

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: September 18, 2026.

Steven Presing,

Executive Director for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix I**Scope of the Investigation**

The merchandise subject to this investigation is tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Tris), also commonly referred to as tromethamine or THAM, and its derivative, tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride (Tris HCl), also commonly referred to as Tris hydrochloride or tromethamine HCl. Tris and Tris HCl are organic compounds with molecular compositions of C₄H₁₁NO₃ and C₄H₁₁NO₃·ClH, respectively. The scope includes all grades, purities, and forms of Tris and Tris HCl, which vary based on the raw materials (nitromethane and formaldehyde) used in the production process and the end use application required. Tris and Tris HCl are packaged and sold in different forms and sizes, however, all Tris and Tris HCl are covered regardless of form or packaging. The Tris and Tris HCl covered by this investigation are chemical compounds with the Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) numbers 77–86–1 and 1185–53 1, respectively. The country of origin of the subject merchandise in this investigation is based on the country where the Tris molecule is manufactured. As a result, Tris HCl manufactured in a third country using Tris produced in China is subject to the investigation. In addition, reprocessing Tris or Tris HCl in a third country by, for example, recrystallizing, retesting, or repackaging the merchandise does not remove the product from the scope of this investigation. Tris and Tris HCl covered by the scope of this investigation are currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2922.19.9690. Although the HTSUS subheading and CAS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A–570–124, C–570–125]

Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and 225cc, and Parts Thereof, From the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determinations of Circumvention of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders–5C65M0 and BC70M0 Engines

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of model numbers 5C65M0 and BC70M0 of small vertical shaft engines produced by Chongqing Zongshen General Power Machine Co., Ltd. (Zongshen) in the People's Republic of China (China) constitute later-developed merchandise that, when imported into the United States, circumvent the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain vertical shaft engines between 99cc and up to 225cc, and parts thereof (small vertical engines), from China.

DATES: Applicable September 24, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zachary Shaykin, 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) 482–2638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On May 4, 2021, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD and CVD orders on small vertical shaft engines from China.¹ On July 7, 2025, Commerce initiated a circumvention inquiry of the *Orders* pursuant to section 781(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.226(k) to determine whether engines with a model numbers 5C65M0 and BC70M0 produced by Zongshen are later-developed merchandise that are circumventing the *Orders*, such that they should be subject to the *Orders*.²

¹ See *Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and Up To 225cc, and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 86 FR 23675 (May 4, 2021) (*Orders*).

² See *Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and 225cc, and Parts Thereof, from the People's*

On May 18, 2026, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its *Preliminary Determination*³ that imports of model 5C65M0 and BC70M0 engines produced by Zongshen in China constitute later-developed merchandise that when imported into the United States circumvent the AD and CVD orders on small vertical engines from China.⁴ On June 15, 2026, and September 3, 2026, Commerce extended the final determination of this circumvention inquiry. The deadline to issue the final determination is September 17, 2026.⁵ For a summary of events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for consideration in the final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁶

The Issues and 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 <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/frnotices>.

Scope of the Orders

The products subject to the *Orders* are small vertical shaft engines from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁷

Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry

The merchandise subject to this circumvention inquiry are engine models 5C65M0 and BC70M0 produced by Zongshen in China (inquiry merchandise).

Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 90 FR 30874 (July 11, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*), and accompanying Initiation Decision Memorandum.

³ See *Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and 225cc, and Parts Thereof, From the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 91 FR 28555 (May 18, 2026) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

⁴ See *Orders*.

⁵ See Memoranda, "Extension of Deadline for the Final Determination," dated June 15, 2026; "Extension of the Deadline for the Final Determination," dated September 3, 2026.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Circumvention Inquiry—5C65M0 and BC70M0 Engines," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁷ *Id.* at 2–3.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.226(k).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in these inquiries are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised is attached as an appendix to this notice. Based on our analysis of the comments received from interested parties, we made no changes to the *Preliminary Determination*.

Affirmative Final Circumvention Determination

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce continues to determine that engine models 5C65M0 and BC70M0 small vertical shaft engines produced by Zongshen in China, constitute later-developed merchandise that, when imported into the United States, are circumventing the *Orders*, pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act.

Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements

Based on the affirmative final determination of circumvention, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3)(i), Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue the suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and apply the applicable cash deposit rate. Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3)(ii), Commerce will direct CBP to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated AD and CVD duties for each unliquidated entry of engine models 5C65M0 and BC70M0 produced by Zongshen in China not yet suspended, are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 11, 2025, the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice* of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice will serve as the only reminder to all parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). 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.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is published in accordance with section 781(d) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(g)(2).

Dated: September 17, 2026.

Steven Presing,

Executive Director for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–533–940]

Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof From India: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain freight rail couplers and parts thereof (freight rail couplers) from India are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

DATES: Applicable September 24, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colin Thrasher, 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) 482–3004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 6, 2026, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of freight rail couplers from India.¹ In the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce postponed the final determination until September 18, 2026, and invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published its *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System, which is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/frnotices>.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are freight rail couplers from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

Commerce received comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*.³ For the

¹ See *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 91 FR 24517 (May 6, 2026) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

³ See Memorandum, "Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations of Certain Freight Couplers and Parts Thereof from the Czech Republic and India and Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Freight