

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Expedited Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain producers/exporters of frozen warmwater shrimp from Ecuador received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 10, 2026, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the *Preliminary Results* of this expedited administrative review.¹ On July 21, 2026, Commerce extended the

¹ See *Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Expedited Review*, 91 FR 11511 (March 10, 2026) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

deadline for the final results of the expedited administrative review on frozen warmwater shrimp from Ecuador.² Accordingly the deadline for these final results is now July 31, 2026.

For a complete description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/frnotices>.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is shrimp from Ecuador. For a full description of the scope of the order, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised by the interested parties in their case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The topics discussed and the issues raised by parties to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum are listed in the appendix to this notice.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of comments received from interested parties, we made certain changes to the net countervailable subsidy rates calculated for Empacadora del Pacifico S.A.

² See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Expedited Review of the Countervailing Duty Order of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador," dated July 21, 2026.

³ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited Review of the Countervailing Duty Order of Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Ecuador," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

(Edpacific), Nirsa S.A. (Nirsa)/Procesadora Posorja S.A. (Proposorja), and Productos Perecibles y Mariscos S.A. (Propemar). For discussion of these changes, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(l). For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, we find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific. For a full description of the methodology underlying all of Commerce's conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on facts otherwise available, pursuant to sections 776(a) of the Act, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of Review

Commerce determines that the following net countervailable subsidy rates exist for the following producers/exporters for which this expedited review is being conducted for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Producer and/or Exporter	Subsidy Rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Empacadora del Pacifico S.A.	15.17
Nirsa S.A. /Procesadora Posorja S.A.	2.21
Productos Perecibles y Mariscos S.A.	2.25

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection with these final results of review to interested parties within five days after public announcement of the final results or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the *Federal Register*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 19 CFR 351.214(l)(3)(ii), the final results of this expedited review will not be the basis for the assessment of countervailing duties. Upon the issuance of these final results, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties for the companies subject to this expedited review, at the rates shown above, on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this expedited review. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

The final results are issued and published in accordance with sections 777(i)(1), 777A(e), and 782 of the Act, section 103(a)(2) of the URAA, and 19 CFR 351.214(l).

Dated: July 31, 2026.

/S/ Christopher Abbott

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performing the non-exclusive functions and duties
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Appendix

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