



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on refined brown aluminum oxide (aluminum oxide) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 19, 2003, Commerce published the AD order on aluminum oxide from China in the *Federal Register*.¹ On February 3, 2025, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the fourth sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).²

¹ See *Antidumping Duty Order: Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide (Otherwise Known as Refined Brown Artificial Corundum or Brown Fused Alumina) from the People's Republic of China*, 68 FR 65249 (November 19, 2003) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 90 FR 8789 (February 3, 2025).

On February 18, 2025, Commerce received a timely and complete notice of intent to participate in the sunset review from the domestic interested parties³ within the deadline specified in the 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).⁴ The domestic interested party claimed the interested party status within the meaning of section 771(9)(C) of the Act as U.S. producers of aluminum oxide.⁵ On February 24, 2025, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that it had received a notice of intent to participate from the domestic interested parties.⁶

On March 5, 2025, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i), domestic interested parties filed a timely and adequate substantive response.⁷ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested parties. On March 21, 2025, Commerce notified the ITC that it did not receive substantive response from any respondent interested parties.⁸ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 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 product covered by this *Order* is aluminum oxide from China. For the full description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decisions Memorandum.⁹

Analysis of Comments Received

A complete discussion of all issues raised in this sunset review, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping in the event of revocation of the *Order* and the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail if the *Order* were to be revoked, is

³ The domestic interested parties are Great Lakes Minerals, LLC, Imerys Niagara Falls, Inc., U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc., and Washington Mills.

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from China: Domestic Interested Parties' Notice of Intent to Participate," dated February 18, 2025.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on February 3, 2025," dated February 24, 2025.

⁷ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from China: Domestic Interested Parties' Substantive Response," dated March 5, 2025.

⁸ See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on February 3, 2025," dated March 21, 2025.

⁹ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

provided in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.¹⁰ A list of the topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached in the appendix to this notice. 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>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be directly accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1), 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail would be weighted-average dumping margins up to 135.18 percent for China.¹¹

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an 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, orders 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 in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218 and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: May 29, 2025.

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¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *See Order.*

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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