

Intent To Rescind Administrative Review, In Part

On May 16, 2016, the Department received a timely response indicating that Juancheng Kangtai Chemical Co., Ltd. (“Kangtai”) made no shipments to the United States during the POR, as part of its response to the Department’s initial CVD questionnaire. Because there is no evidence on the record to the contrary, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), we preliminarily intend to rescind the review with respect to Kangtai. A final decision regarding whether to rescind the review of this company will be issued with the final results of review.

Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we calculated an estimated individual countervailable subsidy rate for each producer/exporter of the subject merchandise individually investigated. We preliminarily determine these rates to be:

Company	Subsidy rate
Hebei Jiheng Chemical Co., Ltd. (“Hebei Jiheng”)	20.94
Heze Huayi Chemical Co., Ltd. (“Huayi”)	1.04

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the publication of these preliminary results.⁵ The Department also intends to issue a post-preliminary analysis memo on the Export Buyer’s Credit program, as discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs)⁶ within 30 days of the issuance of the post-preliminary results and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.⁷ Rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs.⁸ Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁹

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a written request to the

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, using Enforcement and Compliance’s ACCESS system.¹⁰ 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, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.¹¹ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing. Issues addressed at the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.¹² All briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically and received successfully in their entirety through ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

Assessment Rates and Cash Deposit Requirement

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of review.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, the Department also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties, in the amounts shown above for each of the respective companies shown above, on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of

the Act and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 5, 2016.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Potassium Permanganate From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the 2015 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the “Department”) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (“AD”) order on potassium permanganate from the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”). The period of review (“POR”) is January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The Department preliminarily determines that Potassium Permanganate from the PRC is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). The estimated weighted-average dumping margin is shown in the “Preliminary Determination” section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Effective December 13, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hawkins, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202-482-6491.

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁶ See generally 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.310.

¹² See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On March 3, 2016, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping order on potassium permanganate from the PRC.¹ Between April and September 2016, the Department sent its initial and supplemental questionnaires to Pacific Accelerator Limited (“PAL”), to which it responded in a timely manner. On August 25, 2016, the Department partially extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results until November 1, 2016.² On October 20, 2016, the Department partially extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary results until December 1, 2016.³

Scope of the Order

Imports covered by the order are shipments of potassium permanganate, an inorganic chemical produced in free-flowing, technical, and pharmaceutical grades. Potassium permanganate is currently classifiable under item 2841.61.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). Although the HTSUS item number is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise remains dispositive.

Methodology

The Department is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and 751(a)(2)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”). Export prices were calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Because the PRC is a non-market economy (“NME”) within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, NV was calculated in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. 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://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

PRC-Wide Entity

Under the Department’s policy, the PRC-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or the Department self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the PRC-wide entity in this review, the entity is not under review and the entity’s rate (*i.e.*, 128.94 percent) is not subject to change.

Preliminary Results of Review

The Department preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015:

Exporter	Weighted-average margin (USD/kilogram)
Pacific Accelerator Limited ...	\$4.03

Disclosure, Public Comment and Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The Department will disclose the calculations used in our analysis to parties in this review within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review in the **Federal Register**.⁴ Rebuttals to case briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, must be filed within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.⁵ Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument (a) a statement of the issue, (b) a brief summary of the argument, and (c) a table of authorities.⁶ Parties submitting briefs should do so pursuant to the

Department’s electronic filing system, ACCESS.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party’s name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues parties intend to discuss. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a date and time to be determined. See 19 CFR 351.310(d). Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of all issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.⁷ The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of the final results of this review.

For any individually examined respondent whose weighted average dumping margin is above *de minimis* (*i.e.*, 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, the Department will calculate importer-specific assessment rates on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer’s examined sales to the total entered value of sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). Where an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* rate is greater than *de minimis*, the Department will instruct CBP to collect the appropriate duties at the time of liquidation.⁸ Where either a respondent’s weighted average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer- (or customer-) specific *ad valorem* is zero or *de minimis*, the Department will instruct CBP to

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 81 FR 11179 (March 3, 2016) (“*Initiation Notice*”).

² See Memorandum to Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, “Potassium Permanganate from the People’s Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated August 25, 2016.

³ See Memorandum to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, “Potassium Permanganate from the People’s Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated October 20, 2016.

⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1)–(2).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2), (d)(2).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.⁹

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this review for shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For the companies listed above that have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then zero cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed above that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing exporter-specific rate; (3) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that for the PRC-wide entity; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during the POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

These preliminary results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 1, 2016.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES) Please

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 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 February 13, 2017.

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 Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Joshua D. Kneifel, (301) 975-6857 or joshua.kneifel@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Over the last 23 years, the Engineering Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has developed and automated an approach for measuring the life-cycle environmental and economic performance of building products. Known as BEES (Building for Environmental and Economic

Sustainability), the tool reduces complex, science-based technical content (*e.g.*, over 500 material and energy flows from raw material extraction through product disposal) to decision-enabling results and delivers them in a visually intuitive graphical format. BEES Please is a voluntary program to collect data from product manufacturers so that the environmental performance of their products may be evaluated scientifically using BEES. NIST will publish in BEES Online (<http://ws680.nist.gov/bees>) an aggregated version of the data collected from manufacturers that protects data confidentiality, subject to manufacturer's review and approval. BEES measures environmental performance using the environmental life-cycle assessment approach specified in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14040 series of standards. All stages in the life of a product are analyzed: Raw material acquisition, manufacture, transportation, installation, use, and recycling and waste management. Economic performance is measured using the ASTM International standard life-cycle cost method (E 917), which covers the costs of initial investment, replacement, operation, maintenance and repair, and disposal.

II. Method of Collection

Data on materials use, energy consumption, waste, and environmental releases will be collected using an electronic, MS Excel-based questionnaire. An electronic, MS Word-based User Manual accompanies the questionnaire to help in its completion.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0036.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Renewal (of a current information collection) with changes.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 62 hours and 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1875.

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

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).