Shandong Liaherd. For further information, see “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” section in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Determination and Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(i) of the Act, we calculated estimated subsidy rates for each individually examined producer/exporter of the subject merchandise: Far-Reaching Chemical, Zhongyuan Dahua, Qingidaun Unichem, M&A Chemicals, and Shandong Liaherd.

In accordance with sections 703(d)(1)(A)(i) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, for companies not individually examined, we calculated an “all-others” rate by weighting the subsidy rates of the individual companies selected as respondents by those companies’ exports of the subject merchandise to the United States, not including zero and de minimis rates or any rates based solely on facts available. With respect to the all-others rates, section 705(c)(5)(A)(iii) of the Act provides that, if the countervailable subsidy rates established for all exporters and producers individually investigated are determined entirely in accordance with section 776 of the Act, the Department may use any reasonable method to establish an all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually examined. In this case, the countervailable subsidy rate calculated for each of the investigated companies is based entirely on facts available under section 776 of the Act. There is no other information on the record upon which to determine an all-others rate. As a result, we assigned the simple average of the five rates assigned for Far-Reaching Chemical, Zhongyuan Dahua, Qingidaun Unichem, M&A Chemicals, and Shandong Liaherd as the all-others rate. This method is consistent with the Department’s past practice.7

We preliminarily determine the countervailable subsidy rates to be:

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<th>Company</th>
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<td>Far-Reaching Chemical Co., Ltd.</td>
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In accordance with sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (2) of the Act, we are directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of all entries of melamine from the PRC that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, and to require a cash deposit for such entries of merchandise in the amounts indicated above.

**Disclosure and Public Comment**

Because the Department has reached its conclusions on the basis of adverse facts available, the calculations performed in connection with this preliminary determination are not proprietary in nature, and are described in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Interested parties may submit case and rebuttal briefs, as well as request a hearing.8 For a schedule of the deadlines for filing case briefs, rebuttal briefs, and hearing requests, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**U.S. International Trade Commission (‘‘ITC’’) Notification**

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

In accordance with section 705(b)(2) of the Act, if our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination. This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: April 13, 2015.

Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

**Appendix 1**

**Scope of the Investigation**

The merchandise subject to this investigation is melamine (Chemical Abstracts Service (“CAS”) registry number 108–78–01, molecular formula C3H6N6).9 Melamine is a crystalline powder or granule typically (but not exclusively) used to manufacture melamine formaldehyde resins. All melamine is covered by the scope of this investigation irrespective of purity, particle size, or physical form. Melamine that has been blended with other products is included within this scope when such blends include constituent parts that have been intermingled, but that have not been chemically reacted with each other to produce a different product. For such blends, only the melamine component of the mixture is covered by the scope of this investigation. Melamine that is otherwise subject to this investigation is not excluded when commingled with melamine from sources not subject to this investigation. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of this investigation.

The subject merchandise is provided for in subheading 2933.61.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). Although the HTSUS subheading and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

**Appendix 2**

**List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum**

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9 Melamine is also known as 2,4,6-triamino-s-triazine; 1,3,5-Triazine-2,4,6-triamine; Cyanuratoctamid; Cyanuratoctamine; Cyanuramide; and by various brand names.