



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping (AD) and Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations of Sodium Nitrite from Germany (AD) and the People's Republic of China (AD/CVD)

- On November 29, the Department of Commerce announced its decisions to initiate antidumping duty investigations on imports of sodium nitrite from Germany and the People's Republic of China (China), as well as a countervailing duty investigation on imports of sodium nitrite from China.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- 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 2005 to 2006, imports of sodium nitrite from China increased 101 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$170,000 in 2006. Imports from Germany increased 32 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$1.4 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about December 24.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination in February 2008 and its preliminary AD determinations in April 2008.

Estimated Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
China	131.72% to 190.74%
Germany	65.58% to 237%

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
China	Above <i>de minimis</i>

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries; less than 2% for developing countries.

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	November 8, 2007	November 8, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	November 28, 2007	November 28, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 24, 2007	December 24, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	April 16, 2008	February 1, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	June 30, 2008	April 16, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	August 14, 2008	May 30, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	August 21, 2008	June 6, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	121,000	235,452	473,542
Value (\$US)	\$41,795	\$81,624	\$171,299
GERMANY	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	2,331,354	3,500,393	4,615,498
Value (\$US)	\$762,527	\$1,183,546	\$1,400,384

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