

representatives, or to update contact information. Any changes or announcements pertaining to these procedures will be posted to the ACCESS website at <https://access.trade.gov>.

Special Instructions for Petitioners and Foreign Governments

In the *Final Rule*, Commerce stated that, “after an initial request and placement on the annual inquiry service list, both petitioners and foreign governments will automatically be placed on the annual inquiry service list in the years that follow.”¹⁴ Accordingly, as stated above and pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(n)(3), the petitioners and foreign governments will not need to resubmit their entries of appearance each year to continue to be included on the annual inquiry service list. However, the petitioners and foreign governments are responsible for making amendments to their entries of appearance during the annual update to the annual inquiry service list in accordance with the procedures described above.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: September 20, 2024.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–580–895]

Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2023

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the sole producer/exporter subject to this administrative review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable October 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Hart, 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) 482–1058, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 16, 2018, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty order on low melt polyester staple fiber (low melt PSF) from the Republic of Korea (Korea).¹ On October 18, 2023, based on a timely request for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review on low melt PSF from Korea.² The review covers one producer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Toray Advanced Materials Korea, Inc. (TAK).

On April 8, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this administrative review until August 30, 2024.³ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁴ The deadline for the preliminary results is now September 6, 2024. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is synthetic staple fibers, not carded or combed, specifically bi-component polyester fibers having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B)

¹ See *Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 83 FR 40752 (August 16, 2018) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 71829 (October 18, 2023).

³ See Memorandum, “Extension of the Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated April 8, 2024.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

⁵ See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea; 2022–2023,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

and (2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). 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 our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the 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 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 Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Toray Advanced Materials Korea, Inc	2.46

Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs or other written comments to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁶ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.⁷ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a statement

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii); see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

⁷ 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*).

¹⁴ *Id.*

of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁸

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.⁹ Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, no including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public 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).¹⁰

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, filed electronically via ACCESS. Hearing 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 issues raised in the respective case briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a date and time to be determined and will notify the parties through ACCESS.¹¹ 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. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act, upon completion of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.¹² Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), if TAK's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.5 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales.¹³ If the respondent has not reported entered values, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total quantity associated with those transactions. If TAK's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate entries without regard to antidumping duties.¹⁴ The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.¹⁵

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by TAK 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 established in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation (i.e., 16.27 percent)¹⁶ if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹⁷

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of 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).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

¹³ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012) (*Final Modification for Reviews*).

¹⁴ *Id.* 77 FR at 8102.

¹⁵ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

¹⁶ See *Order*.

¹⁷ For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the company listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this 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 previously reviewed or investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which the company was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the LTFV investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit 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 16.27 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.¹⁸ These 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**.¹⁹

Notification to Importers

This notice also 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 antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

¹⁸ See *Order*.

¹⁹ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; see also 19 CFR 351.213(h).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

⁹ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁰ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: September 6, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

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. Discussion of the Methodology
- V. Currency Conversion
- VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO–P–2024–0047]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 7,199,162—GRAFAPEX™ (Treosulfan)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,199,162.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Kahler Fonda, Senior Legal Advisor (telephone (571) 272–7754; email kathleen.fonda@uspto.gov). Alternatively, mail may be addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, and marked to the attention of Ms. Fonda.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On August 20, 2024, Medac Gesellschaft für Klinische Spezialpräparate mbH, the patent owner of record, timely filed an application

under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a fourth interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,199,162. The patent claims a method of using the human drug product GRAFAPEX™ (treosulfan). The application for patent term extension indicates that New Drug Application 214759 was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration on August 11, 2020, and its review in order for the patent owner to obtain permission to market and use the product commercially is ongoing.

Review of the patent term extension application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because the regulatory review period will continue beyond the thrice-extended expiration date of the patent, October 12, 2024, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

A fourth interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 7,199,162 is granted for a period of one year from the thrice-extended expiration date of the patent.

Charles Kim,

Deputy Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2024–0051]

Extension and Termination of the After Final Consideration Pilot Program 2.0

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 3, 2024, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), when setting and adjusting patent fees for fiscal year 2025, proposed a new fee to recuperate costs affiliated with the submission of a request for consideration under the After Final Consideration Pilot Program 2.0 (AFCP 2.0). Commenters on the proposal expressed concerns about the AFCP 2.0 and the proposed fee. In view of these comments, the USPTO has decided to allow AFCP 2.0 to expire. While the program currently runs through September 30, 2024, to accommodate those who may be in the

process of preparing to use the program, the USPTO will provide a short extension of the expiration of the program. The USPTO is setting December 14, 2024, as the last day to submit a request for participation under the program.

DATES: The USPTO will not accept requests for consideration under the AFCP 2.0 filed after December 14, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kery Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, at 571–272–7757; or Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, at 571–272–7728, both with the Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 19, 2013, the USPTO modified the After Final Consideration Pilot Program (AFCP) to create the AFCP 2.0. The three main differences between the AFCP and the AFCP 2.0 are: (1) an applicant must request to participate in AFCP 2.0; (2) a response to an after final rejection under AFCP 2.0 must include a non-broadening amendment to at least one independent claim; and (3) the examiner will schedule an interview with the applicant if the after-final response did not result in a determination by the examiner that all pending claims in the application were in condition for allowance.

The goal of the AFCP 2.0 was to improve pendency by reducing the number of Requests for Continued Examination (RCE) and encourage increased collaboration between the applicant and the examiner to effectively advance prosecution of the application. The AFCP 2.0 does not require any additional fees for an applicant to request consideration of an amendment after final rejection, but any necessary existing fee, *e.g.*, the fee for an extension of time, is required. Initially, the pilot program was scheduled to run for approximately one year and was set to end on September 30, 2014. The USPTO notified the public that the AFCP 2.0 may be extended (with or without modifications) depending on feedback from participants and based on a determination of the effectiveness of the pilot program. The USPTO repeatedly extended the pilot program, with the most recent extension set to end on September 30, 2024.

Since 2016, applicants have filed more than 60,000 AFCP 2.0 requests annually. Due to the high usage of the AFCP 2.0, costs to administer the program are significant. A large part of the AFCP 2.0's high usage is due to economic inefficiencies where participants receive program benefits without paying for the cost of the