



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Acetone from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2023-2024

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that acetone from the Republic of Korea (Korea) was sold at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024. Commerce preliminarily finds that the producer/exporter subject to this review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 31, 2020, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the antidumping duty (AD) order on acetone from Korea.¹ On March 1, 2024, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the *Order* for the POR.² On May 8, 2024, based on timely request for a review, in accordance with 19 CFR

¹ See *Acetone from Belgium, the Republic of South Africa, and the Republic of Korea: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 85 FR 17866 (March 31, 2020) (*Order*).

² See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 89 FR 15157 (March 1, 2024).

351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the *Order* with respect to Kumho P&B Chemicals, Inc. (KPB) and LG Chem, Ltd. (LG Chem).³

On June 3, 2024, LG Chem filed a no shipment/no sales certification.⁴ On July 29, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁵ On November 29, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for preliminary results.⁶ Additionally, on December 9, 2025, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by 90 days.⁷ The current deadline for the preliminary results is July 7, 2025.

For events that occurred since the *Initiation Notice*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁸ 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 at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix to this notice.

Scope of the *Order*

The product covered by the *Order* is acetone from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Partial Rescission of Review

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 89 FR 38867 (May 8, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁴ See LG Chem's Letter, "LG Chem's Notice of No U.S. Sales," dated June 3, 2024.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 29, 2024.

⁶ See Commerce's Letter, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated November 29, 2024.

⁷ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Acetone from Korea; and Rescission, In Part; 2023-2024," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

On August 20, 2024, Commerce notified interest parties that we intended to rescind this administrative review with respect to LG Chem and invited parties to comment.⁹ No interested party commented on our intent to rescind this administrative review with respect to LG Chem. As a result, we are rescinding this review with respect to LG Chem, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3) and (4).

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Act. Export price is 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.

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024:

Exporter/Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Kumho P&B Chemicals, Inc.	0.69

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations and analysis performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days after public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after

⁹ *See* Memorandum, “Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, In Part,” dated August 20, 2024.

the date of the publication of this notice.¹⁰ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹¹ Interested parties who submit case or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.¹²

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this administrative review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹³ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁴

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. Hearing requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the respective case briefs.¹⁵ If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a date and time to be determined and will notify the parties through

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Final Service Rule*).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹³ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁴ See *APO and Final Service Rule*.

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.310.

ACCESS.¹⁶ Parties should confirm the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date. All submissions, including case and rebuttal briefs, as well as hearing requests, should be filed using ACCESS. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.¹⁷ Commerce intends to issue assessment instruction to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results in the *Federal Register*.

For KPB, whose weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent), we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* AD assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those same sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If the respondent has not reported entered values, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total quantity associated with those sales. To determine whether an importer-specific, per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we also will calculate an importer-specific *ad valorem* ratio based on estimated entered values.

For LG Chem for which this review is being rescinded, antidumping duties shall be assessed on entries at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP for LG Chem no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

¹⁷ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.¹⁸

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 the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for each specific company listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this administrative review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rates will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the producer or exporter participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation (*i.e.*, 33.10 percent).¹⁹ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

¹⁸ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

¹⁹ See *Order*, 85 FR at 17866.

This notice serves as a final 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 requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing the preliminary results of this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4) and 19 CFR 351.213d(4).

Dated: July 7, 2025.

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performing the non-exclusive functions and duties
of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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