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SUBJECT: Wooden Cabinets and Vanities and Components Thereof from the
People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadlines for Final
Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and
Final Circumvention Determinations VII

Extension of the Deadlines for the Final Scope Rulings

On May 24, 2022, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated scope inquiries to determine whether wooden cabinets, vanities, and components thereof (wooden cabinets) from the People's Republic of China (China), which undergo further processing in Malaysia or Vietnam, and are then exported to the United States, are within the scope of the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on wooden cabinets from China.¹

On September 21, 2022, Commerce extended the deadline for the final scope rulings by 177 days pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(e)(2) until March 17, 2023.²

¹ See Memoranda, "Initiation of Scope Inquiry," both dated May 24, 2022; see also *Wooden Cabinets and Vanities and Components Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 85 FR 22126 (April 21, 2020); and *Wooden Cabinets and Vanities and Components Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 85 FR 22134 (April 21, 2020) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Final Scope Ruling; Alignment of Deadlines for Circumvention Inquiry with Deadline for Scope Ruling; Extension of Deadline for Final Circumvention Determinations," dated September 21, 2022 at 1 (Deadline Extension I).



On March 16, 2023, Commerce exercised its discretion and issued preliminary scope rulings pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(g).³ On March 16, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final scope ruling by 93 days until June 16, 2023, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b).⁴

From June 2, 2023, through January 12, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final scope ruling pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b).⁵ Throughout this period of time, Commerce continued to work on the ruling by soliciting information and comment, issuing a post-preliminary scope ruling, and soliciting additional comment from parties. Commerce issued a post-preliminary scope determination on September 28, 2023.⁶ In that determination, Commerce provided interested parties 14 days to provide comments and seven days to provide rebuttal comments.⁷

On April 3, 2024, proposed a certification regime and provided an opportunity to comment thereon and Commerce extended the deadline for issue the final scope ruling by 70 days until June 14, 2024, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b).⁸ In that determination, Commerce provided interested parties 16 days to provide comments and ten days to provide rebuttal comments.⁹ Therefore, Commerce requires time to consider parties comments and prepare and issue the final determinations. As a result, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.302(b), we hereby extend the deadline for issuing the final determination in these scope inquiries by 31 days until **Monday, July 15, 2024**.

Extension of Deadlines for the Preliminary Circumvention Determinations

On September 22, 2022, Commerce aligned the preliminary determination deadline for the circumvention inquiries with the deadline for the final scope rulings pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(e)(3).¹⁰

On March 16, 2023, Commerce extended the preliminary circumvention determinations deadline until 14 days after the final scope ruling deadline pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), until June 30, 2023.¹¹

³ See Memoranda, "Preliminary Scope Determination," dated March 15, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated March 16, 2023 (Deadline Extension).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated June 16, 2023 (Deadline Extension II); see also Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated August 10, 2023 (Deadline Extension III); see also Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated September 29, 2023 (Deadline Extension IV); see also Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated September 29, 2023 (Deadline Extension V).

⁶ See Memorandum "Post-Preliminary Analysis," dated September 28, 2023 (Post-Prelim).

⁷ See Post-Prelim at 15.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Proposal to Establish a Certification Requirement," dated April 3, 2024, at 12.

⁹ See Post-Prelim at 15.

¹⁰ See Extension at 2.

¹¹ See Deadline Extension I.

From June 2, 2023, through April 3, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary circumvention determinations pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b); with the most recent deadline of June 28, 2024.¹²

Because we are extending the deadlines for issuing the final scope determinations, we are also extending the deadline of the preliminary circumvention determination to maintain the 14-day lag between the final scope determination and preliminary circumvention determination deadlines pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), such that the new deadline for the preliminary circumvention determinations is now **Monday, July 29, 2024**.

Extension of Deadline for Final Circumvention Determinations

On September 22, 2022, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(e)(2) Commerce extended the deadline for the final determinations in the circumvention inquiries by 64 days until June 9, 2023.

On March 16, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline till 109 days after the final scope determination deadlines pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), until September 26, 2023.¹³

From June 2, 2023, through April 3, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final circumvention determinations pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b); with the most recent deadline being September 26, 2024.¹⁴

Because we extended the deadline for the preliminary circumvention determinations, we are extending the deadline of the final circumvention determination by 31 days to maintain the 90-day lag between the preliminary and final circumvention determinations pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), such that the new deadline for the final circumvention determinations is now **Monday, October 28, 2024**.¹⁵

¹² See Deadline Extension II; see also Deadline Extensions III-V and Memorandum, “Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations,” dated April 3, 2024 (Deadline Extension VI).

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ See Deadline Extension II; see also Deadline Extensions III-VI

¹⁵ Because the current deadline for these final circumvention determination falls on the weekend (*i.e.*, October 27, 2024), the deadline became the next business day (*i.e.*, October 28, 2024). 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).