

Dated: January 8, 2025.

Steven Presing,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by the investigation is vanillin, with the molecular formula $C_8H_8O_3$ or $C_9H_{10}O_3$. For purposes of this investigation, vanillin consists of natural vanillin, synthetic vanillin, bio-sourced synthetic vanillin (biovanillin) (each also known as 4-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde), and ethylvanillin (also known as 3-Ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde). Vanillin covered by this investigation is a chemical compound with the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number 121-33-5 or 121-32-4. Vanillin is covered by the investigation regardless of whether it is in a crystalline powder or crystal form. Vanillin is covered by the scope of the investigation, irrespective of purity, particle size, or physical form.

Merchandise subject to the investigation is specified within the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 2912.41.0000 and 2912.42.0000. The HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the merchandise covered by the investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Period of Investigation
- IV. Discussion of the Methodology
- V. Adjustment Under Section 777(A)(f) of the Act
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- VII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-875]

Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings (pipe fittings) from the

People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD order.

DATES: Applicable January 16, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Martin, 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) 482-3936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 7, 2003, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD order on pipe fittings from China.¹ On June 3, 2024, the ITC instituted,² and Commerce initiated,³ the fourth sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *AD Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping rates likely to prevail should the *Order* be revoked.⁴

On January 10, 2025, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁵

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* are finished and unfinished non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings. See the appendix to this notice for the full scope of the *Order*.

Continuation of the Order on Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From China

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation

¹ See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, 68 FR 16765 (April 7, 2003) (*Order*).

² See *Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from China; Institution of a Five-Year Review*, 89 FR 47610 (June 3, 2024).

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review*, 89 FR 47525 (June 3, 2024).

⁴ See *Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 89 FR 81424 (October 8, 2024), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁵ See *Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from China Determination*, 90 FR 2022 (January 10, 2025) (*ITC Final Determination*).

of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Order*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of the continuation of the *Order* will be January 10, 2025.⁶ Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next sunset review of the *Order* not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of this continuation.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return, destruction, or conversion to judicial protective order 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 this request is a violation of the APO which may be subject to sanctions.

Notification to Interested Parties

This five-year sunset review and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and this notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

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The merchandise subject of the *Order* are finished and unfinished non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings with an inside diameter ranging from 1/4 inch to 6 inches, whether threaded or unthreaded, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications. The subject fittings include elbows, tees, crosses, and reducers as well as flanged fittings. These pipe fittings are also known as "cast iron pipe fittings" or "gray iron pipe fittings." These cast iron pipe fittings are normally produced to ASTM A-126 and ASME B.16.4 specifications and are threaded to ASME B1.20.1 specifications. Most building codes require that these products are Underwriters Laboratories (UL) certified. The scope does not include cast iron soil pipe fittings or grooved fittings or grooved couplings. Also, certain brake fluid tube connectors are excluded from the scope of

⁶ See *ITC Final Determination*.

the *Order*.⁷ Commerce did not include the certain brake fluid tube connectors exclusion scope language in the 2019 continuation notice.

Fittings that are made out of ductile iron that have the same physical characteristics as the gray or cast iron fittings subject to the scope above or which have the same physical characteristics and are produced to ASME B.16.3, ASME B.16.4, or ASTM A-395 specifications, threaded to ASME B1.20.1 specifications and UL certified, regardless of metallurgical differences between gray and ductile iron, are also included in the scope of the *Order*. These ductile fittings do not include grooved fittings or grooved couplings. Ductile cast iron fittings with mechanical joint ends (MJ), or push on ends (PO), or flanged ends and produced to American Water Works Association (AWWA) specifications AWWA C110 or AWWA C153 are not included. Imports of covered merchandise are classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers

7307.11.00.30, 7307.11.00.60, 7307.19.30.60 and 7307.19.30.85. HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the *Order* is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Southeast Regional Office, Amendment 59 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Public Hearings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The NMFS Southeast Regional Office will hold a series of public hearings on Amendment 59 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic (Amendment 59). NMFS will review Amendment 59 and the proposed measures for management of red snapper and snapper-grouper species in South Atlantic Federal waters.

DATES: The public hearing meetings will be held on February 5, 2025, February 6, 2025, February 24, 2025, February 25, 2025, and March 5, 2025.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details.

ADDRESSES: Meeting locations:

Date and time	Location
February 5, 2025; 4:00–8:00 p.m	Hilton Garden Inn, Charleston, Airport 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418, 843-308-9330.
February 6, 2025; 4:00–8:00 p.m	The Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557, 252-247-3883.
February 24, 2025; 4:00–8:00 p.m	Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Airport, 14670 Duval Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218, 904-741-4404.
February 25, 2025; 4:00–8:00 p.m	Hilton Cocoa Beach, 1550 N Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, 321-613-9023.
March 5, 2025; 4:00 p.m. during the scheduled South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting.	Villa By the Sea, 1175 Beachview Drive N, Jekyll Island, GA 31527, 912-635-2521.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karla Gore, Southeast Regional Office, telephone: (727) 824-5305, karla.gore@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the development of Amendment 59, the NMFS Southeast Regional Office will host a series of public hearings. During these public hearings, NMFS will review Amendment 59 and the proposed options for management of red snapper and snapper-grouper species in South Atlantic Federal waters. The structure of the public hearings will allow for a presentation on the amendment and proposed rule at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 6, 24, and 25, 2025. There will be separate breakout rooms for the public to ask questions, obtain more information on the amendment and proposed rule, and

formally submit public comments to NMFS.

The March 5, 2025, public hearing will be held in conjunction with the scheduled March meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). A presentation on the measures proposed in Amendment 59 will be provided by NMFS at 1:00 p.m. and comments on Amendment 59 will be accepted during the Council’s scheduled public comment period starting at 4:00 p.m.

A detailed public hearing agenda and Amendment 59 background documents will be made available on the NMFS Amendment 59 website prior to the public hearing. The website for information about Amendment 59 is located at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-59-fishery-management->

plan-snapper-grouper-fishery-south-atlantic-region/.

Special Accommodations

These public hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Karla Gore, (727) 824-5305, karla.gore@noaa.gov at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Note: The times and sequence specified in the agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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⁷ See *Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From The People’s Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 8437 (February 12, 2014). To be excluded, the connector must meet the following description: The connector is a “joint block” for brake fluid tubes and is made of non-

malleable cast iron to Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) automotive standard J431. The tubes have an inside diameter of 3.44 millimeters (0.1355 inches) and the inside diameters of the fluid flow channels of the connector are 3.2 millimeters (0.1260 inches) and 3.8 millimeters (0.1496 inches).

The end of the tube is forced by pressure over the end of a flared opening in the connector also known as “flared joint.” The flared joint, once made fast, permits brake fluid to flow through channels that never exceed 3.8 millimeters (0.1496 inches) in diameter.