



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Raw Honey from India: 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) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on raw honey from India for the period of review (POR) June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024. Commerce preliminarily finds that sales of subject merchandise were not made at prices below normal value (NV) during the POR. We are also rescinding the review, in part, with respect to 15 companies that had no entries of the subject merchandise during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 29, 2024, Commerce initiated an administrative review of the AD order on raw honey from India,¹ in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 60871 (July 29, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*); see also *Raw Honey from Argentina, Brazil, India, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 87 FR 35501 (June 10, 2022) (*Order*).

Act). This review covers 29 producers/exporters of subject merchandise.² Commerce selected two mandatory respondents for individual examination, Indocan Honey Private Limited (Indocan) and Shakti Apifoods Pvt., Ltd. (Shakti).

On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by 90 days³ and, on May 22, 2025, Commerce extended the deadline for these preliminary results until September 26, 2025.⁴ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is raw honey from India. For a full description of the scope, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), when there are no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR subject to the AD order for which liquidation is suspended, Commerce may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer. At the end of the administrative review, any suspended entries are liquidated at the assessment rate computed for the review period. Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be at least one reviewable, suspended entry that Commerce can instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate at the newly calculated assessment rate. On August 11, 2025, Commerce notified all interested parties of its intent to rescind this review with respect to 15 companies because those companies had no

² Although the *Initiation Notice* lists 31 companies, Pearlcot Enterprises and Queenbee Foods Pvt. Ltd. were subsequently found to be part of a single entity with Indocan Honey Private Limited. *See Raw Honey from India: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2021-2023*, 90 FR 16864 (April 22, 2025).

³ *See* Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated December 9, 2024.

⁴ *See* Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review,” dated May 22, 2025.

⁵ *See* Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Raw Honey from India; 2023-2024,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

reviewable, suspended entries of subject merchandise, and we invited parties to comment.⁶ We did not receive comments regarding our Intent to Rescind Memorandum and are, therefore, rescinding this review, in part, with regard to the 15 companies listed in Appendix II.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(B) and (2) of the Act. We calculated export price and constructed export price in accordance with section 772 of the Act. We calculated NV 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 the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I 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 at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Rate for Companies Not Individually Examined

The Act and Commerce's regulations do not address the establishment of a weighted-average dumping margin to be assigned to companies not selected for individual examination when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Generally, Commerce looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation, for guidance when determining the weighted-average dumping margin for companies which were not selected for individual examination in an administrative review. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally "an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, In Part," dated August 11, 2025 (Intent to Rescind Memorandum).

average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely {on the basis of facts available}.”

In this administrative review, we preliminarily calculated dumping margins of zero percent for both Indocan and Shakti. Thus, in accordance with the expected method, and consistent with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's decision in *Albemarle*,⁷ and Commerce’s practice,⁸ we preliminarily assigned to the non-selected company a zero percent rate, based on the rates calculated for the two mandatory respondents.

Preliminary Results of the Review

We preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024:

Exporter/Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Indocan Honey Private Limited; Queenbee Foods Private Limited; and Pearlcot Enterprises	0.00
Shakti Apifoods Pvt., Ltd.	0.00
Companies Not Selected for Individual Review ⁹	0.00

Disclosure

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

⁷ See *Albemarle Corp. v. United States*, 821 F.3d 1345, 1352 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (*Albemarle*) (holding that Commerce may only use “other reasonable methods” if it reasonably concludes that the expected method is “not feasible” or “would not be reasonably reflective of potential dumping margins”).

⁸ See, e.g., *Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021*, 87 FR 60989 (October 7, 2022), unchanged in *Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021*, 88 FR 20218 (April 5, 2023).

⁹ The exporters or producers not selected for individual examination are listed in Appendix III.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.¹⁰ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce no later than seven days after the date on which Commerce issues its post-preliminary analysis in this administrative review. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not 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 table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.

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 briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this 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.¹² Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public 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).¹³

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, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii); *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

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 Service Procedures*).

¹² We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹³ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

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 the issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, parties will be notified of the time and date for the hearing.¹⁴ Parties should confirm by telephone 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 via ACCESS.¹⁵ 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 final results of this administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.¹⁶ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), if the weighted-average dumping margin for Indocan or Shakti is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific 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. If either respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, or if an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate 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 merchandise covered by this review, and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.¹⁷

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.303.

¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

¹⁷ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

In accordance with Commerce’s “automatic assessment” practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Indocan or Shakti for which the company did not know that the merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate those entries at the all-others rate established in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation (*i.e.*, 5.87 percent)¹⁸ if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹⁹

For the companies listed in Appendix III which were not selected for individual examination, we will assign an assessment rate based on the review-specific rate, calculated as noted in the “Rate for Companies Not Individually Examined” section, above. The final results of this 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.²⁰

For the companies listed in Appendix II for which the review is rescinded, we will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on any suspended entries that entered under the CBP case numbers of those companies (*i.e.*, at those exporters’ rates) at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the POR.

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

¹⁸ See *Order*, 87 FR at 35503.

¹⁹ For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

²⁰ See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

The following cash 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 the companies listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margins established in the final results of this 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 rate will be zero; (2) for merchandise exported by a company not covered in this review, but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment in which it was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or in the original LTFV investigation, 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) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 5.87 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.²¹ 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 its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

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 POR. Failure to comply with this requirement

²¹ See *Order*, 81 FR at 11176.

could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: September 26, 2025.

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for Policy and Negotiations,

performing the non-exclusive functions and duties

of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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Appendix II

Companies for Which We Are Rescinding the Administrative Review

1. Alpro
2. Agro Producer Co., Ltd
3. Aone Enterprises
4. Apl Logistic
5. Bee Hive Farms
6. Dabur India Limited
7. Ess Pee Quality Products
8. Infinator Pvt., Ltd
9. Natural Agro Foods
10. NYSA Agro Foods
11. Shan Organics
12. Shiv Apiaries
13. Sunlite Organic
14. UTMT
15. Vedic Systems

Appendix III

Companies Not Selected for Individual Examination

1. AA Food Factory
2. Allied Natural Product
3. Ambrosia Natural Products (India) Private Limited/Ambrosia Enterprise/Sunlite India
4. Apibee Natural Product Private Limited
5. Brij Honey Pvt., Ltd
6. Ganpati Natural Products
7. GMC Natural Product
8. Hi Tech Natural Products India Ltd
9. Kejriwal Bee Care India (Pvt.) Ltd
10. KK Natural Food Industries LLP
11. Salt Range Foods Pvt. Ltd
12. Yieppie Internationals

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