



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Sodium Metal from France

- On May 22, the Department of Commerce announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of imports of sodium metal from France. Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that producers/exporters from France have sold sodium metal in the United States at 62.62 percent less than fair value.
- 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 this preliminary 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

- Commerce is scheduled to issue its final determination in this investigation in October 2008.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports from France materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
MSSA S.A.S.	62.62%
All Others	62.62%

Case Calendar:

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

* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by the Department of Commerce.

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Import Statistics:

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

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb