

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904; Binational Panel Reviews: Notice of Completion of Panel Review

AGENCY: United States Section, NAFTA Secretariat, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Completion of Panel Review in the matter of Certain Fabricated Structural Steel from Mexico: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination (Secretariat File Number: USA-MEX-2020-1904-03).

SUMMARY: The NAFTA Secretariat did not receive any timely complaints in advance of the filing deadline on April 1, 2020 in the above referenced dispute. In addition, the Government of Mexico submitted a withdrawal of request for panel review on March 31, 2020 in this matter. As a result, and pursuant to Rule 71(3) of the *NAFTA Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews (Rules)*, the NAFTA dispute USA-MEX-2020-1904-03 has been terminated effective April 2, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul E. Morris, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Room 2061, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of Article 1904 of NAFTA provides a dispute settlement mechanism involving trade remedy determinations issued by the government of the United States, the government of Canada, and the government of Mexico. There are established *Rules*, which were adopted by the three governments and require Notices of Completion of Panel Review to be published in accordance with Rule 78. For the complete *Rules*, please see <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Home/Texts-of-the-Agreement/Rules-of-Procedure/Article-1904>.

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U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Scope Ruling on Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd.'s R-410A Blend; Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order for Indian Blends Containing Chinese Components

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) blends, containing HFC components from India and the People's Republic of China (China), that are blended in India prior to importation into the United States, are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on HFC blends from China. As a result, imports of HFC blends, containing HFC components from India and China, that are blended in India prior to importation into the United States, will be subject to suspension of liquidation effective June 18, 2019. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable April 10, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacob Garten or Benjamin Luberd, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3342 or (202) 482-2185, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On June 8, 2019, Commerce initiated an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether certain HFC blends, containing HFC components from India and China, that are blended in India prior to importation into the United States,¹ are circumventing the AD order on HFC blends from China.² Additionally, in the *Notice of Initiation*, we stated that, as part of this anti-circumvention inquiry, we would also address the scope inquiry filed by

Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd. (GFL).³ As part of this preliminary determination, we also have made a preliminary scope finding. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this inquiry, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

Scope of the Order

The products subject to the *Order* are HFC blends. HFC blends covered by the scope are R-404A, R-407A, R-407C, R-410A, and R-507A/R-507.⁵ HFC blends covered by the scope of the *Order* are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheadings 3824.78.0020 and 3824.78.0050. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Merchandise Subject to the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry

This anti-circumvention inquiry covers HFC blends R-404A, R-407A, R-407C, R-410A, and R-507A/R-507 produced in India using one or more HFC components of Chinese origin.⁶

Methodology

Commerce made this preliminary finding of circumvention in accordance with section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.225(h). We relied on information placed on the record by the American HFC Coalition (the petitioners) and information placed on the record by GFL, Refex Industries Limited, and SRF Limited. Further, because Coolmate Refrigerant Pvt. Ltd. did not cooperate to the best of its ability in responding to Commerce's requests for information, we have based parts of our preliminary determination on the facts available, with adverse inferences, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) 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

³ See *Notice of Initiation*, 84 FR at 28272.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Preliminary Decision Memorandum for Scope Ruling and Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Indian Blends," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁵ For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

⁶ Based upon questionnaire responses provided by the Indian producer/exporters in this inquiry, we have preliminarily determined to cover all of the HFC blends listed under the scope of the *Order*, as we stated we may cover in the *Notice of Initiation*, 84 FR at 28270.

¹ See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of Antidumping Duty Order; Third-Country Blends Containing Chinese Components*, 84 FR 28269 (June 18, 2019) (*Notice of Initiation*).

² See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 81 FR 55436 (August 19, 2016) (*Order*).