



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Oleoresin Paprika from India: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 15, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of oleoresin paprika from India.¹ Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.² Additionally, due to a backlog of documents that were electronically filed via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) during the Federal Government shutdown, on November 24, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by an additional 21 days.³ Accordingly, the deadline for this preliminary determination is now February 9, 2026.⁴

¹ See *Oleoresin Paprika from India: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 90 FR 34419 (July 22, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated November 14, 2025.

³ See Memorandum, "Tolling of all Case Deadlines," dated November 24, 2025.

⁴ The preliminary determination is currently due February 8, 2026. However, Commerce's practice dictates that

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Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1)(A)(b)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner⁵ 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 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 January 14, 2026, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in the LTFV investigation.⁶ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement “in light of the lapse in appropriations that resulted in the federal government shutting down for 47 days and significant delays in this proceeding. The information submitted by the respondents to this investigation has also required extensive clarification and supplementation.”⁷

For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determination no later than March 30, 2026. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR

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).

⁵ The petitioner is Rezolex, Ltd. Co.

⁶ *See* Petitioner’s Letter, “Request for Extension of the Preliminary Determination,” dated January, 14, 2026.

⁷ *Id.*

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, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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