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Polyvinyl Alcohol from Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: On June 5, 2008, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) from Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), and the People's Republic of China (PRC) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department has conducted expedited (120-day) sunset reviews for these orders pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2). As a result of these sunset reviews, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping as indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.<sup>1</sup>

EFFECTIVE DATE: (Insert date of publication in the Federal Register.)

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<sup>1</sup> See Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews, 79 FR 11762 (Mar. 3, 2014) (Notice of Initiation).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

On March 3, 2014, the Department published the notice of initiation of the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on PVA from Japan, Korea, and the PRC pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act.<sup>2</sup>

The Department received notices of intent to participate from E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and Sekisui Specialty Chemical America, LLC (collectively, “the domestic interested parties”) within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). The companies claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as manufacturers of a domestic like product in the United States.

The Department received complete substantive responses to the notice of initiation from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). We received no substantive responses from respondent interested parties with respect to any of the orders covered by these sunset reviews, nor was a hearing requested. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department conducted expedited (120-day) sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders for Japan, Korea, and the PRC.

### Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these orders is PVA. This product consists of all PVA hydrolyzed in excess of 80 percent, whether or not mixed or diluted with commercial levels of defoamer or boric acid, except as noted below.

The following products are specifically excluded from the scope of these orders:

- 1) PVA in fiber form.

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<sup>2</sup> Id.

2) PVA with hydrolysis less than 83 mole percent and certified not for use in the production of textiles.

3) PVA with hydrolysis greater than 85 percent and viscosity greater than or equal to 90 cps.

4) PVA with a hydrolysis greater than 85 percent, viscosity greater than or equal to 80 cps but less than 90 cps, certified for use in an ink jet application.

5) PVA for use in the manufacture of an excipient or as an excipient in the manufacture of film coating systems which are components of a drug or dietary supplement, and accompanied by an end-use certification.

6) PVA covalently bonded with cationic monomer uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than one mole percent.

7) PVA covalently bonded with carboxylic acid uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than two mole percent, certified for use in a paper application.

8) PVA covalently bonded with thiol uniformly present on all polymer chains, certified for use in emulsion polymerization of non-vinyl acetic material.

9) PVA covalently bonded with paraffin uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than one mole percent.

10) PVA covalently bonded with silan uniformly present on all polymer chains certified for use in paper coating applications.

11) PVA covalently bonded with sulfonic acid uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.

12) PVA covalently bonded with acetoacetylate uniformly present on all polymer chains

in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.

13) PVA covalently bonded with polyethylene oxide uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.

14) PVA covalently bonded with quaternary amine uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.

15) PVA covalently bonded with diacetoneacrylamide uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level greater than three mole percent, certified for use in a paper application.

The merchandise subject to these orders is currently classifiable under subheading 3905.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these orders is dispositive.

#### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in these reviews are addressed in the “Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Polyvinyl Alcohol from Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the People’s Republic of China” from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Ronald Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance (June 30, 2014) (Decision Memo), which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail if the orders were revoked. The Decision Memo is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to

registered users at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov>, and it is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed and electronic versions of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Final Results of Reviews

The Department determines that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on PVA from Japan, Korea, and the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the margins of dumping likely to prevail are the following rates:

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Exporters or Producers	Rate (percent)
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<u>Japan</u>	
Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha	144.16
Japan VAM & POVAL Co., Ltd.	144.16
Kuraray Co., Ltd.	144.16
The Nippon Synthetic Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.	144.16
All-Others Rate	76.78
<u>Korea</u>	
DC Chemical Company, Ltd.	38.74
All-Others Rate	32.08
<u>PRC</u>	
Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works	3.45
PRC-Wide Entity	97.86

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Notifications to Interested Parties

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective

orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a). Timely notification of the destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective orders is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

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for Enforcement and Compliance

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