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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2024-2025

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that exporters subject to this review made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. In addition, we are rescinding the review with respect to CP Kelco (Shandong) Biological Company Limited (CP Kelco Shandong), Deosen Biochemical Ltd., Langfang Meihua Biotechnology Co., Ltd., Meihua Group International Trading (Hong Kong), Meihua Group International Trading (Hong Kong) Limited, and Xinjiang Meihua Amino Acid Co., Ltd. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 22, 2025, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty *Order* on xanthan gum from the People's Republic of China (China).[1] On August 25, 2025, CP Kelco Shandong timely withdrew its request for review.[2] On February 20, 2026, Commerce selected Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd. (Deosen Ordos) and Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (aka Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.), Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (collectively, Fufeng) as the mandatory respondents in this review.[3] On March 9, 2026, Commerce issued an Intent to Rescind memorandum and invited parties to comment.[4] No parties commented on the Intent to Rescind Memorandum.

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.[5] 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.[6] On April 15, 2026, we extended the preliminary results of this review to September 30, 2026.[7] On September 25, 2026, we extended the preliminary results of this review to no later than October 7, 2026.[8]

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[1] *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews,* 90 FR 41043, (August 22, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*); *see also Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 78 FR 43143 (July 19, 2013) (*Order*).
[2] *See* CP Kelco Shandong's Letter, "Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review," dated August 25, 2025.
[3] *See* Memorandum, "Respondent Selection," dated February 20, 2026.
[4] *See* Memorandum, "Notice of Intent to Rescind Review, In Part," dated March 9, 2026 (Intent to Rescind Memorandum).
[5] *See* Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated November 17, 2025.
[6] *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of all Case Deadlines," dated November 24, 2025.
[7] *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated April 15, 2026.
[8] *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated September 25, 2026.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[9] A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an Appendix 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/frnotices.

Scope of the *Order*

The merchandise covered by the scope of this *Order* is xanthan gum from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Rescission of Administrative Review, in Part

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested a review withdraws its request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation. As noted above, the following company timely withdrew their review request and no other party requested an administrative review of this company: CP Kelco Shandong. Therefore, we are rescinding this administrative review with respect to this company, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of an antidumping duty order where it concludes that there were no suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR.[10] Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the antidumping duty assessment rate for the review period.[11] Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable,

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[9] *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order of Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China; 2024-2025," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[10] *See, e.g.*, *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to Length Plate from the Federal Republic of Germany: Recission of Antidumping Administrative Review; 2020-2021*, 88 FR 4154 (January 24, 2023).

[11] *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

suspended entry that Commerce can instruct CBP to liquidate at the calculated antidumping duty assessment rate for the review period.[12] Commerce notified all interested parties of its intent to rescind the instant review regarding the companies listed below because there were no reviewable, suspended entries of subject merchandise from these companies during the POR and invited interested parties to comment.[13] Based on our analysis of CBP information and the no-shipment certifications submitted by Deosen Biochemical Ltd., Jilin Meihua Amino Acid Co., Ltd, Meihua Hong Kong,[14] Commerce preliminarily determines that these companies had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR.

In the absence of any suspended entries of subject merchandise from these companies during the POR, we are rescinding this administrative review for the companies listed above, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Because China is a non-market economy country within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, we calculated normal value in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary results, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

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[12] *See, e.g.*, *Shanghai Sunbeauty Trading Co. v. United States*, 380 F.Supp.3d 1328, 1337 (CIT 2019), at 12 (referring to section 751(a) of the Act, the U.S. Court of International Trade held that "{w}hile the statute does not explicitly require that an entry be suspended as a prerequisite for establishing entitlement to a review, it does explicitly state the determined rate will be used as the liquidation rate for the reviewed entries. This result can only obtain if the liquidation of entries has been suspended"; *see also Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2018-2019*, 86 FR 36102 (July 8, 2021), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 4; and *Solid Fertilizer Grade Ammonium Nitrate from the Russian Federation: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 77 FR 65532 (October 29, 2012) (noting that "for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry to be liquidated at the newly calculated assessment rate").

[13] *See* Intent to Rescind Memorandum.

[14] Meihua Hong Kong refers to the collapsed entity Meihua Group International Trading (Hong Kong) Limited, Langfang Meihua Biotechnology Co., Ltd., and Xinjiang Meihua Amino Acid Co., Ltd.; *see also Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2018-2019*, 85 FR 74686 (November 23, 2020), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum, unchanged in *Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*; *2018–2019*, 86 FR 16189 (March 26, 2021), and accompanying Issues and Decisions Memorandum.

Separate Rates

We preliminarily determine that, in addition to Deosen Ordos and Fufeng, one company not individually examined is eligible for separate rate in this administrative review, Jianlong Biotechnology Co. Ltd. (Jianlong).[15] The Act does not address the establishment of a separate rate for non-examined companies when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review covering a nonmarket economy pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. However, Commerce's regulation at 19 CFR 351.109(g) states that Commerce will determine the separate rate by following the process set forth in 19 CFR 351.109(f)(1)–(2), which generally parallels the process for determining the all-others rate in an investigation under section 735(c)(5) of the Act. Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.109(f) state that for non-examined companies, in general, we will determine an all-others rate by weight averaging the estimated weighted average dumping margins established for each of the individually examined companies, excluding zero and *de minimis rates* or any rates based entirely on facts available. Accordingly, to determine the rate for non-examined separate rate companies, Commerce's practice is to weight average the weighted-average dumping margins for the selected mandatory respondents, excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available.

For the preliminary results of this administrative review, we calculated rates for Deosen Ordos and Fufeng that are not zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts available. Therefore, the rates of Deosen Ordos and Fufeng are applicable to Jianlong, the company not selected for individual examination but eligible for a separate rate. Accordingly, for the preliminary results, we are assigning to Jianlong an estimated weighted-average dumping margin based on the average of the two individually examined respondents' rates weighted by their publicly available ranged U.S. sales values.[16]

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[15] *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at the "Separate Rate Determinations" section for more details.
[16] *See* Memorandum, "Preliminary Separate Rate for Respondents Not Selected for Individual Examination," dated concurrently with this memorandum.

The China-wide Entity

Commerce's policy regarding conditional review of the China-wide entity applies to this administrative review.[17] Under this policy, the China-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the China-wide entity, the entity is not under review, and the entity's rate (*i.e.*, 154.07 percent)[18] is not subject to change.

Preliminary Results of Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

Exporter	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Deosen Biochemical (Ordos) Ltd	70.21
Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (aka Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.)/Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd./Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.[19]	51.82
Non-Individually Examined Companies Receiving a Separate Rate	
Jianlong Biotechnology Co., Ltd.	56.20

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations performed to interested parties for these preliminary results 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 accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

[17] *See Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).
[18] *See Order*, 78 FR at 43144.
[19] Commerce continues to find that Neimenggu Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. (aka Inner Mongolia Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd.), Shandong Fufeng Fermentation Co., Ltd., and Xinjiang Fufeng Biotechnologies Co., Ltd. are a single entity. *See Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2013-2014,*80 FR 47464 (August 7, 2015), and accompanying PDM at 6, unchanged in *Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2013-2014,*82 FR 11428 (February 23, 2017).

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 the date of the publication of this notice.[20] 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.[21] Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.[22]

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2)(iii) and (d)(2)(iii), we request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.[23] 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).[24]

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 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Oral

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[20] *See* 19 CFR 351.309.
[21] *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*).
[22] *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).
[23] We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.
[24] *See APO and Service Procedures.*

presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing.[25]

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review.

If Deosen Ordos and Fufeng's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.50 percent) in the final results of this review, Commerce intends to calculate importer-specific assessment rates on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for each importer's examined sales to the total entered value of those sales. Where we do not have entered values for all U.S. sales to a particular importer, we will calculate an importer-specific, per-unit assessment rate on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales to the total quantity of those sales.[26] 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. If Deosen Ordos and Fufeng's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* or where an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.[27]

For the respondents that were not selected for individual examination in this administrative review but qualified for a separate rate, the assessment rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margins calculated for the mandatory respondents consistent with

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[25] *See* 19 CFR 351.310(d).
[26] *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).
[27] *See* 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2); *see also Antidumping Proceeding: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8103 (February 14, 2012).

section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act. Consequently, the rate established for the non-individually examined companies is an *ad valorem* rate of 56.21 percent.

For entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales database submitted by the mandatory respondents during this review, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the China-wide rate.

For the companies listed above for which the review is being rescinded, 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 for 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 rescission instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

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.

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 cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for shipments of the subject merchandise from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for the companies listed above, which have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then zero cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed Chinese and non-Chinese exporters not listed above that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue

to be the existing exporter-specific rate; (3) for all Chinese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the existing rate for the China-wide entity of 154.07 percent; and (4) for all non-Chinese exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Chinese exporter that supplied that non-Chinese exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) 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 double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

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

Dated: October 7, 2026.

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for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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