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International Trade Administration

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Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on lightweight thermal paper (LWTP) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the dumping margins identified in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 2, 2019, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the second sunset review of the *Order* on LWTP from China, pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).¹ On December 13, 2019, Commerce received a notice of intent to

¹ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 84 FR 65968 (December 2, 2019).

participate from Appvion Operations, Inc. and Kanzaki Specialty Papers Inc. (collectively, domestic interested parties) within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).²

On December 23, 2019, Commerce received a complete substantive response from the domestic interested parties within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).³ We did not receive any responses from respondent interested parties in this proceeding. As a result, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce is conducting an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this order include certain lightweight thermal paper, which is thermal paper with a basis weight of 70 grams per square meter (g/m²) (with a tolerance of ± 4.0 g/m²) or less; irrespective of dimensions;⁴ with or without a base coat⁵ on one or both sides; with thermal active coating(s)⁶ on one or both sides that is a mixture of the dye and the developer that react and form an image when heat is applied; with or without a top coat;⁷ and without an adhesive backing. Certain lightweight thermal paper is typically (but not exclusively) used in point-of-sale applications such as ATM receipts, credit card receipts, gas pump receipts, and retail store receipts. The merchandise subject to this order may be classified in the Harmonized

² See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Five-Year (Sunset) Review of Antidumping Order on Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Domestic Industry's Notice of Intent to Participate" dated December 13, 2019.

³ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Five-Year (Sunset) Review of Antidumping Order on Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Domestic Industry Substantive Response," dated December 23, 2019.

⁴ LWTP is typically produced in jumbo rolls that are slit to the specifications of the converting equipment and then converted into finished slit rolls. Both jumbo and converted rolls (as well as LWTP in any other form, presentation, or dimension) are covered by the scope of these orders.

⁵ A base coat, when applied, is typically made of clay and/or latex and like materials and is intended to cover the rough surface of the paper substrate and to provide insulating value.

⁶ A thermal active coating is typically made of sensitizer, dye, and co-reactant

⁷ A top coat, when applied, is typically made of polyvinyl acetone, polyvinyl alcohol, and/or like materials and is intended to provide environmental protection, an improved surface for press printing, and/or wear protection for the thermal print head.

Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 3703.10.60, 4811.59.20, 4811.90.8040, 4811.90.9090, 4820.10.20, 4823.40.00, 4811.90.8030, 4811.90.8050, 4811.90.9030, and 4811.90.9050.^{8,9} Although HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

Commerce addresses all issues raised in this sunset review in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice.¹⁰ The Issues and 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 <https://access.trade.gov>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Commerce building. A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

⁸ HTSUS subheading 4811.90.8000 was a classification used for LWTP until January 1, 2007. Effective that date, subheading 4811.90.8000 was replaced with 4811.90.8020 (for gift wrap, a non-subject product) and 4811.90.8040 (for "other" including LWTP). HTSUS subheading 4811.90.9000 was a classification for LWTP until July 1, 2005. Effective that date, subheading 4811.90.9000 was replaced with 4811.90.9010 (for tissue paper, a non-subject product) and 4811.90.9090 (for "other," including LWTP).

⁹ As of January 1, 2009, the International Trade Commission deleted HTSUS subheadings 4811.90.8040 and 4811.90.9090 and added HTSUS subheadings 4811.90.8030, 4811.90.8050, 4811.90.9030, and 4811.90.9050 to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2009). *See* Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2009), available at ww.usitc.gov. These HTSUS subheadings were added to the scope of the order in lightweight thermal paper's LTFV investigation.

¹⁰ *See* Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Final Results of Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the antidumping duty order on lightweight thermal paper from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail would be weighted-average margins of up to 115.29 percent.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: March 16, 2020.

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