



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-216]

L-Lysine from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 17, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of L-lysine from the People's Republic of China.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than August 21, 2025.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner² makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a

¹ See *L-Lysine from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 90 FR 26799 (June 24, 2025).

² The petitioner is the Lysine Fair Trade Coalition.

preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On July 22, 2025, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determination.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement because the petitioner “needs additional time to collect and analyze questionnaire responses from the Government of China (“GOC”) and the mandatory respondents in this investigation.”⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner submitted its request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and stated the reasons for its request, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which it initiated this investigation, *i.e.*, October 27, 2025.⁵ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 29, 2025.

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

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³ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Request for Postponement of Preliminary Determination,” dated July 22, 2025.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

⁵ Postponing the preliminary determination to 130 days after the date of initiation would place the deadline on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Commerce’s practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).