



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Australia and the People's Republic of China

- On March 20, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations on imports of electrolytic manganese dioxide (EMD) from Australia and the People's Republic of China (China). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Australian and Chinese producers/exporters have sold EMD in the United States at 120.59 percent and 236.81 percent less than fair value, respectively. As a result of these preliminary determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rates.
- The preliminary margin for Delta EMD Australia Pty Ltd., in the Australia investigation is based on total adverse facts available because this respondent failed to fully cooperate.
- Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for Delta EMD Australia Pty Ltd., but do not exist for any other producers/exporters of EMD from Australia. Commerce will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances when it makes its final dumping determination.
- Tronox LLC (OK) is the petitioner for these investigations. Tronox LLC has an EMD plant in Nevada.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes EMD that has been manufactured in an electrolysis process, whether in powder, chip, or plate form. Excluded from the scope are natural manganese dioxide and chemical manganese dioxide.
- EMD is classifiable under subheadings 2820.10.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- From 2006 to 2007, imports of EMD from Australia increased 19 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$21.7 million in 2007. Imports from China decreased 40 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$9.5 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in the Australia investigation in June 2008 and in the China investigation in August 2008.
- If Commerce makes final affirmative determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes final determinations that imports of EMD from Australia and China

materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping orders.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER		MARGIN
AUSTRALIA	Delta EMD Australia Pty Ltd		120.59%
	All Others		120.59%
	EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
CHINA	Guizhou Redstar Developing Import and Export Co., Ltd.	Guizhou Redstar Developing Dalong Manganese Industrial Co., Ltd.	236.81%
	China-Wide Entity*		236.81%

*The China-Wide Entity includes Xiangtan Electrochemical Scientific, Ltd. (the mandatory respondent that did not participate in this investigation.)

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AUSTRALIA	CHINA
Petitions Filed	August 22, 2007	
DOC Initiation Date	September 11, 2007	
ITC Preliminary Determination	October 9, 2007	
DOC Preliminary Determinations	March 19, 2008	
DOC Final Determinations	June 2, 2008	August 8, 2008
ITC Final Determination*	July 17, 2008	September 22, 2008
Issuance of Orders**	July 24, 2008	September 29, 2008

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

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Import Statistics:

AUSTRALIA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (MT)	15,871	13,675	16,307
Value (\$US)	20,999,857	19,314,204	21,685,916
CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (MT)	10,344	15,061	9,045
Value (\$US)	10,907,162	15,967,124	9,522,626

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 2820.10.00.00)