

FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China

- On March 1, the Department of Commerce (Department) announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation on imports of sodium hexametaphosphate (SHMP) from the People's Republic of China.
- ICL Performance Products, LP, (MO), and Innophos, Inc., (NJ), are the petitioners for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes both technical and food grade SHMP with a P₂O₅ content from 60 to 71 percent, which is a chemical added to water to increase the solubility of certain ions and to deter the precipitation of certain chemicals. Technical grade SHMP uses include water treatment, personal care products, and dental products. Food grade SHMP is used to enhance flavor and improve shelf life. The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP without regard to physical form, whether glass, sheet, crushed, granule, powder, fines, or other form. However, the product covered by this investigation does not include SHMP when imported in a blend with other materials in which the SHMP accounts for less than 50 percent by volume of the finished product.
- SHMP is classifiable under subheading 2835.39.5000 and may also be imported as a blend or mixture under heading 3823.90.3900 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). SHMP is classified as CAS registry number 68915-31-1, but is also commonly identified by CAS No. 10124-56-8 in the market.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about March 26, 2007.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation will continue, and the Department will be scheduled to make its preliminary determination in July 2007.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
China	76.69% – 103.62%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	February 8, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	February 28, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 26, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination*	July 18, 2007
DOC Final Determination*	October 1, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	November 14, 2007
Issuance of Order***	November 21, 2007

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute, and will take place only in the event of a preliminary affirmative determination by the ITC.

** This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination from the Department of Commerce.

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Import Statistics:

China	2003	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	14,410,822	19,115,048	22,187,199	20,649,350
Value (\$US)	\$6,645,488	\$10,302,645	\$15,071,556	\$13,824,136

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb