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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 III

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 On March 16, 2023, Commerce exercised its discretion and issued preliminary scope rulings pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(g).³



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," (Extension) dated September 21, 2022, at 1.

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

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 On June 2, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final scope ruling by 62 days until August 17, 2023, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b).⁵

Commerce provided interested parties 46 days to submit new factual information and 21 days for comment and rebuttal. Further, the record now contains substantial new data and information that we are considering for complex product scenarios subject to this inquiry. Therefore, Commerce requires additional time to prepare and issue the final determination. As a result, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.302(b), we are hereby extending the deadline for issuing the final determination in this scope inquiry by 46 days until **October 2, 2023.**

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 ruling pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(e)(3).⁶ 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, 2023.⁷ On June 2, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the preliminary circumvention determinations by 62 days until August 31, 2023, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b).⁸

Here, we are 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 **October 16, 2023**.

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 inquires by 64 days until June 9, 2023. On March 16, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline till 109 days after the final scope determination deadline pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), until September 26, 2023. On June 2, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing the final scope ruling by 63 days until November 28, 2023, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b). 10

⁷ See Deadline Extension.

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).

⁶ See Extension at 2.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated June 16, 2023 (Deadline Extension II).

¹⁰ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for Final Scope Ruling, Preliminary Circumvention Determinations, and Final Circumvention Determinations," dated June 16, 2023 (Deadline Extension II).

Here, we are extending the deadline of the final circumvention determination by 90 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 **January 15, 2024**.¹¹

¹¹ Because the current deadline for these final circumvention determination falls on the weekend (*i.e.*, January 14, 2024), the deadline became the next business day (*i.e.*, January 15, 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)