MEMORANDUM TO: James Maeder
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THROUGH: Erin Begnal
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FROM: Eric B. Greynolds
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SUBJECT: Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2020 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

I. BACKGROUND

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain softwood lumber products from Canada covering the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.1 The current deadline for the preliminary results of this review is October 4, 2021.2

II. EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1) require Commerce to issue preliminary results in an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order for which the administrative review was requested. However, if it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2) allow Commerce to extend the 245-day period to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

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2 The current deadline for the preliminary results falls on October 3, 2021. Commerce’s practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).
We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review by the current deadline of October 4, 2021, because we require additional time prior to completing the preliminary results to issue supplemental questionnaires and analyze the responses to these questionnaires. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), we recommend extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review by 117 days, until no later than Friday, January 28, 2022. Unless extended, the final results will continue to be due 120 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

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Signed by: JAMES MAEDER

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