



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-955]

Perfluoroalkoxy Alkane from India: 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 August 25, 2026, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of perfluoroalkoxy alkane (PFA) from India.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than October 29, 2026.

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 countervailing duty 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

¹ See *Perfluoroalkoxy Alkane from India: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 91 FR 56110 (September 1, 2026) (*Initiation Notice*).

² The petitioner is The Chemours Company.

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 October 2, 2026, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary CVD determination.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement because the questionnaire response deadlines for the respondent and the Government of India fall within two weeks of the current preliminary determination deadline, precluding Commerce from incorporating rebuttal factual information or arguments into its determination.⁴ Furthermore, additional time will be necessary for Commerce to analyze the questionnaire responses and issue supplemental questionnaires prior to the preliminary determination.⁵

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, 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 this investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, January 4, 2027.⁶ 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).

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioner's Request to Extend the Preliminary Determination," dated October 2, 2026.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Postponing the preliminary determination to 130 days after initiation would place the deadline on Saturday, January 2, 2027. 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).

Dated: October 13, 2026.

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