DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol 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 (AD) order on tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol (THFA) 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 AD order.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 6, 2004, Commerce published the AD order on THFA from China. On March 1, 2020 Commerce initiated the third sunset review of the Order, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the Order would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margin rates likely to prevail should the Order be revoked.

On November 2, 2020, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the Order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this Order is THFA from China; a primary alcohol, THFA is a clear, water white to pale yellow liquid. THFA is a member of the heterocyclic compounds known as furans and is miscible with water and soluble in many common organic solvents. THFA is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 2932.13.00.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, Commerce’s written description of the merchandise subject to the Order is dispositive.

1 See Antidumping Duty Order: Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol from The People’s Republic of China, 69 FR 47911 (August 6, 2004) (Order).
2 See Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews, 85 FR 12253 (March 2, 2020).
4 See Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol From China, 85 FR 69358 (November 2, 2020).
Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the Order would likely lead to the continuation or a recurrence of dumping, as well as 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 Order on THFA from China.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD 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 and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year review of the Order not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

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