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**DATE:** December 15, 2023

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Interested Parties

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**RE:** Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People’s Republic of China: Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders with Respect to the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

**SUBJECT:** Extension of Deadline for Issuing Final Determinations in Circumvention Inquiries

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## I. BACKGROUND

On December 21, 2022, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published the initiation of the above-referenced country-wide circumvention inquiries pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>1</sup> On May 11, 2023, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary determinations in these inquiries by 88 days.<sup>2</sup> On August 24, 2023,

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<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 87 FR 78047 (December 21, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, “Extension of Preliminary Determination,” dated May 11, 2023.



Commerce published its preliminary determinations in these circumvention inquiries.<sup>3</sup> On September 25, 2023, we extended the deadlines for the final determinations by 65 days.<sup>4</sup> The current deadline for the final determinations is December 21, 2023.

## II. EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR FINAL RESULTS

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.302(b), “{u}nless expressly precluded by statute, the Secretary may, for good cause, extend any time limit...” We have received a large number of case and rebuttal briefs, many of which include issues that are extraordinarily complicated. Further, the case and rebuttal briefs pose several methodological issues which Commerce requires more time to analyze, consider, and respond to prior to issuing the final determinations in these circumvention inquiries.

For these reasons, additional time is required to complete the final determinations in these circumvention inquiries. Therefore, Commerce has determined that good cause exists to further extend the deadline for the final determinations, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.302(b). Thus, we are hereby informing interested parties that we are extending, by 33 days, the deadline for issuing the final determinations in these inquiries, until January 23, 2024.

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<sup>3</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Collated Steel Staples From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determinations of Circumvention With Respect to the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*, 88 FR 57931 (August 24, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See Memoranda, “Extension of Deadline for Issuing Final Determination in Circumvention Inquiry,” dated September 25, 2023 (for Thailand); and Memoranda, “Extension of Deadline for Issuing Final Determination in Circumvention Inquiry,” dated September 25, 2023 (for Vietnam).