

Manufacturer/producer/exporter	Net countervailable subsidy rate (percent)
PET Resin From China	
Xingyu	7.53
Dragon Group	47.56
All Others	27.55
PET Resin From India	
Dhunseri	5.12
JBF Industries Limited	153.80
All Others	5.12

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to the administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a). Timely written notification of the destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 16, 2021.

Christian Marsh,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–588–879]

Methionine From Japan: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of methionine from Japan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

DATES: Applicable July 23, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Scully, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 4, 2021, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of methionine from Japan, in which we also postponed the final determination until July 19, 2021.¹ We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is methionine from Japan. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Analysis of Comments Received

All the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation are

¹ See *Methionine from Japan: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances and Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 86 FR 12625 (March 4, 2021) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Methionine from Japan,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as Appendix II. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>.

Verification

Commerce was unable to conduct on-site verification of the information relied upon in making its final determination in this investigation. However, we took additional steps in lieu of an on-site verification to verify the information relied upon in making this final determination, in accordance with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made certain changes to the margin calculations for Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd. (Sumitomo Chemical). For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provides that the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for all other producers and exporters not individually investigated shall be equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

Commerce calculated an individual estimated weighted-average dumping margin for Sumitomo Chemical. Therefore, the only rate which is not zero, *de minimis*, or determined entirely under section 776 of the Act is the rate calculated for Sumitomo Chemical. Consequently, the rate calculated for Sumitomo Chemical is also assigned as the rate for all other producers and exporters.

³ See Commerce’s Letter, “Request for Documentation,” dated March 17, 2021; see also Sumitomo Chemical’s Letter, “Methionine from Japan: Resubmission of March 25, 2021 Verification Questionnaire Response,” dated April 6, 2021.

Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances

Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for Sumitomo Chemicals and with respect to all other producers/exporters.⁴ Parties submitted comments regarding our preliminary critical circumstances determination and we have modified our critical circumstances finding for Sumitomo Chemicals and all other producers/exporters for this final determination. Thus, in accordance with section 735(a)(3) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, Commerce finds that critical circumstances do not exist for Sumitomo Chemicals or for all other producers/exporters. For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce’s critical circumstances analysis, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Determination

The final estimated weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd	76.50
All Others	76.50

Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed in this final determination within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend the liquidation of all appropriate entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I of this notice, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 4, 2021, the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the affirmative *Preliminary Determination*.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), where appropriate, we will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit for such entries of merchandise equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or 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 final 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; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Further, because our final critical circumstances determination is negative, in accordance with section 735(c)(3) of the Act, we will instruct CBP to terminate the retroactive suspension of liquidation ordered at the *Preliminary Determination* for Sumitomo Chemicals and all other producers/exporters and to refund any cash deposits required with respect to entries of subject merchandise covered by the retroactive suspension of liquidation.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of the final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because Commerce’s final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation of methionine no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that such injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, and all cash deposits posted will be refunded and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the “Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation” section.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice will serve as a final reminder to the parties subject to

administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination and this notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: July 19, 2021.

Christian Marsh,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is methionine and dl-Hydroxy analogue of dl-methionine, also known as 2-Hydroxy 4-(Methylthio) Butanoic acid (HMTBa), regardless of purity, particle size, grade, or physical form. Methionine has the chemical formula C₅H₁₁NO₂S, liquid HMTBa has the chemical formula C₅H₁₀O₃S, and dry HMTBa has the chemical formula (C₅H₉O₃S)₂Ca.

Subject merchandise also includes methionine processed in a third country including, but not limited to, refining, converting from liquid to dry or dry to liquid form, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of this investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope methionine or dl-Hydroxy analogue of dl-methionine.

The scope also includes methionine that is commingled (*i.e.*, mixed or combined) with methionine from sources not subject to this investigation. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of this investigation.

Excluded from this investigation is United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade methionine. In order to qualify for this exclusion, USP grade methionine must meet or exceed all of the chemical, purity, performance, and labeling requirements of the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary for USP grade methionine.

Methionine is currently classified under subheadings 2930.40.00.00 and 2930.90.46.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Methionine has the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry numbers 583–91–5, 4857–44–7, 59–51–8 and 922–50–9. While the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

⁴ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 4–7.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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 - Comment 6: Packaging Materials/Product Characteristics
 - Comment 7: Critical Circumstances
- VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Methionine From Spain: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of methionine from Spain are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Further, Commerce determines that critical circumstances exist for the sole mandatory respondent Adisseo España S.A. (Adisseo España) and for all other producers and exporters.

DATES: Applicable July 23, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Bremer, 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) 482-4987.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 4, 2021, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of methionine from Spain, in which we also postponed the final determination until July 19,

2021.¹ Commerce invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is methionine from Spain. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

During the course of this investigation, Commerce received no scope comments from interested parties. Therefore, Commerce is not modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. See Appendix I for the final scope of the investigation.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as Appendix II. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn>.

Verification

Commerce was unable to conduct on-site verification of the information relied upon in making its final determination in this investigation. However, we took additional steps in lieu of an on-site verification to verify the information relied upon in making this final determination, in accordance

¹ See *Methionine from Spain: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 86 FR 12614 (March 4, 2021) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Methionine from Spain," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³

Changes Since Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received and our findings related to our request for information in lieu of verification, we made certain changes to the margin calculations with respect to Adisseo España, the sole mandatory respondent in this investigation. In light of these changes to the margin calculations and the resulting revised estimated weighted average dumping margin for Adisseo España, we have also revised the all-others rate. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In accordance with section 733(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances did not exist for Adisseo España or for all others.⁴ Commerce did not receive any comments in response to its preliminary determination with respect to critical circumstances. However, for this final determination, Commerce determines that critical circumstances exist, within the meaning of section 735(a)(3) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, for imports of methionine from Spain exported and/or produced by Adisseo España and imports of methionine from Spain produced and/or exported by all other companies. For a full description of methodology and results of Commerce's final affirmative critical circumstances analyses, see Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Product Characteristics

Commerce preliminarily identified three criteria for the physical characteristics of the subject merchandise: (1) Type; (2) form; and (3) concentration level of methionine content.⁵ For this final determination, we made no changes to physical characteristics in our analysis. However, because Commerce made a change with respect to packaging characteristics in

³ See Commerce's Letter, "Remote Verification Questionnaire for Adisseo España," dated March 29, 2021; see also Adisseo España's Letter, "Antidumping Investigation of Methionine from Spain: Response to the Department's Remote Verification Questionnaire," dated April 6, 2021.

⁴ For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce's critical circumstances analysis, see Preliminary Determination Memorandum at 4.

⁵ See Commerce's Letter, "Product Characteristics for Use in Sections B and C Questionnaire Responses of Methionine from Spain," dated September 25, 2020; see also *Preliminary Determination PDM* at 12.