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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-122-857]

#### Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating a changed circumstances review (CCR) to determine whether TRAPA Forest Products Ltd. (TRAPA) is the successor-in-interest to Trans-Pacific Trading Ltd. (Trans-Pacific) in the context of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain softwood lumber products (softwood lumber) from Canada. We preliminarily determine that TRAPA is the successor-in-interest to Trans-Pacific.

**DATES:** Applicable July 15, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Bolling, 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) 482-3434.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On January 3, 2018, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** an AD order on softwood lumber from Canada.<sup>1</sup> On April 11, 2024, TRAPA requested that, pursuant to section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), 19 CFR 351.216, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), Commerce conduct an expedited CCR of the *Order* to determine that TRAPA is the successor-in-interest to Trans-Pacific and, accordingly, to assign it the cash deposit rate of Trans-Pacific. In its submission, TRAPA stated that in 2024, Trans-Pacific undertook a name change to TRAPA.<sup>2</sup> On May 17, 2024, Commerce issued a supplemental

questionnaire to TRAPA identifying certain areas for which we required additional information.<sup>3</sup> On June 4, 2024, TRAPA amended its request for a CCR by providing the requested information.<sup>4</sup>

#### Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* is softwood lumber from Canada. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup>

#### Initiation and Preliminary Results of CCR

Pursuant to section 751(b)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d), Commerce will conduct a CCR upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from, an interested party for a review of an AD order which shows changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. The information submitted by TRAPA supporting its claim that it is the successor-in-interest to Trans-Pacific demonstrates changed circumstances sufficient to warrant such a review.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, in accordance with section 751(b)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(d) and (e), we are initiating a CCR based upon the information contained in TRAPAs' submission.

Section 351.221(c)(3)(ii) of Commerce's regulations permits Commerce to combine the notice of initiation of a CCR and the notice of preliminary results if Commerce concludes that expedited action is warranted.<sup>7</sup> In this instance, because the record contains information necessary to make a preliminary finding, we find that expedited action is warranted and have combined the notice of initiation and the notice of preliminary results.<sup>8</sup>

In this CCR, pursuant to section 751(b) of the Act, Commerce is conducting a successor-in-interest

analysis. In making a successor-in-interest determination, Commerce examines several factors, including, but not limited to, changes in the following: (1) management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; and (4) customer base.<sup>9</sup> While no single factor or combination of factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication of a successor-in-interest relationship, generally, Commerce will consider the new company to be the successor to the previous company if the new company's resulting operation is not materially dissimilar to that of its predecessor.<sup>10</sup> Thus, if the record evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the predecessor company, Commerce may assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.<sup>11</sup>

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216, we preliminarily determine that TRAPA is the successor-in-interest to Trans-Pacific. Record evidence, as submitted by TRAPA, indicates that TRAPA operates as essentially the same business entity as Trans-Pacific with respect to the subject merchandise.<sup>12</sup>

For the complete successor-in-interest analysis, including discussion of business proprietary information, see the accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public via Enforcement and

<sup>9</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 81 FR 75376 (October 31, 2016) (*Shrimp from India Preliminary Results*), unchanged in *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 81 FR 90774 (December 15, 2016) (*Shrimp from India Final Results*).

<sup>10</sup> See, e.g., *Shrimp from India Preliminary Results*, 81 FR at 75377, unchanged in *Shrimp from India Final Results*, 81 FR at 90774.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*; see also *Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan*, 67 FR 58, 59 (January 2, 2002); *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 75 FR 34688, 34689 (June 18, 2010); and *Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 63 FR 14679 (March 26, 1998), unchanged in *Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Korea; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 63 FR 20572 (April 27, 1998), in which Commerce found that a company which only changed its name and did not change its operations is a successor-in-interest to the company before it changed its name.

<sup>12</sup> See TRAPA CCR Request; and Amended CCR Request.

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Antidumping Duty Order and Partial Amended Final Determination*, 83 FR 350 (January 3, 2018) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See TRAPA's Letter, "Request for an Expedited Changed Circumstances Review," dated April 11, 2024 (TRAPA CCR Request).

<sup>3</sup> See Commerce's Letter, "Changed Circumstances Review: Supplemental Questionnaire," dated May 17, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> See TRAPA's Letter, "Amended Request for Expedited Change Circumstance Review," dated June 4, 2024 (Amended CCR Request).

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.216(d).

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii); see also *Certain Pasta from Italy: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 80 FR 33480, 33480-41 (June 12, 2015) (*Pasta from Italy Preliminary Results*), unchanged in *Certain Pasta from Italy: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 80 FR 48807 (August 14, 2015) (*Pasta from Italy Final Results*).

<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., *Pasta from Italy Preliminary Results*, 80 FR at 33480-41, unchanged in *Pasta from Italy Final Results*, 80 FR at 48807.

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 is available at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

### Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>13</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>14</sup> All comments are to be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.<sup>15</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 CCR, 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>16</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 CCR. 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>17</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request

<sup>13</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 Service Final Rule*).

<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303(b).

<sup>16</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.

<sup>17</sup> See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

via ACCESS within 30 days of publication of this notice. Hearing requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(d).

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we will issue the final results of this CCR no later than 270 days after the date on which this review was initiated, or within 45 days if all parties agree to our preliminary finding. This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(b)(1) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216(b), 351.221(b) and 351.221(c)(3).

Dated: July 8, 2024.

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Order*
- IV. Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review
- V. Successor-in-Interest Determination
- VI. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2024–HQ–0008]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, 251 18th Street, Suite 244A, Arlington, VA 22202, ATTN: Mr. Russell Wilson, or call (703) 571–0388.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS); OMB Control Number 0702–0127.

*Needs and Uses:* The DoD ABIS is an authoritative biometrics data repository that processes, matches, and stores biometric identity information data, collected by global U.S. forces, during the course of military operations. The information processed by DoD ABIS (biometric, biographic, behavioral, and contextual data) is collected by DoD military personnel worldwide using hand-held biometric collection devices across the full range of military operations for DoD warfighting, intelligence, law enforcement, security, force protection, base access, homeland defense, counterterrorism, business enterprise purposes as well as in information environment mission areas.