



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China

- On January 29, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of Sodium Hexametaphosphate (SHMP) from the People's Republic of China.
- Commerce determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold SHMP in the United States at 92.02 to 188.05 percent less than fair value. As a result of this determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rates.
- The final rates for Hubei Xingfa Chemicals Group Co., Ltd. (Hubei Xingfa) and Mianyang Aostar Phosphorous Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (Mianyang Aostar), are based on total adverse facts available because these respondents failed to fully cooperate.
- ICL Performance Products, LP, (MO), and Innophos, Inc., (NJ) are the petitioners in this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes both technical and food grade SHMP with a P₂O₅ content from 60 to 71 percent, which is a chemical added to water to increase the solubility of certain ions and to deter the precipitation of certain chemicals. Technical grade SHMP uses include water treatment, personal care products, and dental products. Food grade SHMP is used to enhance flavor and improve shelf life. The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP without regard to physical form, whether glass, sheet, crushed, granule, powder, fines, or other form, and whether or not in solution. However, the product covered by this investigation does not include SHMP when imported in a blend with other materials in which the SHMP accounts for less than 50 percent by volume of the finished product.
- SHMP is classifiable under subheading 2835.39.5000 and may also be imported as a blend or mixture under heading 3824.90.3900 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). SHMP is classified as CAS registry number 68915-31-1, but is also commonly identified by CAS No. 10124-56-8 in the market.
- In 2006, imports of SHMP from China totaled 20,649,350 kg, and were valued at an estimated \$13.8 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to issue its final injury determination on or about March 13, 2008.

- If the ITC makes a final affirmative determination that imports from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order and instruct CBP to collect cash deposits on imports of subject merchandise.

Final Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER	DUMPING MARGIN
Hubei Xingfa Chemicals Group Co., Ltd. (Hubei Xingfa)	188.05%
Mianyang Aostar Phosphorous Chemical Industry Co., Ltd (Mianyang Aostar)	188.05%
China-Wide Rate	188.05%

SEPARATE RATE RESPONDENTS	
Jiangyin Chengxing International Trading Co., Ltd. (Chengxing)	92.02%
Sichuan Mianzhu Norwest Phosphate Chemical Co. Ltd. (Norwest)	92.02%
Yibin Tianyuan Group Co., Ltd. (Tianyuan Group)	188.05%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	February 8, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	February 28, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 26, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination	September 6, 2007
DOC Final Determination	January 28, 2008
ITC Final Determination	March 13, 2008
Issuance of Order*	March 20, 2008

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

Import Statistics:

China	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kgs)	19,115,048	22,187,199	20,649,350
Value (\$US)	10,302,645	15,071,556	13,824,136

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission Dataweb for HTSUS subheading 2835.39.50.