



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Sodium Metal from France

- On October 14, the Department of Commerce announced its affirmative final determination in the 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 normal value.
- Commerce determined that exporters/producers from France, including MSSA S.A.S., the sole mandatory respondent, have sold sodium metal in the United States at 66.64 percent less than normal value.
- As a result of this final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rate.
- 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 conclusive.
- From 2005 to 2007, imports of sodium metal from France increased 56 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$11.1 million in 2007.

### NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or before November 24.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative determination that imports of sodium metal from France materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping order. If the ITC makes a negative injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

**Final Dumping Margins:**

<b>EXPORTER/PRODUCER</b>	<b>MARGIN</b>
<b>MSSA S.A.S.</b>	<b>66.64%</b>
<b>All Others</b>	<b>66.64%</b>

**Case Calendar:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Petition Filed</b>	<b>October 23, 2007</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>November 13, 2007</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>December 7, 2007</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>May 21, 2008</b>
<b>DOC Final Determination</b>	<b>October 10, 2008</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination</b>	<b>November 24, 2008</b>
<b>Issuance of Order*</b>	<b>December 1, 2008</b>

\* This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by both the Department and the ITC.

**Import Statistics:**

<b>France</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Value (\$US)</b>	<b>\$6,972,827</b>	<b>\$12,339,312</b>	<b>\$11,140,335</b>
<b>Volume (Kg)</b>	<b>3,895,920</b>	<b>6,857,845</b>	<b>6,071,209</b>

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb