

subsidy is specific.<sup>5</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce's conclusions, including any determination that relied upon the use of adverse facts available (AFA) pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

### Final Results of the Administrative Review

We find the following net countervailable subsidy rates for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Jiangsu General Science Technology Co., Ltd .....	124.00
Qingdao Ge Rui Da Rubber Co., Ltd. <sup>6</sup> .....	10.16

### Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations and analysis performed for these final results of review within five days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

### Assessment

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after publication of the final results of this 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

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the

<sup>5</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

<sup>6</sup> As discussed in the *Preliminary Results* PDM, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with Qingdao Ge Rui Da Tire Company: Cooper Tire (China) Investment Co. Ltd.; Cooper Tire Asia-Pacific (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd.; Qingdao Yiyuan Investment Co., Ltd.; Goodyear Dalian Tire Company Limited; and Goodyear Tire Management Company (Shanghai) Ltd.

amounts shown for the companies listed above for shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the all-others rate or the most recent company-specific rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an 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 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 subject to sanction.

### Notification to Interested Parties

The final results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: May 9, 2024.

### Ryan Majerus,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
- IV. Subsidies Valuation
- V. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences
- VI. Analysis of Programs
- VII. Discussion of the Issues

Comment 1: Whether the Provision of Inputs for Less Than Adequate Remuneration (LTAR) Constitutes a Financial Contribution

Comment 2: Whether the Provision of Electricity for LTAR Is Countervailable

Comment 3: Whether Commerce Appropriately Found that the Provision of Land-Use Rights for LTAR Constitutes a Financial Contribution

Comment 4: Whether Commerce Should Revise the Calculations for Government Policy Lending

Comment 5: Whether Commerce Should Revise the Calculations for the Compensation of Land Resettlement

Comment 6: Whether Commerce Should Select a Different Benchmark for Recycled Synthetic Rubber

### VIII. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Proposed Finding for Alabama Approval Conditions

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed finding; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (the Federal agencies) invite public comment on the Federal agencies' proposed finding that Alabama has satisfied each of the conditions the agencies included as part of their 1998 approval of Alabama's coastal nonpoint pollution control program (coastal nonpoint program). The Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) directs States and territories with coastal zone management programs previously approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs, which must be submitted to the Federal agencies for approval. Prior to making such a finding, NOAA and the EPA invite public input on the two agencies' rationale for this proposed finding. **DATES:** Comments are due by June 14, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed findings document may be found on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (search for NOAA-NOS-2023-00107) and NOAA's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program website at [coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/](http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/). Comments may be submitted by:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and Enter NOAA-NOS-2023-00107 in the Search box, then click the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

• *Mail:* Submit written comments to Joelle Gore, Chief, Stewardship Division (N/OCM6), Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910; phone 202-468-7270; ATTN: Alabama Coastal Nonpoint Program.

*Instructions:* All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personally identifiable information (for example, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. The Federal agencies will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields you wish to remain anonymous). Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The Federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Castellan, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 202-596-5039, [allison.castellan@noaa.gov](mailto:allison.castellan@noaa.gov); or Duane Robertson, U.S. EPA Region 4, Water Division, 404-562-9398, [robertson.duane@epa.gov](mailto:robertson.duane@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 6217(a) of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 12 U.S.C. 1455b(a), required that each State or territory with a coastal zone management program previously approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act prepare and submit to the Federal agencies a coastal nonpoint pollution control program for approval by July 1995. The Federal agencies provided public notice of and invited public comment on their proposal to approve the Alabama program subject to specified conditions. (62 FR 6216). The Federal agencies approved the program subject to those conditions on June 30, 1998 (63 FR 37094). The Federal agencies now propose to find, and invite public comment on the proposed findings, that Alabama has satisfied the conditions associated with the earlier approval of its coastal nonpoint program.

The proposed findings document for Alabama's program is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (search for NOAA-NOS-2023-00107) and information on the Coastal Nonpoint Program in general

is available on the NOAA website at [coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/](http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 11819). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0059.

*Needs and Uses:* The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 *et seq.* to examine an application for patent and, when appropriate, issue a patent. The USPTO also is required to publish patent applications, with certain exceptions, promptly after the expiration of a period of eighteen months from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is sought under Title 35, United States Code.

USPTO petitions practice provides an opportunity for a patent applicant or owner to supply additional information that may be required in order for the USPTO to further process an application

or patent. For other USPTO actions, review is in the form of administrative review obtained via submission of a petition to the USPTO. Many actions taken by the USPTO during its examination of an application for patent or for reissue of a patent, or during reexamination of a patent, are subject to review by an appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). Appeals to PTAB are covered in other OMB approved information collections (0651-0063 and 0651-0069).

This information collection covers petitions filed in patent applications and reexamination proceedings that, when submitted to the USPTO, must be accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h). This information collection also covers the transmittals for the petition fees.

*Forms:* (AIA = America Invents Act; SB = Specimen Book)

- PTO/AIA/17p (Processing Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h) Transmittal)
- PTO/SB/23 (Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(b))
- PTO/SB/24A (Petition for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication Under 37 CFR 1.138(c))
- PTO/SB/28 (Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program)
- PTO/SB/140 (Petition to Withdraw an Application From Issue After Payment of the Issue Fee Under 37 CFR 1.313(c))

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 50,953 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50,953 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 12 minutes (0.20 hours) and 12 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 82,237 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$4,023,729.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.