



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Monosodium Glutamate from the Republic of Indonesia: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021-2022

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that sales of monosodium glutamate (MSG) from the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia) have been made below normal value during the period of review (POR), November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on MSG from Indonesia covering two respondents: PT. Cheil Jedang Indonesia (CJ Indonesia) and

PT. Miwon Indonesia (PT. Miwon).¹ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.²

Scope of the Order³

The merchandise covered by this *Order* is MSG, whether or not blended or in solution with other products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in the *Order* when the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of MSG by dry weight. Products with which MSG may be blended include, but are not limited to, salts, sugars, starches, maltodextrins, and various seasonings. Further, MSG is included in the *Order* regardless of physical form (including, but not limited to, in monohydrate or anhydrous form, or as substrates, solutions, dry powders of any particle size, or unfinished forms such as MSG slurry), end-use application, or packaging. For a full description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Because CJ Indonesia and PT. Miwon failed to cooperate to the best of their abilities in responding to our requests for information, we relied on facts available, with adverse inferences, in determining these companies' dumping margins, consistent with section 776 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is

¹ *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 50, 52 (January 3, 2023). On August 26, 2022, Commerce published the final results of a changed circumstances review of MSG from Indonesia. Commerce found that PT. Daesang Ingredients Indonesia (PT. Daesang) is the successor-in-interest to PT. Miwon. *See Monosodium Glutamate from the Republic of Indonesia: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 87 FR 52506 (August 26, 2022) (*MSG from Indonesia CCR*). Because the effective date of this decision was during the POR, we continue to reference the respondent here as PT. Miwon.

² *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Monosodium Glutamate from the Republic of Indonesia; 2021-2022" dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

³ *See Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Indonesia: Antidumping Duty Orders; and Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 79 FR 70505 (November 26, 2014) (*Order*).

included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum 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>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of our review, we preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
PT. Cheil Jedang Indonesia	58.67*
PT. Daesang Ingredients Indonesia and PT. Miwon Indonesia ⁴	58.67*

* Rate based on adverse facts available (AFA).

Disclosure and Public Comment

As the dumping margins in this review were based on AFA, there are no calculations to release to parties in this review. Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results of this review. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), interested parties may submit case briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.⁵ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review are requested to submit with each brief: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁶ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS

⁴ As noted above, on August 26, 2022, Commerce published the final results of a changed circumstances review of MSG from Indonesia. Commerce found that PT. Daesang is the successor-in-interest to PT. Miwon. *See MSG from Indonesia CCR*. Cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties required pursuant to the final results of this review will be applied to PT. Daesang. Liquidation instructions for the POR will be issued for PT Daesang/PT. Miwon.

⁵ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d); *see also Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19*, 85 FR 17006, 17007 (March 26, 2020) (“To provide adequate time for release of case briefs via ACCESS, E&C intends to schedule the due date for all rebuttal briefs to be 7 days after case briefs are filed (while these modifications remain in effect).”).

⁶ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2), (d)(2).

and must be served on interested parties.⁷ Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.⁸

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. If a hearing is requested, Commerce will notify interested parties of the hearing schedule. Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs.

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.⁹ If the weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.5 percent), then Commerce will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* antidumping duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for each importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If the weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results, or if an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of subject merchandise covered by the final results of this review, where

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.303(f).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

applicable.

Commerce intends 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

The following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of MSG from Indonesia entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the companies under review will be the rate established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, no cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the less-than-fair-value investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 6.19 percent, the all-others rate established in the investigation.¹⁰ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of issues raised by the parties in the written comments, 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).

¹⁰ See Order.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: July 24, 2023.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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