Letters of Appearance and Administrative Protective Orders

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103(d), the Department will maintain and make available a public service list for these proceedings. Parties wishing to participate in any of these five-year reviews must file letters of appearance as discussed at 19 CFR 351.103(d)). To facilitate the timely preparation of the public service list, it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding submit an entry of appearance within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation.

Because deadlines in Sunset Reviews can be very short, we urge interested parties who want access to proprietary information under administrative protective order (“APO”) to file an APO application immediately following publication in the Federal Register of this notice of initiation. The Department’s regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304–351.306.

Information Required From Interested Parties

Domestic interested parties, as defined in section 771(9)(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b), wishing to participate in a Sunset Review must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register of this notice of initiation. The Department’s regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304–351.306.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a)
From the People’s Republic of China; Amended Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is amending the preliminary determination of the less-than-fair-value (“LTFV”) investigation of 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (“R-134a”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) to correct significant ministerial errors with respect to our preliminary determination.

DATES: Effective December 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Haynes or Paul Stolz, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5139 or, (202) 482–4474, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 7, 2016, the Department published its Preliminary Determination.1 On October 14, 2016, the Department disclosed to interested parties its calculations for the

1 See 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value and Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, and Postponement of Final Determination, 81 FR 66786 (October 7, 2016) (“Preliminary Determination”).

Preliminary Determination. On October 19, 2016, the Department received timely filed allegations of ministerial errors in the Preliminary Determination.2 On October 20, and October 24, 2016, the Department received timely filed reply comments.3

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

Scope of the Investigation

The product subject to this investigation is 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, R-134a, or its chemical equivalent, regardless of form, type, or purity level. The chemical formula for 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane is CF₃CH₂F, and the Chemical Abstracts Service (“CAS”) registry number is CAS 811–97–2.4 Merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) at subheading 2903.39.20. Although the HTSUS subheading and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Analysis of Significant Ministerial Error Allegation

The Department will analyze any comments received and, if appropriate, correct any significant ministerial error by amending the preliminary determination according to 19 CFR 351.224(e). A ministerial error is defined in 19 CFR 351.224(d) as “an error in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of unintentional error which the Secretary considers ministerial.”5 A significant ministerial error is defined as an error, the correction of which, singly or in combination with other errors, would result in: (1) A change of at least five

2 See the ministerial error allegations from Petitioners and Summi Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (“Sannmi”), dated October 19, 2016.
3 See the reply comments from Petitioners and Sannmi, dated October 20, 2016, and October 24, 2016, respectively. However, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e)(3), the Department has not considered the rebuttal comments in its analysis.
4 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane is sold under a variety of names including: Freon 134a (DuPont); Solvay 134a (Solvay); and Suva 134a (Arkema), R-134a, Suva 134a, Dymel 134a, and Dymel P134a (Chemours); Solkane 134a (Chemours); and Forane 134a (Arkema). Generically, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane has been sold under the chemical equivalent, regardless of form, type, or purity level.
5 See Section 735(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”).
absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the antidumping duty rate calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination; or (2) a difference between an antidumping duty rate of zero (or \textit{de minimis}) and an antidumping duty rate of greater than \textit{de minimis} or vice versa.\(^6\)

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e) and (g)(1), the Department is amending the Preliminary Determination to reflect the correction of six ministerial errors it made in the calculation of the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for Sanmei, a mandatory respondent.\(^7\) These errors are significant ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(g) because Sanmei’s margin increases from 137.23 percent to 232.30 percent as a result of correcting these ministerial errors, exceeding the significant threshold with a change of at least five absolute percentage points and more than 25 percent of the estimated weighted-average dumping margin. Because Sanmei is the only mandatory respondent eligible for a separate rate, Sanmei is the only respondent for which we individually calculated an estimated weighted-average dumping margin. For this reason, we assigned Sanmei’s calculated rate to all non-examined separate rate respondents. With this amended preliminary determination, the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for each non-examined separate rate respondent is also amended to 232.30 percent.

In the Preliminary Determination, in order to determine the probative value of the dumping margin alleged in the petition for assigning an adverse facts available (“AFA”) rate, we examined the information on the record. When we compared the highest petition dumping margin of 220.90 percent to the transaction-specific dumping margins calculated for Sanmei, we found that the highest petition dumping margin was higher than each of the transaction-specific dumping margins calculated for Sanmei. Therefore, we were unable to corroborate the highest dumping margin contained in the petition for use as AFA, which was applied to the PRC-wide entity.\(^8\) Because Sanmei’s amended preliminary estimated weighted-average dumping margin is now higher than the highest dumping margin alleged in the petition, the AFA rate applied to the PRC-wide entity is also 232.30 percent.

Because we are relying on information obtained in the course of this investigation on which to base this rate, not on secondary information, it is not necessary to corroborate this calculated rate as AFA.\(^9\)

### Amended Cash Deposits and Suspension of Liquidation

The collection of cash deposits and suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly, in accordance with section 733(d) and (g)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224. Because it is an increase from the Preliminary Determination, the amended cash deposit rate will be effective on the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

### Amended Preliminary Determination

The Department preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average antidumping duty margins exist:

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### Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties in this proceeding within five days after publication of the notice of amended preliminary determination in the Federal Register in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we will notify the International...
Trade Commission of our determination.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(j)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Dated: November 25, 2016.

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


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 11, 2016, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of steel concrete reinforcing bar from the Republic of Turkey. Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than December 15, 2016.

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days of the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, if the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and that the case is extraordinarily complicated, such that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination, the Department may postpone the preliminary determination up to 130 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation.

The Department determines that the parties concerned are cooperating and that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, such that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. Specifically, in addition to evaluating the financial contribution and specificity of numerous national and regional programs, the Department will analyze the provision of several inputs for less than adequate remuneration and will consider a more-than-adequate-remuneration program for the first time in a proceeding involving the Republic of Turkey.

For the reasons stated above, the Department, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the day on which the Department initiated this investigation. Therefore, the new deadline for the preliminary determination is February 21, 2017. Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: November 28, 2016.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1 See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation, 81 FR 71705 (October 18, 2016).