

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).

For the companies for which this review is rescinded with these preliminary results, we will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i).

Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends, upon publication of the final results, to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of the estimated countervailing duties in the amount calculated in the final results of this administrative review for Yongding with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. If the rate calculated in the final results is zero or *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required on shipments of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

For all non-reviewed firms, CBP will continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the all-others rate (*i.e.*, 41.17 percent)¹⁵ for the most recent company-specific rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results of review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4) and (h)(2), and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: March 27, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion Inhibitors From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review and Rescission of Review, in Part; 2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that countervailable subsidies were provided to producers and exporters of corrosion inhibitors from the People's Republic of China (China), during the period of review (POR) from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. In addition, Commerce is rescinding the review, in part, with respect to 16 companies. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable April 3, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Pearson or Suresh Maniam, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2631 and (202) 482-1603, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 19, 2021, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the countervailing duty order on corrosion inhibitors from China.¹ On May 9, 2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the notice of initiation of an administrative review of the Order.² On June 23, 2023, Commerce selected

¹ See *Certain Corrosion Inhibitors from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 86 FR 14869 (March 19, 2021) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 29881 (May 9, 2023).

Anhui Trust Chem Co., Ltd. (ATC) and Nantong Botao Chemical Co., Ltd. (Botao) for individual examination as the mandatory respondents in this administrative review.³ On October 30, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of review until March 28, 2024.⁴

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I 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 <http://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>.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the Order are corrosion inhibitors. For a complete description of the scope of the Order, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each subsidy program found countervailable, we preliminarily find that there is a subsidy, (*i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific).⁷ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on adverse facts available pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

³ See Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated June 23, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated October 30, 2023.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review and Rescission of Review in Part; 2022: Corrosion Inhibitors from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

¹⁵ See *Final Determination*.

Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested a review withdraw the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation. Commerce received timely-filed withdrawal requests with respect to 16 companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).⁸ Because the withdrawal requests were timely filed, and no other parties requested a review of these companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding this review of the *Order* with respect to these 16 companies. For a complete list of companies, see Appendix II to this notice.

Preliminary Rate for Non-Selected Companies Under Review

There are three companies for which a review was requested and not rescinded, and which were not selected as mandatory respondents or found to be cross-owned with a mandatory respondent. The statute and Commerce's regulations do not directly address the establishment of rates to be applied to companies not selected for individual examination where Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(e)(2) of the Act. However, Commerce normally determines the rates for non-selected companies in reviews in a manner that is consistent with section 705(c)(5) of the Act, which provides the basis for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation.

Section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act instructs Commerce, as a general rule, to calculate an all-others rate equal to the weighted average of the countervailable subsidy rates established for exporters and/or producers individually examined, excluding any rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts available. In this review, the preliminary rates calculated for ATC and Botao were above *de minimis* and not based entirely on facts available. Therefore, we are applying to the non-selected companies the average of the net subsidy rates calculated for ATC and Botao, which we calculated using the publicly-ranged sales data submitted by ATC and Botao.⁹ This methodology to

establish the rate for the non-selected companies uses section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, which governs the calculation of the "all-others" rate in an investigation, as guidance. For further information on the calculation of the non-selected respondent rate, refer to the section in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum entitled "Non-Selected Companies Under Review."

Preliminary Results of Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following net countervailable subsidy rates exist for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Anhui Trust Chem Co., Ltd. ¹⁰ ..	19.64
Nantong Botao Chemical Co., Ltd. ¹¹	17.02
Gold Chemical Limited	18.90
Jiangyin Delian Chemical Co., Ltd.	18.90
Kanghua Chemical Co., Ltd. ¹²	18.90

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results to interested parties within five days after the date of publication of this notice.¹³ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review.¹⁴ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case

examined respondents using each company's publicly-ranged U.S. sale quantities for the merchandise under consideration. Commerce then compares (B) and (C) to (A) and selects the rate closest to (A) as the most appropriate rate for all other producers and exporters. See, e.g., *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Review, and Revocation of an Order in Part*, 75 FR 53661, 53663 (September 1, 2010).

¹⁰ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce preliminarily finds the following companies to be cross-owned with ATC: Nanjing Trust Chem Co., Ltd. and Jiangsu Trust Chem Co., Ltd.

¹¹ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce preliminarily finds the following companies to be cross-owned with Botao: Rugao Connect Chemical Co., Ltd.; Rugao Jinling Chemical Co., Ltd.; and Nantong Yutu Group Co., Ltd.

¹² Formerly known as Nantong Kanghua Chemical Co., Ltd. See *Certain Corrosion Inhibitors from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 88 FR 1357 (January 10, 2023).

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

briefs.¹⁵ 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.¹⁶

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.¹⁷ 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 administrative review. 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).¹⁸

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. 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 those raised in the respective case briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Unless extended, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of the issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

¹⁵ 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*).

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁷ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁸ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

⁸ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at "Partial Rescission of Administrative Review."

⁹ With two respondents under examination, Commerce normally calculates: (A) a weighted-average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents; (B) a simple average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents; and (C) a weighted-average of the estimated subsidy rates calculated for the

Assessment Rates

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we preliminarily determined subsidy rates in the amounts shown above for the producers/exporters shown above. Upon completion of the administrative review, consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.

For the companies for which this review is rescinded with these preliminary results, we will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). For the companies remaining in the review, we intend 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).

Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends upon publication of the final results, to instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits of the estimated countervailing duties in the amounts calculated in the final results of this review for the respective companies listed above with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. If the rate calculated in the final results is zero or *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required on shipments of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

For all non-reviewed firms, CBP will continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the all-others rate or the most recent company-specific rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed,

shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Interested Parties

These preliminary results and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: March 28, 2024.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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2. Focus Chemical B.V.
3. Haruno Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd.
4. Johoku Chemical Co., Ltd.
5. KD Finechem Co., Ltd.
6. New Essential Corp.
7. Sagar Speciality Chemicals Pvt., Ltd.
8. Shanghai Sunwise Chemical Co., Ltd.
9. Sinochem Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
10. Tianjin Jinbin International Trade
11. TotalEnergies Lubrifiants
12. Vcare Medicines
13. Wuxi Base International Trade Co., Ltd.
14. Xiamen Amity Industry & Trade Co., Ltd.
15. Yasho Industries Pvt. Ltd.
16. Zaozhuang Kerui Chemicals Co., Ltd.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee Meeting—Defense Innovation Board

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following

Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Innovation Board (DIB) will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The open meeting will take place virtually, via the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marina Theodotou, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (571) 372-7344 (voice) or osd.innovation@mail.mil. Mailing address is Defense Innovation Board, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 15D08, Alexandria, VA 22350-3600. Website: <https://innovation.defense.gov>.

The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda and link to the virtual meeting can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the DFO and the DoD, the DIB was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its April 17, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoD, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

Purpose of Meeting: The mission of the DIB is to provide the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the USD(R&E) independent advice and strategic insights on emerging and disruptive technologies and their impact on national security, adoption of commercial sector innovation best practices, and ways to leverage the U.S. innovation ecosystem to align structures, processes, and human capital practices to accelerate and scale innovation adoption, foster a culture of innovation and an experimentation mindset, and enable the DoD to build enduring advantages. The DIB focuses on innovation-related issues and topics raised by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the USD(R&E). The objective of this DIB meeting is to provide the public with an update on the current studies as well as obtain, review, and evaluate information related to the DIB's mission and studies.

Agenda: The DIB's open meeting will take place on April 17, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The DIB DFO, Dr. Marina Theodotou, will open the meeting and introduce the DIB Chair,