Reclamation intends to complete an EIS for this project pursuant to the NEPA. The EIS will analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed action, a no-action alternative, and a reasonable range of alternatives designed to respond to the purpose and need for the project. The 30-day scoping process and the virtual meetings identified in this notice are intended to inform the public about the project and to request public and agency comment to identify significant issues or alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Lorri J. Gray,
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The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 (the Act), establishes a process for the submission and consideration of requests for temporary duty suspensions and reductions. As required by the Act, the Commission initiated the process by publishing a notice in the Federal Register permitting members of the public to submit petitions for duty suspensions and reductions to the Commission during a 60-day period beginning October 11, 2019 (84 FR 54924). After the period for filing petitions closed on December 10, 2020, the Commission published, as required by the Act, a notice in the Federal Register announcing publication on its website of the petitions for duty suspensions and reductions that were submitted to the Commission and not withdrawn (85 FR 1327). The notice invited members of the public to submit comments on these petitions during a 45-day period, which ended February 24, 2020.

Pursuant to the Act, the Commission is required to submit preliminary and final reports on the petitions to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (the Committees). The Commission’s preliminary report must be submitted to the Committees by June 9, 2020. In its preliminary report to the Committees, the Commission must evaluate each petition to determine whether it meets the requirements of the Act and should be included in an omnibus miscellaneous tariff bill.

In preparing its report, the Act requires that the Commission take into account the report of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce), issued April 9, 2020. In that report, the Secretary analyzed, for each petition, whether there was domestic production of the article that was the subject of a petition, and, if so, whether a domestic producer of the article objected to the petition. Based on consultations with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Secretary also recommended in that report whether any technical changes were necessary to make each petition’s article description administrable.

In its preliminary report, the Commission must place each petition into one of six categories. Specifically, the Commission must categorize each petition as: (1) A petition that meets the requirements of the Act without modification (Category I petition); (2) a petition that meets the requirements of the Act with certain modifications (Category II, III, or IV petitions); (3) a petition that does not contain the information required by the Act or was not filed by a likely beneficiary (Category V petition); or (4) a petition that the Commission does not recommend for inclusion in a miscellaneous tariff bill (Category VI petition).
The Commission has decided to re-open its online portal for the limited purpose of allowing members of the public to submit comments on petitions that the Commission has categorized as Category VI petitions in its preliminary report. The Commission will re-open the portal for this limited purpose on June 12, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. and close the portal on June 22, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. As discussed below, the Commission will accept only information from the public that relates to the Commission’s decision to place a petition into Category VI.

Content of Comments: The public will be able to comment on the administrability of the article descriptions in a petition, the existence of domestic producer objections to a petition, and other issues affecting the placement of a petition in Category VI. In particular, the Commission seeks input that would clarify the scope of a proposed article description in a Category VI petition, including the constituent materials in the intended merchandise or similar information that would help verify the classification of the goods in chapters 1–97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Similarly, the Commission seeks information that could clarify technical criteria, distinguish the intended article in a petition from other goods in the same rate line, or narrow the scope of an article description to mitigate domestic producer objections as contemplated by the Act’s description of Category IV. The Commission will not consider comments that seek to broaden or materially amend the nature of the goods covered in the original article description.

Procedures for Filing a Comment

Who may file. Any member of the public may file comments, including the firm or its representative who filed the petition. However, the Commission will consider only comments that relate to petitions listed under Category VI in the preliminary report that the Commission submits to the Committees on June 9, 2020. The Commission will not consider comments that relate to petitions listed under Categories I, II, III, IV, and V in the preliminary report.

Method for filing. Comments must be filed electronically via the Commission’s designated secure web portal and in the format designated by the Commission in that portal. You may access the portal through the Commission’s website at https://mtbps.usitc.gov. The portal contains a series of prompts and links that will assist persons in providing the required information. The Commission will not accept or consider comments submitted in paper or in any other form or format. Comments must contain all information required in the portal in order to be considered properly filed. Comments, including any attachments thereto, must otherwise comply with the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, as further explained in the Commission’s Handbook on MTB Filing Procedures. Persons seeking to comment on more than one petition must submit a separate comment for each petition.

Persons filing comments should be aware that they must be prepared to complete their entire comment when they enter the portal. The portal will not allow them to edit, amend, or complete the comment at a later time.

Time for filing. To be considered, comments must be filed no earlier than June 12, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. and no later than the close of business (5:15 p.m. EST) on June 22, 2020. The Commission will not accept comments filed before or after these dates and times.

Amendment and withdrawal of comments. The Commission’s secure web portal will not allow a person who has formally submitted a comment during this filing period to amend that comment. Instead, that person must file a new comment that incorporates the changes. The new comment must be filed before 5:15 p.m. EST on June 22, 2020. Comments may not be withdrawn or amended after that time.

Comments containing confidential business information. The portal will permit persons submitting comments to claim that certain information should be treated either as confidential business information or as information protected from disclosure under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, (e.g., a home address). However, because of the portal’s design, the portal instructs that such information not be included in attachments to comments. Persons who include what they regard as confidential business information, or information protected under the Privacy Act, in attachments to their comments will be presumed to have waived any privilege and the information will be disclosed to the public when the comments and attachments are posted on the Commission’s website. See further information below on possible disclosure of confidential business information.

Confidential Business Information: The Commission will not release information which the Commission considers to be confidential business information within the meaning of Rule 201.6(a) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6) unless the party submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that such information would be released by the Commission, or such party subsequently consents to the release of the information.

Confidential business information submitted to the Commission in comments may be disclosed to or used by (1) the Commission in calculating the estimated revenue loss required under the Act, which may be based in whole or in part on the estimated values of imports submitted in comments, as well as by petitioners in their petitions; (2) the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel (a) in processing petitions and comments and preparing reports under the Act or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission, including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; (3) Commerce, for use in preparing its report to the Commission and the Committees, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and CBP for use in providing information for that report; or (4) U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes, subject to the requirement that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

By order of the Commission.


William Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 701–TA–501 (Review)]

Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China

Determination

On the basis of the record 1 developed in the subject five-year review, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that revocation of the countervailing duty order on chlorinated isocyanurates from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an

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1 The record is defined in sec. 207.2(1) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(1)).