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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 16, 2018.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by February 20, 2018 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs

potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Plants for Planting; Establishing a Category for Plants for Planting Not Authorized for Importation Pending Pest Risk Analysis.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0380.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701—*et seq.*), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and noxious weeds within the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulations establish categories of regulated articles governing the importation of nursery stock, also known as plants for planting. This category lists taxa for plants for planting whose importation is not authorized pending pest risk analysis. Requests to remove a taxa from the category of plants for planting whose impact is not authorized pending the completion of a pest risk analysis must be made in accordance with § 319.5.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect the following information as part of the request before a Pest Risk Assessment can be prepared: (1) A description and/or map of the specific location(s) of the areas in the exporting country where the plant, plant parts, or plant products are produced; (2) Scientific name (including genus, species, and author names) and taxonomic classification of arthropods, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, viruses, viroids, mollusks, phytoplasmas, spiroplasmas, etc., attacking the crop; and (3) Plant part attacked by each pest, pest life stages associated with plant part attacked, and location of pest (in, on, or with commodity).

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 16.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 50.

Ruth Brown,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: January 31, 2018, 1:00 p.m. EST.

PLACE: U.S. Chemical Safety Board, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20006.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. EST in Washington, DC, at the CSB offices located at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910. The Board will discuss open investigations, the status of audits from the Office of the Inspector General, financial and organizational updates, and a review of the agency's action plan. New business will include an overview of the new "Safety Spotlight" program and the CSB's 20th Anniversary.

Additional Information

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you require a translator or interpreter, please notify the individual listed below as the "Contact Person for Further Information," at least three business days prior to the meeting.

A conference call line will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. Please use the following dial-in number to join the conference:

(888) 862-6557

Confirmation Number: 46190749

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating incidents and hazards that result, or may result, in the catastrophic release of extremely hazardous substances. The agency's Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents and hazards, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry

standards, and safety management systems.

Public Comment

The time provided for public statements will depend upon the number of people who wish to speak. Speakers should assume that their presentations will be limited to three minutes or less, but commenters may submit written statements for the record.

Contact Person for Further Information

Hillary Cohen, Communications Manager, at public@csb.gov or (202) 446-8094. Further information about this public meeting can be found on the CSB website at: www.csb.gov.

Dated: January 17, 2018.

Raymond Porfiri,

Deputy General Counsel, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-074]

Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable January 19, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yasmin Bordas at (202) 482-3813, Lana Nigro at (202) 482-1779, and John Anwesen at (202) 482-0131, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 28, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) self-initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of common alloy aluminum sheet (common alloy sheet) from the People's Republic of China.¹ Currently, the preliminary

¹ See *Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value and Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 57214 (December 4, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

determination is due no later than February 1, 2018.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, and determines that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination.

As described in the *Initiation Notice*, Commerce self-initiated this investigation under section 702(a) of the Act on the basis of information available to it pertaining to 26 subsidy programs.² On December 20, 2017, Commerce selected mandatory respondents to this CVD investigation and issued countervailing duty questionnaires.³ On January 8, 2018, we received responses to the affiliation section of the CVD questionnaire from mandatory respondents Henan Mingtai Aluminum Industrial Co. Ltd. (Henan Mingtai); Yong Jie New Material Co. Ltd. (Yong Jie New Material); and Zhengzhou Mingtai Industry Co Ltd. (Zhengzhou Mingtai).⁴ In their responses, Henan Mingtai, Yong Jie New Material, and Zhengzhou Mingtai stated that they intend to provide complete questionnaire responses on behalf of themselves and multiple cross-owned entities.⁵ Given the large number of subsidy programs

² See *Initiation Notice*, and accompanying Supporting Memorandum for the Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China (CVD Initiation Memo), dated November 28, 2017.

³ See Memorandum, re: Countervailing Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Respondent Selection, dated December 20, 2017. See also Commerce Letter, "Countervailing Duty Investigation of Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Questionnaire," dated December 20, 2017.

⁴ See Letter from Henan Mingtai and Zhengzhou Mingtai, "Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Mingtai CVD Section III Affiliation Response," dated January 8, 2018; Letter from Yong Jie New Material, "Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet from the People's Republic of China: Yong Jie New Material CVD Section III Affiliation Response," dated January 8, 2018.

⁵ *Id.*

that Commerce is investigating in this proceeding, many of which involve complex methodological issues, and the large number of mandatory respondents and their cross-owned entities that are participating in this investigation, Commerce determines that this investigation is extraordinarily complicated and additional time is necessary to issue a preliminary determination.

Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which the investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, April 9, 2018.⁶ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

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

Dated: January 12, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-063]

Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From China: Amended Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

SUMMARY: On December 19, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary determination of the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on cast iron soil pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China (China). Commerce is amending the preliminary determination of the investigation to correct a significant ministerial error.

⁶ Postponing the preliminary determination to 130 days after initiation would place the deadline on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Commerce's practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. 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).