



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China

- On September 7, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of Sodium Hexametaphosphate (SHMP) from the People's Republic of China.
- Commerce determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold SHMP in the United States at 183.15 percent less than fair value.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise and to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rate.
- 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.
- In 2006, imports of SHMP from China totaled 20,649,350 kg, and were valued at an estimated \$13.8 million.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to issue its final determination in this investigation by November 2007.
- If Commerce makes a final determination that imports were sold below fair value in this investigation, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes a final affirmative determination that imports from China materially injure, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order and instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits on imports of subject merchandise.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER	DUMPING MARGIN
Hubei Xingfa Chemicals Group Co., Ltd. (Hubei Xingfa)	183.15%
Mianyang Aostar Phosphorous Chemical Industry Co., Ltd (Mianyan Aostar)	183.15%
China-Wide Rates	183.15%

SECTION A RESPONDENTS	
Jiangyin Chengxing International Trading Co., Ltd. (Chengxing)	183.15%
Sichuan Mianzhu Norwest Phosphate Chemical Co. Ltd. (Norwest)	183.15%
Yibin Tianyuan Group Co., Ltd. (Tianyuan Group)	183.15%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	February 8, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	February 28, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 26, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination	September 6, 2007
DOC Final Determination*	November 20, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	January 4, 2008
Issuance of Order***	January 11, 2008

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

** 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	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kgs)	11,050,630	15,090,603	19,856,681
Value (\$US)	\$17,562,221	\$27,647,842	\$39,722,183

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission Dataweb for HTSUS subheading 6305.33.0020, which is a basket category.