



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of 1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from India and the People's Republic of China

- On April 9, the Department of Commerce announced its decisions to initiate antidumping duty investigations of imports of 1-hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-diphosphonic acid (HEDP) from India and the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- The petitioner for these investigations is Compass Chemical International LLC (GA).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes all grades of aqueous, acidic (non-neutralized) concentrations of HEDP. HEDP is used in water treatment, detergents and cleaners, peroxide bleach stabilization, and personal care products.
- HEDP is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2931.00.9043. 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 2007, imports of HEDP from China increased 315 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$143 million in 2007. Imports from India increased 109 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$6 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about May 5.
- 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 determinations in August 2008.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
China	72.42%
India	42.74%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	March 19, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	April 8, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 5, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	August 26, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	November 10, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	December 24, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	December 31, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kg)	11,683,877	22,618,387	48,480,733
Value (\$US)	\$26,878,177	\$62,501,586	\$143,086,372
INDIA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kg)	126,725	173,475	264,480
Value (\$US)	\$143,574	\$270,719	\$6,172,999

Source: ITC DataWeb (which uses data issued by the U.S. Bureau of the Census) subheading 2931.00.9043 which is a basket category.