



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Sodium Nitrite from Germany and the People's Republic of China

- On April 17, the Department of Commerce announced affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of imports of sodium nitrite from Germany and the People's Republic of China (China).
- Commerce preliminarily determined that producers/exporters from China and Germany have sold sodium nitrite in the United States at 190.74 percent, and 150.82 to 237.00 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 these preliminary rates.
- The preliminary rates for the mandatory respondents in both investigations are based on adverse facts available because these respondents did not respond to Commerce's requests for information.
- The petitioner for these investigations is General Chemical LLC (NJ).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is sodium nitrite at any purity level that may or may not contain an anti-caking agent. Examples of names commonly used to reference sodium nitrite are nitrous acid, sodium salt, anti-rust, diazotizing salts, erinitrit, and filmerine. In addition to various industrial uses, sodium nitrite can be used as a diesel fuel additive, a "volatile corrosion inhibitor," in the manufacture of dyes and synthetic rubbers, in wastewater treatment, and in the curing of meats.
- Sodium nitrite is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2834.10.1000. While this 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 sodium nitrite from China increased 55.7 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$380,000 in 2007. Imports from Germany increased 15.2 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$2 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determinations in June 2008.
- If Commerce makes a final affirmative determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes a final determination that imports of sodium nitrite from China and Germany materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping duty orders.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGINS
CHINA	Qingdao Hengyuan Chemical Co., Ltd.	190.74%
	Hualong Ammonium Nitrate Company Ltd.	190.74%
	China-Wide Entity	190.74%
GERMANY	BASF AG	237.00%
	All Others	150.82%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	November 8, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	November 28, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 26, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations	April 16, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	June 30, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	August 14, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	August 21, 2008

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kg)	235,452	473,542	737,494
Value (\$US)	\$81,624	\$171,299	\$380,061
GERMANY	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kg)	3,500,393	4,615,498	5,317,696
Value (\$US)	\$1,183,546	\$1,400,384	\$2,021,417

Source: ITC DataWeb (which uses data issued by the U.S. Bureau of the Census).