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MEMORANDUM TO: The File**THROUGH:** Lana Nigro *LN*
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AD/CVD Operations, Office IV**SUBJECT:** Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled
Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China –
Circumvention Inquiry with Respect to Thailand: Second
Extension of Preliminary and Final Determinations in
Circumvention Inquiries

I. Preliminary Determination

On April 1, 2022, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published notice of its initiation of circumvention inquiries with respect to the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from the People's Republic of China and the countries Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam.¹ The current deadlines for the preliminary and final determinations in these inquiries are November 28, 2022, and April 26, 2023, respectively.

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 since received extensive comments concerning the upcoming preliminary determinations submitted by approximately 20 interested parties for which Commerce requires more time to consider fully. Additionally, these inquiries pose numerous complex methodological issues for which Commerce requires more time to analyze. Accordingly, for the above-mentioned reasons and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.302(b), we are hereby extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary determinations in these inquiries by

¹ See *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 87 FR 19071 (April 1, 2022) (*Initiation Notice*).



three days, until **December 1, 2022**. Because these inquiries are extraordinarily complicated, an additional amount of time that is commensurate with the length of the extension of the preliminary determinations is required in order to issue the final determinations in these circumvention inquiries. Therefore, Commerce has determined that good cause exists to extend the deadline for the final determinations in these inquiries, within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.302(b). Thus, we are hereby informing interested parties that the deadline for issuing Commerce's final determinations in these inquiries is now **May 1, 2023**.²

² The current deadline for the final determinations is April 26, 2023. An extension of three days results in the final determinations occurring on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Thus, the deadline for the final determinations is the next business day, Monday, May 1, 2023.