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MEMORANDUM TO: James Maeder
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THROUGH: Erin Begnal
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SUBJECT: Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Extension of
Deadline for Final Results of the 2017-2018 Countervailing Duty
Administrative Review

Background

On February 7, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review.¹ The deadline for the final results was June 8, 2020. However, on April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days, thereby extending the deadline for these final results until July 27, 2020.²

Extension of Time Limits for the Final Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1) require that Commerce complete the final results of a countervailing duty administrative review within 120 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results of review. If it is not practicable to complete the review within that time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and

¹ See *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017–2018*, 85 FR 7273 (February 7, 2020) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19,” dated April 24, 2020. Commerce’s practice dictates that, where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadlines will be extended to 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).



19 CFR 351.213(h)(2) allow Commerce to extend the time limit for the final results to a maximum of 180 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review by the current deadline of July 27, 2020. We require additional time to evaluate questionnaire responses and benchmark submissions with regard to the provision of logs for less than adequate remuneration programs and to issue the post-preliminary decision memorandum. In addition, we require additional time to analyze the case and rebuttal briefs to be filed by the interested parties.

Therefore, we recommend extending the time limit for issuing the final results of this review by 60 days, until September 24, 2020, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Agree

Disagree

6/3/2020

X *James Maeder*

Signed by: JAMES MAEDER