

revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on sodium gluconate, gluconic acid, and derivative products (sodium gluconate) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Applicable February 2, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Trejo, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4390.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 13, 2018, Commerce published the AD order on sodium gluconate from China.<sup>1</sup> On October 2, 2023, Commerce initiated the first sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act),<sup>2</sup> and subsequently, a domestic interested party<sup>3</sup> timely submitted its complete notice of intent to participate<sup>4</sup> and adequate substantive response regarding this review.<sup>5</sup> The domestic interested party claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a producer of the domestic like product in the United States.<sup>6</sup> Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party, nor was a hearing requested. On November 17, 2023, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it did not receive adequate substantive responses from respondent interested parties.<sup>7</sup> As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

<sup>1</sup> See *Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 83 FR 56299 (November 13, 2018) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 67729 (October 2, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> The domestic interested party is PMP Fermentation Products, Inc.

<sup>4</sup> See Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China—Domestic Interested Parties' Notice of Intent to Participate," dated October 12, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> See Domestic Interested Party's Letter, "Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China—Domestic Interested Parties' Substantive Response," dated November 1, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See Commerce's Letter "Sunset Reviews Initiated on October 2, 2023," dated November 17, 2023.

**Scope of the Order**

The product covered by the *Order* is sodium gluconate from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

**Analysis of Comments Received**

A complete discussion of all issues raised in this review, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail if the *Order* were revoked, is provided in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>9</sup> A list of the topics in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is in the appendix to this notice. 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/public/FRNotices/ListLayout.aspx>.

**Final Results of Sunset Review**

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1), 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the dumping margin likely to prevail would be up to 213.15 percent.<sup>10</sup>

**Administrative Protective Order**

This notice serves as the only reminder to interested parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return/destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. 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**

We are issuing and publishing these final results of sunset reviews in

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 9.

accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: January 29, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

**Appendix**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-549-820]

**Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand) from Thailand was not sold in the United States at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results of review.

**DATES:** Applicable February 2, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samantha Kinney, 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) 482-2285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On January 28, 2004, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping (AD) duty order on PC strand from Thailand.<sup>1</sup> On January 3,

<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping*

2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* for the POR.<sup>2</sup> On March 14, 2023, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an AD administrative review of the *Order*, covering one producer/exporter, The Siam Industrial Wire Co., Ltd. (SIW).<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), on September 12, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review until January 31, 2024.<sup>4</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup>

### Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is PC strand from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act. Constructed export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying these preliminary results, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is available 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 Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://>

*Duty Order: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Thailand*, 69 FR 4111 (January 28, 2004) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 88 FR 45 (January 3, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 15642 (May 14, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated September 12, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Thailand; 2022," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[access.trade.gov/public/FRNotices/ListLayout.aspx](https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNotices/ListLayout.aspx).

### Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
The Siam Industrial Wire Co., Ltd .....	0.00

### Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>7</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>8</sup> Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.<sup>9</sup>

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.<sup>10</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Final Service Rule*).

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>10</sup> We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>11</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold a hearing at a time and date to be determined.<sup>12</sup> Parties should confirm the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, should be filed using ACCESS.<sup>13</sup> An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>14</sup>

### Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act, upon completion of the final results of this administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, ADs on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review.<sup>15</sup> If the weighted-average dumping margin for SIW is not zero or *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.5 percent) in the final results of this review, and because SIW reported entered values for all of its sales, Commerce intends to calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for each importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

<sup>11</sup> See *APO and Final Service Rule*.

<sup>12</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>13</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>14</sup> See *APO and Final Service Rule*.

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

We intend to instruct CBP to assess ADs on all appropriate entries covered by this review when the importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above *de minimis* (i.e., 0.50 percent). If SIW's overall weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* or where an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to ADs.<sup>16</sup> The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of ADs on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.<sup>17</sup>

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by SIW for which it did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate (i.e., 12.91 percent) in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation<sup>18</sup> if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>19</sup>

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (i.e., within 90 days of publication).

### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for SIW will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative review, except if the rate

is less than 0.50 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for merchandise exported by a company not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific cash deposit rate published in the completed segment for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or a previous segment, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established in the completed segment for the most recent period for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 12.91 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>20</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised by interested parties in the written comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**.<sup>21</sup>

### Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of ADs prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of ADs occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled ADs.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: January 29, 2024.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background

<sup>20</sup> See *Order*, 69 FR at 4111.

<sup>21</sup> See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; see also 19 CFR 351.213(h).

- III. Scope of the *Order*
- IV. Discussion of the Methodology
- V. Currency Conversion
- VI. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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### Announcing an Importer's Additional Declaration in the Automated Commercial Environment Specific to Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Certifications

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

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce), in coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), is announcing a new functionality in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for importers entering merchandise that is the subject of an antidumping and/or countervailing duty (AD/CVD) certification. Specifically, the capability will exist for importers to identify in the ACE entries that are the subject of an AD/CVD certification. Commerce intends to instruct parties to use this new functionality on a case-by-case basis. This new identification mechanism will facilitate Commerce's and CBP's administration of the AD/CVD laws by making such entry summaries more readily identifiable to Commerce and CBP.

**DATES:** This new functionality will be effective May 2, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical questions related to ACE, contact your assigned CBP client representative. Interested parties without an assigned CBP client representative should direct their questions to: [gmb.clientreputreach@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:gmb.clientreputreach@cbp.dhs.gov). For general questions related to the new declaration capability, contact Michael Walsh or Yasmin Bordas, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; email: [Michael.Walsh@trade.gov](mailto:Michael.Walsh@trade.gov) or [Yasmin.Bordas@trade.gov](mailto:Yasmin.Bordas@trade.gov), respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces functionality in ACE for an Importer's Additional Declaration

<sup>16</sup> See 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2); see also *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>17</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

<sup>18</sup> See *Order*, 69 FR at 4111.

<sup>19</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).