



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Subsidization of Sodium Nitrite from the People's Republic of China

- On April 8, the Department of Commerce announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation on imports of sodium nitrite from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have received net countervailable subsidies of 93.56 percent. As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- The preliminary rate for Shanxi Hongxing Chemical Co., Ltd. and Tianjin Soda Plant, together with its subsidiary company Tianjin Port Free Trade Zone Pan Bohai International Trading Co., Ltd., is based on adverse facts available because these respondents failed to fully cooperate.
- The petitioner for this investigation is General Chemical LLC (NJ).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation 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 this investigation is dispositive.
- From 2006 to 2007, imports of sodium nitrite from China increased 55.7 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$380,061 in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination 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 materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue a countervailing duty order.

Preliminary Countervailable Subsidy Rates:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	SUBSIDY RATE
Shanxi Jiaocheng Hongxing Chemical Co., Ltd.	93.56%
Tianjin Soda Plant & Tianjin Port Free Trade Zone Pan Bohai International Trading Co., Ltd. (Subsidiary)	93.56%
All Others	93.56%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	November 8, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	November 28, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 24, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination	April 7, 2008
DOC Final Determination*	June 20, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	August 4, 2008
Issuance of Order***	August 11, 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

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