

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C–570–140]

Certain Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable May 4, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Langley at (202) 482–3861 or Theodore Pearson at (202) 482–2631, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On March 18, 2021, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of certain mobile access equipment and subassemblies thereof (mobile access equipment) from the People's Republic of China (China).¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than May 24, 2021.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD 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 April 26, 2021, the petitioner² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determination.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement so that Commerce has adequate time to analyze questionnaire responses from the mandatory respondents and the Government of China.⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, July 26, 2021. Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

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

Dated: April 28, 2021.

Christian Marsh,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A–523–815]

Certain Aluminum Foil From the Sultanate of Oman: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain aluminum foil (aluminum foil) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman)

is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable May 4, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). On September 29, 2020, the Aluminum Association Trade Enforcement Working Group and its individual members¹ (collectively, the petitioners) requested the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties on aluminum foil from five countries.² On October 19, 2020, Commerce initiated the antidumping duty investigation on aluminum foil from Oman.³ On February 17, 2021, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation, and the revised deadline is now April 27, 2021.⁴ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix

¹ The individual members of the Aluminum Association Trade Enforcement Group include Granges Americas Inc, JW Aluminum Company and Novelis Corporation. The petitioners indicated that Novelis Corporation acquired Aleris Corporation (including all of Aleris' aluminum foil-related operations), effective April 14, 2020.

² *See* Petitioners' submission, "Certain Aluminum Foil from Armenia, Brazil, Oman, Russia, and Turkey—Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties," dated September 29, 2020.

³ *See Certain Aluminum Foil from the Republic of Armenia, Brazil, the Sultanate of Oman, the Russian Federation, and the Republic of Turkey: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 85 FR 67711 (October 26, 2020) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁴ *See Certain Aluminum Foil from the Republic of Armenia, Brazil, the Sultanate of Oman, the Russian Federation, and the Republic of Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 86 FR 9909 (February 17, 2021).

⁵ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Aluminum Foil from the Sultanate of Oman," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

¹ *See Certain Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 86 FR 15905 (March 25, 2021).

² The petitioner is the Coalition of American Manufacturers of Mobile Access Equipment.

³ *See* Petitioner's Letter, "Certain Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Request for Postponement of Preliminary Determination," dated April 26, 2021.

⁴ *Id.*