Dated: March 27, 2018.
Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC–DBIA)

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration

ACTION: Notice of an Open Meeting of the President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa

SUMMARY: The President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (Council) will meet to deliberate and adopt a report containing recommendations to the President on actions the United States Government could take to mitigate obstacles U.S. companies face in doing business in Kenya, Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, and Ghana, countries the Council has identified as holding particular promise of business opportunities for U.S. companies. The report of recommendations will be a follow-up to the Council’s report of analysis adopted on November 29, 2017, which identified the top issues U.S. companies face in approaching African markets for the first time, competing for business opportunities on the continent, and executing business operations. The final agenda for the meeting will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the Council’s website at http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.

DATES: April 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the internet at http://whitehouse.gov/live.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Giancarlo Cavallo or Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 22004, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202–482–2091; email: dbia@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The Council was established on November 4, 2014, to advise the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, on strengthening commercial engagement between the United States and Africa. The Council’s charter was renewed most recently in September 2017 for a two-year term. The Council was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the Council. Statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT April 11, 2018 by either of the following methods:

a. Electronic Submissions: Submit statements electronically to Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, via email: dbia@trade.gov.

b. Paper Submissions: Send paper statements to Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President’s Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 22004, Washington, DC 20230.

Statements will be provided to the members in advance of the meeting for consideration and also will be posted on the Council website (http://trade.gov/pac-dbia). Any business proprietary information should be clearly designated as such. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure.

Meeting minutes: Copies of the Council’s meeting minutes will be available within ninety (90) days of the meeting on the Council’s website at http://trade.gov/pac-dbia.

Dated: March 27, 2018.

Fred Stewart, Director, Office of Africa.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

[82 FR 924]

Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From the People’s Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016–2017

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip (pet film) from the People’s Republic of China (China) for the period of review (POR) November 1, 2016, through October 31, 2017.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background

On November 1, 2017, Commerce published in the Federal Register a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the AD order on pet film from China for the period November 1, 2016, through October 31, 2017.1 On November 30, 2017, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(b), Mitsubishi Polyester Film, Inc. and SKC, Inc. (collectively, the petitioners), requested a review of the AD order with respect to the following four companies: (1) Fuwei Films (Shandong) Co., Ltd.; (2) Shaoxing Xiangyu Green Packing Co., Ltd.; (3) Sichuan Dongfang Insulating Material Co., Ltd.; and (4) Tianjin Wanhua Co., Ltd.2 On January 11, 2018, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the AD order on pet film from China with respect to these companies.3 Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce’s practice, the deadline will become the next business day.4 On February 28, 2018, the petitioners timely withdrew their request for an administrative review of all companies named in the petitioners’

See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 82 FR 50620 (November 1, 2017).


See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” (Tolling Memorandum), dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days.
Review Request. No other party requested a review.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party that requested the review withdraws its request within 90 days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The petitioners withdrew their request for review within the 90-day deadline. Because Commerce received no other requests for review of the above-referenced companies, and no other requests were made for a review of the AD order on pet film from China with respect to other companies, we are rescinding the administrative review covering the period November 1, 2016, through October 31, 2017, in full, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of pet film from China during the POR at rates equal to the cash deposit rate for estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as the only 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 this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).


James Maeder,
Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Advance Notification of Sunset Review

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

Background

Every five years, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission automatically initiate and conduct a review to determine whether revocation of a countervailing or antidumping duty order or termination of an investigation suspended under section 704 or 734 of the Act would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable subsidy (as the case may be) and of material injury.

Upcoming Sunset Reviews for May 2018

Pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, the following Sunset Review is scheduled for initiation in May 2018 and will appear in that month's Notice of Initiation of Five-Year Sunset Review (Sunset Review).

Thereafter, any interested party wishing to participate in the Sunset Review must provide substantive comments in response to the notice of initiation no later than 30 days after the date of initiation.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.


Countervailing duty proceedings

No Sunset Review of countervailing duty orders is scheduled for initiation in May 2018.

Suspended investigations

No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in May 2018.

Commerce’s procedures for the conduct of Sunset Reviews are set forth in 19 CFR 351.218. The Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review provides further information regarding what is required of all parties to participate in Sunset Review.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103(c), Commerce will maintain and make available a service list for these proceedings. To facilitate the timely preparation of the service list(s), it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding contact Commerce in writing within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation.

Please note that if Commerce receives a Notice of Intent to Participate from a member of the domestic industry within 15 days of the date of initiation, the review will continue.