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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Sugar From Mexico: Continuation of Suspension of the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

SUMMARY: As a result of determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) that the termination of the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended (CVD Agreement), and the suspended countervailing duty (CVD) investigation would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy, and by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that termination of the suspended investigation would be likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing this notice of continuation of the CVD Agreement.

DATES: Applicable September 9, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally C. Gannon or Samantha Fino, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0162 or (202) 482–2861, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 19, 2014, Commerce and the Government of Mexico signed the CVD Agreement.¹ On March 3, 2025, the ITC instituted,² and Commerce initiated,³ the second sunset review of the CVD Agreement and the suspended CVD investigation on Sugar from Mexico, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that termination of the CVD Agreement and the suspended CVD investigation on Sugar from Mexico would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and, therefore, notified the ITC of the net countervailable subsidy rates likely to prevail should the CVD Agreement be terminated.⁴

On September 9, 2025, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, the ITC published its determination that termination of the suspended CVD investigation on Sugar from Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁵

Scope of the CVD Agreement

The merchandise subject to the CVD Agreement is raw and refined sugar of all polarimeter readings derived from sugar cane or sugar beets. The chemical sucrose gives sugar its essential character. Sucrose is a nonreducing disaccharide composed of glucose and fructose linked by a glycosidic bond via their anomeric carbons. The molecular formula for sucrose is C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁; the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) International Chemical Identifier (InChI) for sucrose is 1S/C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁/c13-1-4-6(16)8(18)9(19)11(21-4)23-12(3-15)10(20)7(17) 5(2-14)22-12/h4-11,13-20H,1-3H2/t4-,5-,6-,7-,8+,9-,10+,11-,12+/m1/s1; the InChI Key for sucrose is

¹ See *Sugar from Mexico: Suspension of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 79 FR 78044 (December 29, 2014); see also *Sugar from Mexico: Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 3613 (January 22, 2020).

² See *Sugar from Mexico; Institution of Five-Year Reviews*, Investigation Nos. 701–TA–513 and 731–TA–1249 (Second Review), 90 FR 11062 (March 3, 2025).

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 90 FR 11039 (March 3, 2025).

⁴ See *Sugar From Mexico: Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 90 FR 30051 (July 8, 2025), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁵ See *Sugar from Mexico; Determinations*, Investigation No. 701–TA–513 and 731–TA–1249 (Second Review), 90 FR 43474 (September 9, 2025) (*ITC Final Determination*).

CZMRCDWAGMREC–UGDNZRGBSA–N; the U.S. National Institutes of Health PubChem Compound Identifier (CID) for sucrose is 5988; and the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) Number of sucrose is 57–50–1.

Sugar described in the previous paragraph includes products of all polarimeter readings described in various forms, such as raw sugar, estandar or standard sugar, high polarity or semi-refined sugar, special white sugar, refined sugar, brown sugar, edible molasses, de-sugaring molasses, organic raw sugar, and organic refined sugar. Other sugar products, such as powdered sugar, colored sugar, flavored sugar, and liquids and syrups that contain 95 percent or more sugar by dry weight are also within the scope of this CVD Agreement.

The scope of the CVD Agreement does not include (1) sugar imported under the Refined Sugar Re-Export Programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture;⁶ (2) sugar products produced in Mexico that contain 95 percent or more sugar by dry weight that originated outside of Mexico (3) inedible molasses (other than inedible desugaring molasses noted above); (4) beverages; (5) candy; (6) certain specialty sugars; (7) and processed food products that contain sugar (e.g., cereals). Specialty sugars excluded from the scope of this CVD Agreement are limited to the following: Caramelized slab sugar candy, pearl sugar, rock candy, dragees for cooking and baking, fondant, golden syrup, and sugar decorations.

Merchandise covered by this CVD Agreement is typically imported under the following headings of the HTSUS: 1701.12.1000, 1701.12.5000, 1701.13.1000, 1701.13.5000, 1701.14.1020, 1701.14.1040, 1701.14.5000, 1701.91.1000, 1701.91.3000, 1701.99.1015, 1701.99.1017, 1701.99.1025, 1701.99.1050, 1701.99.5015, 1701.99.5017, 1701.99.5025, 1701.99.5050, and 1702.90.4000.⁷ The tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of this CVD Agreement is dispositive.

⁶ This exclusion applies to sugar imported under the Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, the Sugar-Containing Products Re-Export Program, and the Polyhydric Alcohol Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

⁷ Prior to July 1, 2016, merchandise covered by the CVD Agreement was classified in the HTSUS under subheading 1701.99.1010. Prior to January 1, 2020, merchandise covered by the CVD Agreement was classified in the HTSUS under subheadings 1701.14.1000 and 1701.99.5010.

Continuation of Suspension of Investigation

As a result of the respective determinations by Commerce and the ITC that termination of the CVD Agreement and the suspended CVD investigation would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the CVD Agreement. The effective date of continuation of the CVD Agreement will be September 9, 2025.⁸ Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year review of the CVD Agreement not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO concerning the return or destruction 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 terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

This five-year (sunset) review and notice are in accordance with section 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act, and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)'s Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time and Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

DATES: The ISPAB will meet on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time and Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, Maryland 20850 with an option to join virtually. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Brewer, ISPAB Designated Federal Official, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Telephone (301) 975-2489. Mr. Brewer's email address is jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The ISPAB was established to function solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* The Board reports to the Director of NIST and reports its findings annually to the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Director of the National Security Agency, and appropriate committees of Congress. The Board is authorized under 15 U.S.C. 278g-4 and tasked with identifying emerging managerial, technical, administrative, and physical safeguard issues relative to information security and privacy.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the ISPAB will hold an open meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time and Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time and will be open to the public. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss and deliberate potential recommendations. The agenda may change to accommodate ISPAB business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2025/ispab-october-2025-meeting>, and is expected to include the following items:

- Board Introductions and Member Activities,
- Discussion on NIST's Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF),
- Discussion on Agentic Artificial Intelligence (AI) Security,
- Update on NIST's National Vulnerability Database (NVD) by a member of NIST's NVD Team,
- Update from NIST's Computer Security Division (CSD) Activities by CSD's Division Chief,
- Update from NIST's Applied Security Division (ACD) Activities by ACD's Division Chief,
- Public comments,
- Board Discussions and Recommendations.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Board's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately thirty minutes will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be about five minutes each. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements by email to jeffrey.brewer@nist.gov.

All in-person attendees, including NIST staff, are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please register via the ISPAB website at <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2025/ispab-october-2025-meeting> by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, October 15, 2025. There is no deadline to register for the virtual only option. For attending in person, please note that federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if such license or identification card is issued by a state that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub.L. 109-13), or by a state that has an extension for REAL ID compliance. NIST currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information. For detailed information please visit: http://nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/.

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NIST Executive Secretariat.

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⁸ See ITC Final Determination.