

Notice, we stated that Verso's request indicated it accounts for at least 85 percent of domestic production.⁸ We received no comments concerning Verso's claim regarding its production or otherwise indicating a lack of industry support with respect to this CCR.

As noted in the *Initiation Notice*, Verso requested the revocation of this *CVD Order* because it is no longer interested in maintaining the *CVD Order* or in the imposition of duties on the subject merchandise as of August 3, 2015.⁹ We conclude that producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product, to which this *CVD Order* pertains, lack interest in the relief provided by the *CVD Order*. We find that the petitioner's affirmative statement of no interest in the *CVD Order* constitutes good cause for the conduct of this review.

On May 21, 2018, Commerce received comments from Verso, the Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick, the Government of Nova Scotia, the Government of Ontario, the Government of Quebec, Irving Paper Limited, Port Hawkesbury Paper L.P., Resolute FP Canada Inc., and Resolute FP US Inc. In a joint filing, these parties, who represent all of the interested parties to this proceeding, stated their agreement with the outcome proposed in the *Initiation Notice*. Moreover, the parties cited to 19 CFR 351.216(e), which provides that, when all parties agree to the outcome, Commerce will issue its final results of CCR within 45 days of the initiation.

Accordingly, we are notifying the public that we are revoking the *CVD Order*, in whole. Based on Verso's request that revocation be retroactive to August 3, 2015, and because we have not completed any administrative reviews of the *CVD Order*, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to discontinue the suspension of liquidation and the collection of cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties, to liquidate all unliquidated entries that were entered on or after August 3, 2015, without regard to countervailing duties, and to refund all CVD cash deposits on all such merchandise, with applicable interest.

Reviews; Preliminary Intent to Revoke Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 77 FR 67790, 67791 (November 14, 2012), unchanged in *Honey from Argentina; Final Results of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; Revocation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 77 FR 77029 (December 31, 2012).

⁸ See *Initiation Notice*, 83 FR at 22249.

⁹ *Id.*

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the order is SC paper. SC paper is uncoated paper that has undergone a calendering process in which the base sheet, made of pulp and filler (typically, but not limited to, clay, talc, or other mineral additive), is processed through a set of supercalenders, a supercalender, or a soft nip calender operation.¹⁰

The scope of this order covers all SC paper regardless of basis weight, brightness, opacity, smoothness, or grade, and whether in rolls or in sheets. Further, the scope covers all SC paper that meets the scope definition regardless of the type of pulp fiber or filler material used to produce the paper.

Specifically excluded from the scope are imports of paper printed with final content of printed text or graphics.

Subject merchandise primarily enters under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 4802.61.3035, but may also enter under subheadings 4802.61.3010, 4802.62.3000, 4802.62.6020, and 4802.69.3000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Because we determine that there are changed circumstances that warrant the revocation of the *CVD Order*, in whole, we will instruct CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation and the collection of cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties, to liquidate all unliquidated entries that were entered on or after August 3, 2015, without regard to countervailing duties, and to refund all CVD cash deposits on all such merchandise, with applicable interest.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply

¹⁰ Supercalendering and soft nip calendering processing, in conjunction with the mineral filler contained in the base paper, are performed to enhance the surface characteristics of the paper by imparting a smooth and glossy printing surface. Supercalendering and soft nip calendering also increase the density of the base paper.

with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing these final results and revocation, in whole, and notice in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3), and 19 CFR 351.222.

Dated: July 5, 2018.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Activated Carbon 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 Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty order on certain activated carbon from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the antidumping duty order.

DATES: Applicable July 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Palmer, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-9068.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 27, 2007, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** notice of the antidumping duty order on certain activated carbon from China.¹ On February 1, 2018, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the second five-year (sunset) review of the antidumping duty order on certain

¹ See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 20988 (April 27, 2007).

activated carbon from China, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).²

Commerce conducted this sunset review on an expedited basis, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), because it received a complete, timely, and adequate response from a domestic interested party but no substantive responses from respondent interested parties. As a result of its review, Commerce determined in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping.³ Commerce, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the antidumping duty order be revoked. On July 6, 2018, the ITC published notice of its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on certain activated carbon from China would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁴

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the order is certain activated carbon. Certain activated carbon is a powdered, granular, or pelletized carbon product obtained by “activating” with heat and steam various materials containing carbon, including but not limited to coal (including bituminous, lignite, and anthracite), wood, coconut shells, olive stones, and peat. The thermal and steam treatments remove organic materials and create an internal pore structure in the carbon material. The producer can also use carbon dioxide gas (CO₂) in place of steam in this process. The vast majority of the internal porosity developed during the high temperature steam (or CO₂ gas) activated process is a direct result of oxidation of a portion of the solid carbon atoms in the raw material, converting them into a gaseous form of carbon.

The scope of the order covers all forms of activated carbon that are activated by steam or CO₂, regardless of

the raw material, grade, mixture, additives, further washing or post-activation chemical treatment (chemical or water washing, chemical impregnation or other treatment), or product form. Unless specifically excluded, the scope of the order covers all physical forms of certain activated carbon, including powdered activated carbon (PAC), granular activated carbon (GAC), and pelletized activated carbon.

Excluded from the scope of the order are chemically activated carbons. The carbon-based raw material used in the chemical activation process is treated with a strong chemical agent, including but not limited to phosphoric acid, zinc chloride, sulfuric acid, or potassium hydroxide that dehydrates molecules in the raw material, and results in the formation of water that is removed from the raw material by moderate heat treatment. The activated carbon created by chemical activation has internal porosity developed primarily due to the action of the chemical dehydration agent. Chemically activated carbons are typically used to activate raw materials with a lignocellulosic component such as cellulose, including wood, sawdust, paper mill waste and peat.

To the extent that an imported activated carbon product is a blend of steam and chemically activated carbons, products containing 50 percent or more steam (or CO₂ gas) activated carbons are within the scope, and those containing more than 50 percent chemically activated carbons are outside the scope. This exclusion language regarding blended material applies only to mixtures of steam and chemically activated carbons.

Also excluded from the scope are reactivated carbons. Reactivated carbons are previously used activated carbons that have had adsorbed materials removed from their pore structure after use through the application of heat, steam and/or chemicals.

Also excluded from the scope is activated carbon cloth. Activated carbon cloth is a woven textile fabric made of or containing activated carbon fibers. It is used in masks and filters and clothing of various types where a woven format is required.

Any activated carbon meeting the physical description of subject merchandise provided above that is not expressly excluded from the scope is included within the scope. The products subject to the order are currently classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 3802.10.00. Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to a 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 antidumping duty order on certain activated carbon from China. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect antidumping duty 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 the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, 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 continuation.

This sunset review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: July 6, 2018.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with May anniversary dates. In accordance with Commerce’s regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

DATES: Applicable July 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda E. Brown, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 83 FR 4681 (February 1, 2018).

³ See *Certain Activated Carbon from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 26949 (June 11, 2018) (*Final Results*) and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁴ See *Certain Activated Carbon from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-1103 (Second Review)*, USITC Publication 4776 (June 2018); see also *Certain Activated Carbon from China: Determination*, 83 FR 31568 (July 6, 2018).