

proceeding.<sup>19</sup> Specifically, we determined that the use of facts available is warranted, pursuant to sections 776(a)(1) and (a)(2)(A)–(C) of the Act, because Al Buraq, Al Hamad, Al Jaber, APC, Arabian Extrusions, Emirates Extrusion, Taweelah, and White Aluminum did not respond to our quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaire, despite confirmation that the questionnaire was successfully delivered to them.<sup>20</sup> Further, we determined these companies withheld information requested by Commerce, failed to provide information in a timely manner, and significantly impeded this proceeding by not submitting the requested Q&V information.<sup>21</sup> We also determined that an adverse inference is warranted pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act because these companies were not cooperative.<sup>22</sup> Thus, for Al Buraq, Al Hamad, Al Jaber, APC, Arabian Extrusions, Emirates Extrusion, Taweelah, and White Aluminum, we preliminarily determine, as AFA and in accordance with section 776(b) of the Act, there was a massive surge in imports between the base and comparison periods.

#### **Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part**

Based on the criteria and findings discussed above, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of aluminum extrusions from the UAE from Al Buraq, Al Hamad, Al Jaber, APC, Arabian Extrusions, Emirates Extrusion, Taweelah, and White Aluminum. Further, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of aluminum extrusions from the UAE produced or exported by Gulfex, OSE, and producers/importers of subject merchandise from the UAE other than Gulfex, OSE, Al Buraq, Al Hamad, Al Jaber, APC, Arabian Extrusions, Emirates Extrusion, Taweelah, or White Aluminum.

#### **Final Critical Circumstances Determination**

We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances in the final LTFV determination, which is currently scheduled for September 19, 2024.

#### **Public Comment**

In the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce stated that case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance and set a deadline for case briefs or other written comments on non-scope issues as no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued.<sup>23</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline for case briefs.<sup>24</sup> All comments regarding this preliminary critical circumstances determination are subject to the same request for public executive summaries in case and rebuttal briefs, as noted in the *Preliminary Determination*.<sup>25</sup>

#### **Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, for Al Buraq, Al Hamad, Al Jaber, APC, Arabian Extrusions, Emirates Extrusion, Taweelah, and White Aluminum, we will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of any unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from the UAE entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after February 7, 2024, which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**. For such entries, CBP shall require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin established in the *Preliminary Determination*. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

#### **U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification**

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this preliminary determination of critical circumstances.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to section 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(2)(ii).

Dated: May 20, 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.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **International Trade Administration**

#### **President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Export Council (Council) will hold a meeting to deliberate on recommendations related to promoting the expansion of U.S. exports and to convey a report to the President on the March 2024 fact-finding trip to Thailand by some members of the Council. Meeting topics will include strengthening U.S. commercial engagement in the Indo-Pacific and U.S. trade in services. The final agenda will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the Council's website at <https://www.trade.gov/presidents-export-council>.

**DATES:** June 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. ET

**ADDRESSES:** The President's Export Council meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the internet. Please visit the Council's website at <https://www.trade.gov/presidents-export-council> for the link to the live webcast on the day of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tricia Van Orden, Designated Federal Officer, President's Export Council, Room 3424, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20230, telephone: 202–482–5876, email: [tricia.vanorden@trade.gov](mailto:tricia.vanorden@trade.gov).

Press inquiries should be directed to the International Trade Administration's Office of Public Affairs, telephone: 202–482–3809.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The President's Export Council was first established by Executive Order on December 20, 1973, to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. export trade and to report to the President on its activities and recommendations for expanding U.S. exports. The Council was renewed most recently by Executive Order 14109 of September 29, 2023, for the two-year period ending September 30, 2025. This Committee is governed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*

*Public Submissions:* The public is invited to submit written statements to the President's Export Council. Statements must be received by 4:00 p.m. ET on June 7, 2024, by the following methods:

<sup>19</sup> See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 6.

<sup>20</sup> See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 6–7; see also Memorandum, "Issuance of the Quantity and Value Questionnaire," dated November 6, 2023.

<sup>21</sup> See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 7.

<sup>22</sup> *Id.* at 6–7.

<sup>23</sup> See *Preliminary Determination*, 89 FR at 38091–92.

<sup>24</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1).

<sup>25</sup> See *Preliminary Determination*, 89 FR at 38092.

**a. Electronic Submissions**

Submit statements electronically to Tricia Van Orden, Designated Federal Officer, President's Export Council via email: [tricia.vanorden@trade.gov](mailto:tricia.vanorden@trade.gov).

**b. Paper Submissions**

Send paper statements to Tricia Van Orden, Designated Federal Officer, President's Export Council, Room 3424, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20230.

Statements will be posted on the Council's website (<https://www.trade.gov/presidents-export-council>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

**Meeting minutes:** Copies of the Council's meeting minutes will be available within ninety (90) days of the meeting.

Dated: May 21, 2024.

**Tricia Van Orden,**

*Designated Federal Officer, President's Export Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

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**Certain Epoxy Resins From the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations**

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

**DATES:** Applicable May 28, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nathan James (the People's Republic of China (China)), Eliza DeLong (India), Thomas Martin (the Republic of Korea (Korea)), and Whitley Herndon (Taiwan), AD/CVD Operations, Offices V, IV, and IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5305, (202) 482-3878, (202) 482-3936, and (202) 482-6274, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On April, 23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of certain epoxy resins from China, India, Korea, and Taiwan.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determinations in these investigations are due no later than June 27, 2024.

**Postponement of Preliminary Determinations**

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On May 14, 2024, the U.S. Epoxy Resin Producers *Ad Hoc* Coalition, the petitioner in these investigations, timely requested that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in these investigations.<sup>2</sup> The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determinations in these investigations so that it can review the initial questionnaire responses of the mandatory respondents, identify deficiencies that should be addressed for the preliminary determinations, and provide Commerce time to issue

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Epoxy Resins from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 89 FR 33319 (April 29, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> See Petitioner's Letters, "Certain Epoxy Resins from China: Petitioner's Request For Extension Preliminary Determination Deadline;" "Certain Epoxy Resins from India: Petitioner's Request For Extension Preliminary Determination Deadline;" "Certain Epoxy Resins from South Korea: Petitioner's Request For Extension Preliminary Determination Deadline;" and "Certain Epoxy Resins from Taiwan: Petitioner's Request for Extension Preliminary Determination Deadline," all dated May 14, 2024.

supplemental questionnaires, if needed.<sup>3</sup>

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner submitted its requests for postponement of the preliminary determinations in these investigations 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determinations and has stated the reasons its requests. Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the requests. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than 130 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated, *i.e.*, September 3, 2024.<sup>4</sup>

Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: May 20, 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.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

**Renewal of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership**

**AGENCY:** Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee and solicitation of nominations for membership.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Department of Commerce

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Postponing the preliminary determinations to 130 days after the date of initiation would place the deadline on Saturday, August 31, 2024. Commerce's practice dictates that, where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day (*i.e.*, Tuesday, September 3, 2024). See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).