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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-889]

Diocetyl Terephthalate From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review

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

SUMMARY: On July 14, 2023, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) published the notice of initiation and preliminary results of the changed circumstances review (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) order on diocetyl terephthalate (DOTP) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). Commerce preliminarily determined that Aekyung Chemical Co., Ltd. (AKC) is the successor-in-interest to Aekyung Petrochemical Co., Ltd. (AKP) and, as a result, should be accorded the same AD cash deposit rate as AKP with respect to subject merchandise. For these final results, Commerce continues to find that AKC is the successor-in-interest to AKP and is entitled to the same cash deposit rate as AKP under the AD order on DOTP from Korea.

DATES: Applicable September 18, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel LaCivita, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 14, 2023, Commerce published the initiation and preliminary results¹ of this CCR, in which Commerce preliminarily found that AKC is the successor-in-interest to AKP and, as such, that AKC is entitled to AKP's AD cash deposit rate with respect

to entries of subject merchandise.² In the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*, we provided all interested parties with an opportunity to comment on our determination and to request a public hearing. AKC submitted a letter in lieu of a case brief on July 28, 2023,³ agreeing with Commerce's conclusion that AKC's DOTP operations are materially similar to those of AKP under Commerce's successor-in-interest criteria;⁴ that AKC provided sufficient information to support its request for a CCR such that combining the notice of initiation and the notice of preliminary results was warranted;⁵ that AKC provided sufficient information for Commerce to determine that AKC is the successor-in-interest to AKP;⁶ and that the facts on the record of this proceeding are clear and unambiguous.⁷ No other party submitted a case or rebuttal brief, requested a hearing, or otherwise provided comments on the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*.

Scope of the Order⁸

The merchandise covered by this *Order* is diocetyl terephthalate (DOTP), regardless of form. DOTP that has been blended with other products is included within this scope when such blends include constituent parts that have not been chemically reacted with each other to produce a different product. For such blends, only the DOTP component of the mixture is covered by the scope of this *Order*.

DOTP that is otherwise subject to this *Order* is not excluded when commingled with DOTP from sources not subject to this *Order*. Commingled refers to the mixing of subject and non-subject DOTP. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of the *Order*.

DOTP has the general chemical formulation C6H4(C8H17COO)2 and a chemical name of "bis (2-ethylhexyl) terephthalate" and has a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6422-86-2. Regardless of the label, all DOTP is covered by this *Order*.

Subject merchandise is currently classified under subheading 2917.39.2000 of the Harmonized Tariff

Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 2917.39.7000 or 3812.20.1000 of the HTSUS. While the CAS registry number and HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this *Order* is dispositive.

Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review

Having received no comments from interested parties and finding no information or evidence on the record that calls into question the preliminary results, we continue to find that AKC is the successor-in-interest to AKP and, that AKC is entitled to AKP's AD cash deposit rate with respect to entries of subject merchandise for the reasons stated in the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*.⁹ As there are no changes from the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*, there is no decision memorandum accompanying this notice and the determination in the *Initiation and Preliminary Results*, is hereby adopted as the final results of this CCR.

As a result of this determination and consistent with established practice, we find that AKC should receive the AD cash deposit rate previously assigned to AKP. Consequently, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of all shipments of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by AKC and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register** at the AD cash deposit rate in effect for AKP. This cash deposit requirement shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/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 sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.216(e).

¹ See *Diocetyl Terephthalate from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 88 FR 45140 (July 14, 2023) (*Initiation and Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review: Diocetyl Terephthalate from the Republic of Korea," dated July 7, 2023 (PDM).

² *Id.*

³ See AKC's Letter, "Aekyung Chemical Co., Ltd.'s Letter in *Lieu of Case Brief*," dated July 28, 2023 (AKC's Letter in *Lieu of Case Brief*).

⁴ *Id.* at 2 (citing *Initiation and Preliminary Results* PDM at 4-7).

⁵ *Id.* (citing *Initiation and Preliminary Results* PDM at 3).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See AKC's Letter in *Lieu of Case Brief* at 2.

⁸ See *Diocetyl Terephthalate from the Republic of Korea: Antidumping Duty Order*, 82 FR 39409 (August 18, 2017) (*Order*).

⁹ See *Initiation and Preliminary Results*.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)'s Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee) will meet virtually on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. eastern time.

DATES: The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. eastern time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be a virtual meeting via a virtual meeting platform. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1060, telephone number 240-446-6000. Ms. Shaw's email address is stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 278, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, notice is hereby given that the VCAT will meet virtually on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public. The VCAT is composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the NIST Director, eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on major

programs at NIST. It will also include discussions on the NIST budget and administration priorities, an update on the NIST Safety Culture, Biotechnology, and an update on the status of the Subcommittee on U.S. International Standards Development Activity. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's business are invited to request a place on the agenda by 5 p.m. eastern time, Tuesday, October 17, 2023 by contacting Stephanie Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

Approximately one-half hour 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 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. 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 attend via webinar are invited to submit written statements to Stephanie Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

All participants will be attending via a virtual meeting platform and must contact Ms. Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov by 5 p.m. eastern time, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, for detailed instructions on how to join the meeting via a virtual meeting platform.

Alicia Chambers,

NIST Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 2307014-0168; RTID 0648-XV193]

Request for Information on Equitable Delivery of Climate Services; Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for information; comment period extension.

SUMMARY: On July 21, 2023, The U.S. Department of Commerce (Department), via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), announced a Request for Information (RFI) on how to enhance NOAA's delivery of climate data, information, science, and tools ("climate services") and ensure that this delivery is equitable and accounting for the needs and priorities of a diverse set of user communities as they engage in climate preparedness, adaptation, and resilience planning. Building on the work that NOAA is already doing to prepare communities for increasing climate impacts, the input from this RFI will be used to create an Action Plan that will inform more equitable and inclusive design, production, and delivery of climate services for users of all disciplines and backgrounds. Written comments were due by September 21, 2023. Under the unique circumstances of the timing of the publication of the **Federal Register** notice, NOAA has decided to extend the public comment period by 30 days, to October 21, 2023.

DATES: The public comment period for this action, published on July 20, 2023 (88 FR 46773), has been extended from September 21, 2023 to October 21, 2023. Written comments and information must be received no later than October 21, 2023.

NOAA will host additional virtual public listening sessions during the month of October for participants to provide comments. See **ADDRESSES** below for more information on dates, times, and registration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document by any of the following methods:

- **Email Submission:** Interested individuals and organizations should submit written or recorded comments by email to climate.input@noaa.gov. If submitting via email, include the title of this RFI, "Request for Information on Equitable Delivery of Climate Services" in the subject line of the email.

Attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF, or recorded formats only, not to exceed a file size of 25 MB. If comments are submitted via recording, they must be in .mpg, mpeg, or .wav file formats. All comments submitted via email in recorded format will be transcribed.

- **Electronic Submission:** Comments may also be submitted in writing only via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter the title of this action, "Request for Information on Equitable Delivery of