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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Difluoromethane (R-32) from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2025-2026

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on difluoromethane (R-32) from the People's Republic of China (China) covering the period of review (POR) is March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026, because, as explained below, there are no reviewable suspended entries for the companies subject to this review.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 4, 2026, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), based on a timely request for review

from Arkema, Inc. (the petitioner),¹ Commerce published the initiation notice in the *Federal Register*.² On May 7, 2026, we notified interested parties that information from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) indicated that there were no entries of the subject merchandise during the POR.³ On May 21, 2026, the petitioner submitted comments regarding Commerce's May 7, 2026, memorandum and respondent selection.⁴ Further, on July 27, 2026, we notified interested parties of our intent to rescind this administrative review due to a lack of suspended entries.⁵ We also received comments from the petitioner regarding our intent to rescind.⁶

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of an AD order where it concludes that there were there are no entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.⁷ Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the AD rates calculated for the review period.⁸ Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry that

¹ See Petitioner's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated March 31, 2026.

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 91 FR 23941 (May 4, 2026).

³ See Memorandum, "Customs Entry Data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection," dated May 7, 2026.

⁴ See Petitioner's Letter "Respondent Selection Comments," dated May 21, 2026 (Respondent Selection Comments).

⁵ See Memorandum "Notice of Intent to Rescind Review," dated July 27, 2026 (Intent to Rescind Memorandum).

⁶ See Petitioner's Letter, "Comments in Response to Notice of Intent to Rescind Review," dated August 3, 2026 (Intent to Rescind Comments).

⁷ See, e.g., *Welded Line Pipe from the Republic of Turkey: Rescission of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2019-2020*, 87 FR 27988 (May 10, 2022); see also, e.g., *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Final Results and Final Rescission, in Part, of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2020*, 87 FR 48455 (August 9, 2022); and *Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020-2021*, 87 FR 64008 (October 21, 2022).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2).

Commerce can instruct CBP to liquidate at the calculated AD rates for the review period.⁹

As noted above, Commerce notified all interested parties of its intent to rescind the review because there were no reviewable, suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR and invited interested parties to comment.¹⁰ We received comments from the petitioner, arguing that Commerce should not rescind its review of Sam Gas (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (Sam Gas) because, according to the petitioner, information suggests that Sam Gas made imports of subject merchandise that were transshipped¹¹ through Thailand during the POR.¹² However, as noted above, CBP data shows there were no suspended entries of R-32 from China during the POR. Therefore, consistent with our practice,¹³ in the absence of any suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR, we are rescinding this administrative review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Cash Deposit Requirements

As Commerce has proceeded to a final rescission of this administrative review, no cash deposit rates will change. Accordingly, the current cash deposit requirements shall remain in effect until further notice.

Assessment Rates

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.212(d)(3).

¹⁰ See Intent to Rescind Memorandum.

¹¹ Commerce referred the petitioner's letter regarding transshipment to CBP. See Commerce's Letter, "Difluoromethane (R-32) from the People's Republic of China," dated September 10, 2026.

¹² See Intent to Rescind Comments; see also Respondent Selection Comments at 2.

¹³ See *Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee v. United States*, 88 F.Supp.2d 1345, 1357 (March 20, 2012) ("...Commerce's decision to rely exclusively on Type 03 CBP Data rather than on other possible data sets is reasonable...").

Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit rate 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 no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this rescission notice in the *Federal Register*.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as a final 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, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of the APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with regulations and terms of an APO is a violation, which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: September 15, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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