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Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-060]

#### Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) is being, or is likely to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edythe Artman or John McGowan, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3931 or (202) 482-3019, respectively.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 28, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On October 24, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now December 18, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision

<sup>1</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 29023 (June 27, 2017) (Initiation Notice).

<sup>2</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49178 (October 24, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum of the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Memorandum is included as Appendix II 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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

##### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is fine denier PSF from the PRC. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

##### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Department is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

##### Methodology

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. The Department has calculated export prices and constructed export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Because the PRC is a non-market economy within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, normal value (NV) was calculated in accordance with section 773(c) of the

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties: Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination" (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum), dated December 8, 2017.

Act.<sup>7</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Combination Rates

In the *Initiation Notice*,<sup>8</sup> the Department stated that it would

calculate producer/exporter combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in this investigation. Policy Bulletin 05.1 describes this practice.<sup>9</sup>

#### Preliminary Determination

The Department preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Producer	Exporter	Weighted-average margin (percent)	Cash deposit adjusted for subsidy offset (percent)
Jiangyin Hailun Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd./Jiangyin Xinlun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Yunlun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Bolun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Fenghua Synthetic Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Huamei Special Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Huasheng Polymerization Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Huayi Polymerization Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Huaxing Synthetic Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Xingsheng Plastic Co., Ltd. <sup>10</sup>	Jiangyin Hailun Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd.	181.46	170.92
Jiangyin Huahong Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Huakai Polyester Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Hongkai Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd. <sup>11</sup>	Jiangyin Huahong Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	63.26	52.66
Hangzhou Best Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd	Hangzhou Best Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Cixi Jiangnan Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd	Cixi Jiangnan Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Jiangsu Xinsu Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd	Jiangsu Xinsu Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Jiangyin Jinyan Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangsui Xiang He Tai Fiber Technology Co., Ltd.	Jiangyin Jinyan Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Jiangsu Hengze Composite Materials Technology Co., Ltd./Chuzhou Prosperity Environmental Protection Color Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangsu Xiang He Tai Fiber Technology Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Hengfeng Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd./Jiangyin Shunze Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	Jiangyin Yangxi International Trade Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Zhejiang Jinfuchun Industrial Co., Ltd	Zhejiang Jinfuchun Industrial Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Nanyang Textile Co., Ltd	Nanyang Textile Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Ningbo Dafa Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd	Ningbo Dafa Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Zhaoqing Tifo New Fibre Co., Ltd	Zhaoqing Tifo New Fibre Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Jiangyin Yueda Chemical Fiber Limited Company/Hangzhou BenMa Chemical and Spinning Company Ltd./Yizheng Chemical Fiber Limited Liability Company.	Unifi Textiles (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Yuyao Dafa Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd	Yuyao Dafa Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Jiangyin Jindun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd	Zhangjiagang City Hongtuo Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Zhejiang Huashun Technology Co., Ltd	Zhejiang Linan Foreign Trade Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
Suzhou Zhengbang Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd	Suzhou Zhengbang Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	122.36	111.79
PRC-Wide Entity		181.46	170.92

#### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in

Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in

<sup>7</sup> Jiangyin Hailun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd. (Hailun), and Jiangyin Huahong Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd. (Huahong), are the mandatory respondents in this investigation.

<sup>8</sup> See *Initiation Notice*, 82 FR at 29028.

<sup>9</sup> See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy

Bulletin 05.1), available on the Department's website at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

<sup>10</sup> The Department preliminarily determines that the following companies are a single entity for dumping purposes: Hailun; Jiangyin Xinlun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Yunlun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Bolun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Fenghua Synthetic Fiber Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Huamei Special Fiber Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin

Huasheng Polymerization Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Huayi Polymerization Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Huaxing Synthetic Co., Ltd.; Jiangyin Xingsheng Plastic Co., Ltd. See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>11</sup> The Department preliminarily determines that Huahong, Jiangyin Huakai Polyester Co., Ltd., and Jiangyin Hongkai Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd., are a single entity for dumping purposes. See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), the Department will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit<sup>12</sup> equal to the weighted-average amount by which NV exceeds U.S. price, adjusted where appropriate for export subsidies,<sup>13</sup> as follows: (1) For the producer/exporter combinations listed in the above table, the cash deposit rate for the exporter/producer combinations listed in the table above will be the rate the Department determines in this preliminary determination; (2) for all combinations of PRC exporters/producers of merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for their own separate rates, the cash-deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established for the PRC-wide entity; and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of merchandise under consideration which have not received their own separate rate above, the cash-deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate applicable to the PRC exporter/producer combination that supplied that non-PRC exporter.

To determine the cash deposit rate, the Department normally adjusts the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the amount of domestic subsidy pass-through and export subsidies determined in a companion CVD proceeding when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where the Department has made a preliminary affirmative determination for domestic subsidy pass-through or export subsidies, the Department has offset the calculated estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate rate(s). Rates adjusted for export subsidies may be found in the Preliminary Determination section's chart of estimated weighted-average dumping margins above.

As stated previously, we will adjust cash deposit rates by the amount of export subsidies, where appropriate. In the companion CVD investigation, Hailun was also a mandatory respondent and received a calculated export subsidy rate of 10.54 percent, and, thus, we will offset the calculated

rate for Hailun by 10.54 percent. Huahong was also a mandatory respondent in the companion CVD investigation and received a calculated export subsidy rate of 10.60 percent, and, thus, we will offset the calculated rate for the Huahong by 10.60 percent. For the separate rate companies, which were not mandatory respondents in the companion CVD investigation, we will offset the calculated rate for each of the companies by 10.57 percent, the average of the export subsidy rates for the two mandatory respondents in the companion CVD investigation. Finally, we are adjusting the cash deposit rate for the PRC-wide entity by 10.54 percent, the lowest adjustment for any party in the companion CVD investigation.<sup>14</sup>

Pursuant to 777A(f) of the Act, we also intend to adjust preliminary cash deposit rates for estimated domestic subsidy pass-through, where appropriate. We will make these adjustments after analysis of responses to a double-remedy questionnaire, which we issued to Hailun and Huahong on December 12, 2017.

Should provisional measures in the companion CVD investigation expire prior to the expiration of provisional measures in this LTFV investigation, the Department will direct CBP to begin collecting cash deposits at a rate equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins calculated in this preliminary determination unadjusted for export subsidies at the time the CVD provisional measures expire.

These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

#### Disclosure

The Department intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination 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).

#### Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, the Department intends to verify information relied upon in making its final determination.

#### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued in this

proceeding, unless the Secretary alters the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline for case briefs.<sup>15</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request for a hearing to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All documents must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically-filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established due date.

#### Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of the Department's regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final antidumping determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

<sup>12</sup> See *Modification of Regulations Regarding the Practice of Accepting Bonds During the Provisional Measures Period in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 76 FR 61042 (October 3, 2011).

<sup>13</sup> See section 772(c)(1)(C) of the Act. Unlike in administrative reviews, the Department does not calculate the adjustment for export subsidies in investigations in the margin calculation program, but in the cash deposit instructions issued to CBP. See, e.g., *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances: Certain Lined Paper Products from India*, 71 FR 45012 (August 8, 2006), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 1.

<sup>14</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>15</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

On November 10 and December 12, 2017, the petitioners and the respondents, respectively, requested that the Department postpone the final determination and extend provisional measures from four months to six months.<sup>16</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) Our preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, the Department is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.<sup>17</sup>

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: December 18, 2017.

#### Gary Taverman,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I

##### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF), not carded, combed, or pre-opened, measuring less than 3.3 decitex (3 denier) in diameter. The scope

<sup>16</sup> See Letter from the petitioners, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from China, India, Korea and Taiwan—Petitioners' Request to Extend the Antidumping Duty Final Determinations", dated November 10, 2017; Letter from the respondents, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China—Request for Postponement of Final Determination," dated December 12, 2017, and People's Republic of China—Petitioners' Request to Extend Final Determination," dated September 11, 2017.

<sup>17</sup> See also 19 CFR 351.210(e).

covers all fine denier PSF, whether coated or uncoated. The following products are excluded from the scope:

(1) PSF equal to or greater than 3.3 decitex (more than 3 denier, inclusive) currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.

(2) Low-melt PSF defined as a bi-component polyester fiber having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component, which is currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0015.

Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-583-860]

#### Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From Taiwan: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from Taiwan is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lilit Astvatsatryan, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-6412.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 28, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On October 21, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now December 18, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public

<sup>1</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 29023 (June 27, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49178 (October 24, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from Taiwan," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline for case briefs.<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

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On November 13, 2017, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), TCK requested that the Department postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>9</sup> In accordance with

section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) Our preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, the Department is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.<sup>10</sup>

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: December 18, 2017.

**Gary Taverman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan—Petitioners' Request to Postpone the Antidumping Duty Preliminary Determinations," dated October 13, 2017.

<sup>10</sup> See also 19 CFR 351.210(e).

Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[A-533-875]

#### Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from India is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>9</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from India, the People's Republic of

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick O'Connor or Magd Zalok, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0989 or (202) 482-4162, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 27, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On October 24, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now December 18, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II 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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and the electronic version of

the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Scope of the Investigation**

The product covered by this investigation is fine denier PSF from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

**Scope Comments**

In accordance with the *Preamble* to the Department's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Department is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

**Methodology**

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. The Department has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Normal value (NV) is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, the Department has preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences (AFA), for Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Company Limited

(Bombay Dyeing), which failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability in its responses to the Department's requests for information. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**All-Others Rate**

Sections 733(d)(1)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination the Department shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined. Section 735(c)(5)(A) states that in calculating this rate, it shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, the Department preliminarily assigned a rate based entirely on selecting facts otherwise available with an adverse inference to Bombay Dyeing. Therefore, the only rate that is not zero, *de minimis* or based entirely on facts otherwise available with an adverse inference is the rate calculated for Reliance Industries Limited (RIL). Consequently, the rate calculated for RIL is also assigned as the rate for all-other producers and exporters.

**Preliminary Determination**

The Department preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit rate (adjusted for subsidy offset(s)) (percent)
Reliance Industries Limited .....	2.66	<sup>7</sup> 0.66
Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Company Limited .....	<sup>8</sup> 21.43	15.66
All-Others .....	2.66	0.00

**Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in

Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after

<sup>1</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 29023 (June 27, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary*

*Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49178 (October 24, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum entitled "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination" (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with this preliminary determination.

<sup>7</sup> See Calculation Memorandum, dated concurrently with this notice.

<sup>8</sup> This rate is based on AFA.

the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

The Department normally adjusts cash deposits for estimated antidumping duties by the amount of export subsidies countervailed in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding, when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where the Department preliminarily made an affirmative determination of countervailable export subsidies, the Department has offset the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate CVD export subsidy rate. Any such adjusted cash deposit rate may be found in the Preliminary Determination Section above.

Should the provisional measures in the companion CVD investigation expire prior to the expiration of provisional measures in this LTFV investigation, the Department will direct CBP to begin collecting estimating antidumping duty cash deposits unadjusted for countervailed export subsidies at the time that the provisional CVD measures expire.

Pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), the Department will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, adjusted for export subsidies, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination, adjusted for export subsidies; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise, adjusted for export subsidies; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin, adjusted for export subsidies. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

#### Disclosure

The Department intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination 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).

#### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, the Department intends to verify

RIL's information relied upon in making its final determination.

#### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation, unless the Secretary alters the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.<sup>9</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

#### Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of the Department's regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final determination be accompanied by a request for extension

of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On November 15, 2017, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), RIL requested that the Department postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>10</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, the Department is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, the Department will make its final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: December 18, 2017.

#### Gary Taverman,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I

##### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF), not carded, combed, or pre-opened, measuring less than 3.3 decitex (3 denier) in diameter. The scope covers all fine denier PSF, whether coated or uncoated. The following products are excluded from the scope:

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>10</sup> See Letter from RIL, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from India: Reliance Industries, Ltd.'s Request to Extend the Antidumping Duty Final Determination," dated November 15, 2017.

(1) PSF equal to or greater than 3.3 decitex (more than 3 denier, inclusive) currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.

(2) Low-melt PSF defined as a bi-component polyester fiber having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component, which is currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0015.

Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

## Appendix II

### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-060]

#### Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) is being, or is likely to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edythe Artman or John McGowan, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3931 or (202) 482-3019, respectively.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 28, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On October 24, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now December 18, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision

<sup>1</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 29023 (June 27, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49178 (October 24, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Memorandum is included as Appendix II 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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is fine denier PSF from the PRC. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

#### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Department is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

#### Methodology

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. The Department has calculated export prices and constructed export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Because the PRC is a non-market economy within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, normal value (NV) was calculated in accordance with section 773(c) of the

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties: Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination" (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum), dated December 8, 2017.

entries of subject merchandise from these companies will be liquidated at the China-wide rate.<sup>13</sup>

### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise from China entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For the companies listed above that have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that rate established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then a cash deposit rate of zero will be established for that company); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed China and non-China exporters 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 China exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate for the China-wide entity, which is 76.45 percent; and (4) for all non-China exporters of subject merchandise that have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to China exporter(s) that supplied that non-China 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 and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

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.

Dated: December 29, 2017.

**Christian Marsh,**  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-580-893]

#### Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) are being, or is likely to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karine Gziryan or Celeste Chen, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4081 or (202) 482-0890, respectively.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation

on June 27, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On October 24, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now December 18, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II 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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is fine denier polyester staple fiber from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

#### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments

<sup>1</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 29023 (June 27, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49178 (October 24, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties: Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>13</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *NME AD Assessment*.

timely received, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Department is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. *See* the revised scope in Appendix I to this notice.

**Methodology**

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. The Department has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Normal value (NV) is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, the Department has preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, for Huvis Corporation (Huvis) and Down Nara, Co. Ltd. (Down Nara) which did not respond to the Department's questionnaire.<sup>7</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**All-Others Rate**

In accordance with section 735(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, the Department determined weighted-average dumping margins for each of the producers/exporters of the subject merchandise individually investigated. Pursuant to sections 733(d)(1)(A)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the Department shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. Where the rates for the individually investigated companies are all zero or *de minimis*, or determined entirely using facts otherwise available, section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act instructs the Department to establish "any reasonable method to establish the estimated all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated, including averaging the estimated weighted average dumping margins determined for the exporters and producers

individually investigated." The Department has preliminarily determined the estimated weighted-average dumping margins for the two non-responsive companies, Huvis and Down Nara, under section 776 of the Act and determined that the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for TCK is zero. Pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act, we calculated the "all-others" rate as a simple average of the zero percent dumping margin and the two dumping margins based totally on AFA. For a full description of the methodology underlying the Department's analysis, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

**Preliminary Determination**

The Department preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Toray Chemical Korea Inc .....	(*)
Huvis Corporation .....	45.23
Down Nara, Co., Ltd .....	45.23
All-Others .....	30.15

\* *de minimis*.

Consistent with section 733(b)(3) of the Act, the Department disregards *de minimis* rates and preliminarily determines that the individually examined respondent with a *de minimis* rate did not sell subject merchandise at LTFV.

**Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), the Department will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for

that producer of the subject merchandise, except as explained below; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin.

Because the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for TCK is zero, entries of shipments of subject merchandise produced and exported by TCK will not be subject to suspension of liquidation or cash deposit requirements. In such situations, the Department applies the exclusion to the provisional measures to the producer/exporter combination that was examined in the investigation. Accordingly, the Department is directing CBP not to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise produced and exported by TCK. Entries of shipments of subject merchandise from TCK in any other producer/exporter combination, or by third parties that sourced subject merchandise from the excluded producer/exporter combination, are subject to the provisional measures at the all others rate.

Should the final estimated weighted-average dumping margin be zero or *de minimis* for subject merchandise exported and produced by TCK, entries of shipments of subject merchandise from this producer/exporter combination will be excluded from the potential antidumping duty order. Such exclusions are not applicable to merchandise exported to the United States by TCK in any other producer/exporter combinations or by third parties that sourced subject merchandise from the excluded producer/exporter combinations.

**Disclosure**

The Department intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination 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).

**Verification**

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, the Department intends to verify TCK's information relied upon in making its final determination.

**Public Comment**

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued in this proceeding, unless the Secretary alters

<sup>6</sup> *See* Memorandum, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination" (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum), dated December 8, 2017.

<sup>7</sup> Toray Chemical Korea Inc. (TCK), Huvis, and Down Nara are the mandatory respondents in this investigation. *See* Huvis Corporation's Letter, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea: Notice of Intent Not to Participate," dated August 10, 2017 (Huvis Notice of Intent).

the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline for case briefs.<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request for a hearing to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

#### Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of the Department's regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final antidumping determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On November 13, 2017, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), TCK requested that the Department postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>9</sup> In accordance with

section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) Our preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, the Department is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.<sup>10</sup>

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: December 18, 2017.

#### Gary Taverman,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I

##### Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF), not carded, combed, or pre-opened, measuring less than 3.3 decitex (3 denier) in diameter. The scope covers all fine denier PSF, whether coated or uncoated. The following products are excluded from the scope:

(1) PSF equal to or greater than 3.3 decitex (more than 3 denier, inclusive) currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.

(2) Low-melt PSF defined as a bi-component polyester fiber having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component, which is currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0015.

China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan—Petitioners' Request to Postpone the Antidumping Duty Preliminary Determinations," dated October 13, 2017.

<sup>10</sup> See also 19 CFR 351.210(e).

Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[A-533-875]

#### Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from India is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

<sup>8</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>9</sup> See Petitioner's Letter, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from India, the People's Republic of



On November 10 and December 12, 2017, the petitioners and the respondents, respectively, requested that the Department postpone the final determination and extend provisional measures from four months to six months.<sup>16</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) Our preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, the Department is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.<sup>17</sup>

**International Trade Commission Notification**

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

**Notification to Interested Parties**

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: December 18, 2017.

**Gary Taverman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

**Appendix I**

**Scope of the Investigation**

The merchandise covered by this investigation is fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF), not carded, combed, or pre-opened, measuring less than 3.3 decitex (3 denier) in diameter. The scope

<sup>16</sup> See Letter from the petitioners, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from China, India, Korea and Taiwan—Petitioners' Request to Extend the Antidumping Duty Final Determinations", dated November 10, 2017; Letter from the respondents, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China—Request for Postponement of Final Determination," dated December 12, 2017, and People's Republic of China—Petitioners' Request to Extend Final Determination," dated September 11, 2017.

<sup>17</sup> See also 19 CFR 351.210(e).

covers all fine denier PSF, whether coated or uncoated. The following products are excluded from the scope:

(1) PSF equal to or greater than 3.3 decitex (more than 3 denier, inclusive) currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.

(2) Low-melt PSF defined as a bi-component polyester fiber having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component, which is currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0015.

Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

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**Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From Taiwan: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that fine denier polyester staple fiber (fine denier PSF) from Taiwan is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

**DATES:** Applicable January 5, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lilit Astvatsatryan, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-6412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 28, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On October 21, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now December 18, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public

<sup>1</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 29023 (June 27, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 82 FR 49178 (October 24, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from Taiwan," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is fine denier PSF from Taiwan. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

#### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Department is preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. The revised scope is provided in Appendix I to this notice.

#### Methodology

The Department is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. The Department has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Normal value (NV) is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, the Department has preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available, with an adverse inference, for Far Eastern Textile, Ltd. (Far Eastern) also known as Far Eastern New Century Corporation, which

declined to participate and did not respond to the Department's questionnaire or otherwise participate in the investigation.<sup>7</sup> For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### All-Others Rate

In accordance with section 733(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, the Department determined weighted-average dumping margins for each of the producers/exporters of the subject merchandise individually investigated. Pursuant to sections 733(d)(1)(A)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the Department shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act. Where the rates for the individually investigated companies are all zero or *de minimis*, or determined entirely using facts otherwise available, section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act instructs the Department to establish "any reasonable method to establish the estimated all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated, including averaging the estimated weighted average dumping margins determined for the exporters and producers individually investigated." The Department has preliminarily determined the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for Far Eastern under section 776 of the Act and determined that the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for Tainan Spinning Co., Ltd. (TSCL) is zero. Pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act, we calculated the "all-others" rate as a simple average of the zero percent dumping margin and the dumping margin based totally on AFA. For a full description of the methodology underlying the Department's analysis, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Preliminary Determination

The Department preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Tainan Spinning Co., Ltd .....	0.00
Far Eastern Textile Ltd. (AKA Far Eastern New Century Corporation) .....	48.86
All-Others .....	24.43

Consistent with section 733(b)(3) of the Act, the Department disregards *de minimis* rates and preliminarily determines that individually examined respondents with *de minimis* rates have not made sales of subject merchandise at LTFV.

#### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), the Department will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) The cash deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise, except as explained below; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin.

Because the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for TSCL is *de minimis*, entries of shipments of subject merchandise from TSCL will not be subject to suspension of liquidation or cash deposit requirements. In such situations, the Department applies the exclusion to the provisional measures to the producer/exporter combination that was examined in the investigation. Accordingly, the Department is directing CBP not to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise exported and produced by TSCL. Entries of shipments of subject merchandise from TSCL in any other producer/exporter combination, or by

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination" (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with this preliminary determination.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, "Antidumping Duty Investigation of Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber from Taiwan: Far Eastern Textile Ltd.," dated August 8, 2017, at Attachment I (Far Eastern Withdrawal).

third parties that sourced subject merchandise from the excluded producer/exporter combination, are subject to the provisional measures at the all others rate.

Should the final estimated weighted-average dumping margin be zero or *de minimis* for subject merchandise exported and produced by TSCL, entries of shipments of subject merchandise from this producer/exporter combination will be excluded from the potential antidumping duty order. Such exclusions are not applicable to merchandise exported to the United States by TSCL in any other producer/exporter combinations or by third parties that source subject merchandise from the excluded producer/exporter combinations.

These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

#### Disclosure

The Department intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination 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).

#### Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, the Department intends to verify TSCL's information relied upon in making its final determination.

#### Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation, unless the Department alters the time limit. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of

Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

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On November 13, 2017, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), TSCL requested that the Department postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>9</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, the Department is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, the Department will make its final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

<sup>9</sup> See TSCL's Letter, "Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber (FDPSF)," dated November 13, 2017.

#### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, the Department will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: December 18, 2017.

#### Gary Taverman,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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Fine denier PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheading 5503.20.0025. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

#### National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NTIS invites nomination of individuals for appointment to the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (Board or Committee). NTIS will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

**DATES:** NTIS will accept nominations on a rolling basis. The initial members of the Board will be selected from nominations submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 12th, 2018. Any nominations received after that date will be kept on file and may be used to fill vacancies on the Board should they occur.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Greg Capella, Deputy Director, NTIS, 5301 Shawnee Rd, Alexandria VA 22312. Attention: NTIS Advisory Board Membership.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Capella, 5301 Shawnee Rd, Alexandria VA 22312, Subject: NTIS Advisory Board Membership, telephone 703-605-6532; or via email at [gcapella@ntis.gov](mailto:gcapella@ntis.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Committee Information

The Committee was established pursuant to Section 212(c) of the National Technical Information Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 3704b(c)), in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

##### Objectives

1. The NTIS Advisory Board shall review and make recommendations to improve NTIS programs, operations, and general policies in support of NTIS's mission to advance Federal data priorities, promote economic growth, and enable operational excellence by providing innovative data services to Federal agencies through joint venture partnerships with the private sector.

2. The Board shall report to the Secretary of Commerce and to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology through the Director of NTIS.

##### Duties

3. The Board shall act in the public interest to:

a. Provide advice on the optimal data services business and operating model to best implement NTIS's joint venture authority.

b. Provide advice on the means, including infrastructure and process improvements, to make Federal data easier to find, access, use, analyze, and combine.

c. Assess progress in evolving NTIS programs toward a focus on Federal data priorities.

d. Assess the use of merit-based criteria and processes to plan, conduct, and oversee programs and projects, including the selection of joint venture partners.

e. Assess policies in connection with fees and charges for NTIS services in order for the agency to operate on a substantially self-sustaining basis, as required by law.

f. Assess organizational capabilities required to carry out NTIS's mission, including capabilities in data science and for operational management of its project portfolio.

##### Membership

1. The NTIS Advisory Board shall be composed of a Chairperson appointed by the Secretary and four other members appointed by the Secretary. In the event of a vacancy in the Chairperson position, the NTIS Director may designate a member to serve as acting Chairperson until a Chairperson is appointed by the Secretary.

2. Members shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service and objectivity; shall have recognized expertise in data collection, compilation, analysis, use, and dissemination, as well as data science, information technology, cybersecurity, and privacy. Members will be selected from the business, academic, non-profit, and state and

local government communities. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure members represent the entire spectrum of Federal data interests including demographic, economic, trade, health, scientific, patent, environmental, geospatial, security, and transactional data. No Federal Government employee shall serve as a member of the Board.

3. The term of office of each member of the Board shall be three years, except that vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy. All appointments shall automatically terminate if the charter is terminated or not renewed. All members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

4. Any person who has completed two consecutive full terms of service on the Board shall be ineligible for appointment for a third term during the one-year period following the expiration of the second term.

5. Members shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be subject to all ethical standards and rules applicable to SGEs.

##### Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee will not be paid for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*, while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. The Board shall meet at the call of the Secretary or the Secretary's designee, but not less often than once every six months.

3. NTIS may establish such subcommittees of its members as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of FACA, the FACA implementing regulations, and applicable Department of Commerce guidance. Subcommittees will report to the NTIS Advisory Board and may not provide advice or work products directly to the Department of Commerce or NTIS.

4. Recordkeeping. Records of the NTIS Advisory Board, any formally and informally established subcommittees or other subgroups of the Board, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

##### Nomination Information

1. NTIS seeks nominations of practitioners with recognized expertise