Implementation of the Revised Cash Deposit Requirements

On August 4, 2015, in accordance with sections 129(b)(4) and 129(c)(1)(B) of the URAA and after consulting with the Department and Congress, the USTR directed the Department to implement these final determinations. With respect to each of these proceedings, unless the applicable cash deposit rate has been superseded by intervening administrative reviews, the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to require a cash deposit for estimated ADs at the appropriate rate for each exporter-producer specified above, for entries of subject merchandise, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after August 4, 2015.

This notice of implementation of these section 129 final determinations is published in accordance with section 129(c)(2)(A) of the URAA.

Dated: August 7, 2015.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[C–533–862]


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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers/exporters of certain polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin from India. The period of investigation is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Effective Date: August 14, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yasmin Nair or Angelica Townsend, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–3813 or (202) 482–3019, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is PET resin. The merchandise subject to this investigation is properly classified under subheading 3907.60.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.1

Methodology

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty (CVD) investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, i.e., a financial contribution by an “authority,” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.2 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 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, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://trade.gov/enforcement. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

The Department notes that, in making this preliminary determination, we relied, in part, on facts available and, because one respondent did not act to the best of its ability to respond to the Department’s requests for information, we drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available with respect to that respondent.4 For further information, see “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” in the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), we are aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty (AD) investigation of PET resin from India based on a request made by Petitioners.5 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 December 21, 2015,6 unless postponed.

Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

On July 16, 2015, Petitioners filed a timely critical circumstances allegation, pursuant to section 773(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), alleging that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of PET resin from India.7 We preliminarily determine that critical circumstances do not exist for Dhunsi Petrochem Ltd., but do exist for JBF Industries Limited, and the all-others companies. A discussion of our determination can be found in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum at the section, “Critical Circumstances.”

Preliminary Determination and Suspension of Liquidation

We preliminarily determine the countervailable subsidy rates to be:

8 See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.
9 DAK Americas, L&G Chemicals, and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America (collectively, Petitioners); see also Letter from Petitioners dated, July 31, 2015.
10 We note that the current deadline for the final AD determination is December 20, 2015, which is a Sunday. Pursuant to Department practice, the signature date will be the next business day, which is Monday, December 21, 2015. See Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).
In accordance with sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, we are directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all entries of PET resin from India that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, and to require a cash deposit for such entries of merchandise in the amounts indicated above. Moreover, because we preliminarily find that critical circumstances exist with respect to JBF Industries Ltd. and all other exporters or producers not individually examined, in accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, we are directing CBP to apply the suspension of liquidation to any unliquidated entries entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption by these companies, on or after the date which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act state that for companies not investigated, we will determine an all-others rate by weighting the individual company subsidy rate of each of the companies investigated by each company’s exports of subject merchandise to the United States, excluding rates that are zero or de minimis or any rates determined entirely on the facts available. In this investigation, the only rate that is not zero or de minimis or determined entirely on facts available is the rate calculated for Dhunseri. Consequently, the rate calculated for Dhunseri is also assigned as the “all-others” rate.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, we intend to verify the information submitted by Dhunseri and the Government of India (GOI) prior to making our final determination.

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose to interested parties the calculations performed for this preliminary determination within five days of the date of public announcement of this determination in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Case briefs or other written comments for all non-scope issues may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued in this proceeding, and rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs. A table of contents, list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. This summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed request for a hearing must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department’s electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party’s name, address, and telephone number; the number of participants; and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a date and time to be determined. Parties will be notified of the date and time of any hearing. The hearing will be limited to issues raised in the respective briefs.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (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: August 7, 2015.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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* See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

** See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

*** Id.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence Participant Letter of Interest

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at j Jessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Lucy Salah, 9600 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville, MD 20850 or Lucy.Salah@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In order to fulfill its core mission, the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) publishes announcements in the Federal Register of new collaborative projects to address cybersecurity challenges. In response to these announcements, technology vendors are invited to submit Letters of Interest (LOI) for technologies relevant to the challenge. These letters specify the product(s) that the potential collaborator is submitting for consideration, the requirements of the project, and contact information for the company’s representative. Subsequent to the submission of LOIs, NIST invites companies with relevant technology to enter into a Collaborative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with NIST.

II. Method of Collection

Upon request, submitters are provided with questions in an electronic document that can be filled in, signed, and submitted via mail or electronic mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693–XXXX.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Review: New Information Collection.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 per year.
Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.
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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 10, 2015.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number: 150508436–5436–01]

National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, Attribute Based Access Control Building Block

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites organizations to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for the Attribute Based Access Control Building Block. This notice is the initial step for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) in collaborating with technology companies to address cybersecurity challenges identified under the Attribute Based Access Control Building Block. Participation in the building block is open to all interested organizations.

DATES: Interested parties must contact NIST to request a letter of interest template to be completed and submitted to NIST that identifies the organization requesting participation in the Attribute Based Access Control Building Block and the capabilities and components that are being offered to the collaborative effort. Letters of interest will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Collaborative activities will commence as soon as enough completed and signed letters of interest have been returned to address all the necessary components and capabilities, but no earlier than September 14, 2015. When the building block has been completed, NIST will post a notice on the NCCoE Attribute Based Access Control Building Block Web site at http://nccoe.nist.gov/content/attribute-based-access-control announcing the completion of the building block and informing the public that it will no longer accept letters of interest for this building block.

ADDRESSES: The NCCoE is located at 9600 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Letters of interest must be submitted to abac-nccoe@nist.gov or via hardcopy to National Institute of Standards and Technology, NCCoE; 9600 Gudelsky Drive; Rockville, MD 20850. Organizations whose letters of interest are accepted in accordance with the process set forth in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of