



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Sodium Metal from France

- On November 14, Commerce announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation on imports of sodium metal from France. Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- The petitioner for this investigation is E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. (DE).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes sodium metal (Na), in any form, at any purity level. Sodium metal is a silver-white chemical element that is soft and malleable, with a low melting point. It is most frequently used as an intermediate product in the manufacture of chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and metals, and in refining metal.
- Sodium metal is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2805.11.0000. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- From 2005 to 2006, imports of sodium metal from France increased 77 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$6.9 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about December 7.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determination by April 2008.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
France	66.08 – 109.79 %

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	October 23, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	November 13, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 7, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination*	April 1, 2008
DOC Final Determination*	June 16, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	July 31, 2008
Issuance of Order***	August 7, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

France	2004	2005	2006
Volume (Kg)	4,843,991	6,972,827	12,339,312
Value (\$US)	\$2,292,230	\$3,895,920	\$6,857,845

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb