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MEMORANDUM TO: The Record

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SUBJECT: Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty

Proceedings

After careful consideration, in light of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (Commerce) conduct of antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) proceedings as described below, Enforcement and Compliance (E&C) has decided to toll administrative deadlines in AD/CVD proceedings on which this memorandum has been filed. Specifically, the filing of this memorandum on E&C's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) indicates that E&C has decided to toll certain statutory and regulatory deadlines in this proceeding, by a total of 90 days.

This determination applies <u>only</u> to deadlines for preliminary and final results in administrative and new shipper reviews that are ongoing and where the opportunity notice for administrative reviews predates¹ this memorandum; this determination does not apply to pending deadlines for actions by parties in these segments (such as the submission of AD/CVD questionnaire responses, supplemental questionnaire responses, and case and rebuttal briefs). Accordingly, the day on which any submission to E&C is due should be calculated under the regulations as usual. Further, any deadlines tied to the date for the preliminary or final results in administrative and new shipper reviews will key off the tolled preliminary or final deadline, as appropriate (*e.g.*, submission of factual information to value factors of production). Commerce will continue to consider timely extension requests for individual submissions on a case-by-case basis. However, the Department's tolling of deadlines by 90 days should not be construed as an opportunity to request longer extensions, as the Department intends to continue to complete these reviews as expeditiously as possible.

This determination does not apply to deadlines for court-ordered redeterminations and the associated administrative (remand) proceedings, which will continue on the deadlines established

¹ See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List, 89 FR 95737 (December 3, 2024); and Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List, 89 FR 87338 (November 1, 2024).

by the court and by Commerce. Thus, AD/CVD remand proceedings are continuing on schedule.

In fiscal year (FY) 2024, E&C received 117 petitions from domestic industries requesting new investigations into imports alleged to be unfairly dumped and/or subsidized under the AD/CVD laws, exceeding the previous all-time high number of petitions filed in FY2020. Further, in the first two months of FY2025, E&C has already received 25 additional petitions. Given this unprecedented number of petitions for investigations, tolling administrative and new shipper review deadlines will allow E&C to make available sufficient staff for in-person verifications, and address complex and novel issues in less-than-fair-value and countervailing duty investigations. Thus, by tolling deadlines in the administrative and new shipper review segments identified above by 90 days, E&C is responding to operational adjustments required by current circumstances.

Interested parties should contact the E&C staff assigned to a specific proceeding if there are further questions.