



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Strontium Chromate from France: 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 finds that Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques (SNCZ) did not make sales of subject merchandise in the United States at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on strontium chromate from France.¹ On January 3, 2023, in accordance with 19 CFR 251.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated the administrative review of the *Order* on SNCZ.² For a complete description of the

¹ See *Strontium Chromate from Austria and France: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 84 FR 65349 (November 27, 2019) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 88 FR 50 (January 3, 2023).

events between the initiation of this review and these preliminary results, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* is strontium chromate from France. The merchandise subject to review is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 2841.50.9100. Subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS subheading 3212.90.0050. For a full description of the scope of this *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Act. The export price and constructed export price are calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying these preliminary results, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached in the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary 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>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the internet at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022:

³ *See* Memorandum, “Strontium Chromate from France: Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021-2022,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁴ *Id.* at “Scope of the *Order*.”

Producer and/or Exporter	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques	0.00

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of this administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. As there are no entered values on the record for SNCZ’s sales, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we calculated importer-specific per-unit duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total quantity of those sales. If either SNCZ’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c), or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. To determine whether an importer-specific per-unit duty assessment rate is *de minimis*, we calculated an estimated entered value.

Commerce clarified its “automatic assessment” regulation on May 6, 2003.⁵ This clarification applies to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by SNCZ for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

We intend 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

⁵ For a full discussion of this clarification, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of subject merchandise 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 SNCZ will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review (except, if that rate is *de minimis*, then the cash deposit rate will be zero); (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed in the final results of this review, including those for which Commerce may determine had no shipments during the POR, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or another completed segment of this proceeding, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the producer is a firm covered in this or any previously completed segment of this proceeding, then the cash deposit rate will be the all-others rate of 32.16 percent that was established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.⁶ These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results of review to interested parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁷ Rebuttal briefs, the content of which is limited to the issues raised in the case briefs, must be filed within five days from the deadline date for the submission of case

⁶ See *Order*, 84 FR at 65350.

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

briefs.⁸ Parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁹ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed electronically via ACCESS. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁰

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.¹¹ Hearing requests should contain information regarding: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) whether any participant is a foreign national; and (4) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined.¹²

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis raised in any written briefs, no later than 120 days after the publication of these preliminary results in the *Federal Register*, unless this deadline otherwise extended.¹³

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) 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

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1) and (2); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁰ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹² *Id.*

¹³ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; see also 19 CFR 351.213(h).

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

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h) and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: October 30, 2023.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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