



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from the People's Republic of China

- On August 15, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of small diameter graphite electrodes (graphite electrodes) from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold graphite electrodes in the United States at 132.80 to 159.34 percent less than normal 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 the preliminary rates.
- Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for the Fangda Group and the separate rate companies, but do not exist for Fushun Jinly Petrochemical Carbon Co., Ltd., or the China-wide entity. Commerce will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances when it makes its final dumping determination.
- The petitioners for this investigation are SGL Carbon LLC (NC) and Superior Graphite Co. (IL).
- The scope of this investigation includes all small diameter graphite electrodes of any length, whether or not finished, of a kind used in furnaces, with a nominal or actual diameter of 400 millimeters (16 inches) or less, and whether or not attached to a graphite pin joining system or any other type of joining system or hardware. Graphite electrodes are most commonly used in primary melting, ladle metallurgy, and specialty furnace applications in industries including foundries, smelters, and steel refining operations.
- Small diameter graphite electrodes are classifiable under subheading 8545.11.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is final and conclusive.
- From 2005 to 2007, imports of graphite electrodes from China increased 81 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$45 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in December 2008.
- If Commerce makes a final affirmative determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes a final determination that imports of graphite electrodes from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping order.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER		MARGIN
Fushun Jinly Petrochemical Co., Inc.	Fushun Jinly Petrochemical Co., Ltd.	132.80
Fushun Carbon Co., Ltd.*	Fushun Carbon Co., Ltd.	147.80
Fangda Carbon New Material Co., Ltd.*	Fangda Carbon New Material Co., Ltd.	147.80
Beijing Fangda Carbon Tech Co., Ltd.*	Chengdu Rongguang Carbon Co., Ltd.; Fangda Carbon New Material Co., Ltd.; or Fushun Carbon Co., Ltd.	147.80
Chengdu Rongguang Carbon Co., Ltd.*	Chengdu Rongguang Carbon Co., Ltd.	147.80
China-Wide Rate		159.34
Separate Rate Respondents (See Attached)		140.30

*Collectively, The Fangda Group

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	January 17, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	February 6, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 3, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	August 14, 2008
DOC Final Determination	December 29, 2008
ITC Final Determination*	February 12, 2009
Issuance of Order**	February 19, 2009

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

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Import Statistics:

	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kg)	14,660,311	16,624,544	26,488,991
Value (\$US)	23,032,897	27,940,992	44,647,802

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 8545.11.0000)

SEPARATE RATES

EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
Jilin Carbon Import and Export Co.	Sinosteel Jilin Carbon Co., Ltd.	140.30
Guangham Shida Carbon Co., Ltd.	Guangham Shida Carbon Co., Ltd.	140.30
Xinghe County Muzi Carbon Co. Ltd.	Xinghe County Muzi Carbon Co., Ltd.	140.30
Brilliant Charter Limited	Nantong Falter New Energy Co., Ltd.; or Shanxi Jinneng Group Co., Ltd.	140.30
Nantong River-East Carbon Joint Stock Co., Ltd.	Nantong River-East Carbon Co., Ltd.; or Nantong Yangzi Carbon Co., Ltd.	140.30
Shijiazhuang Huanan Carbon Factory	Shijiazhuang Huanan Carbon Factory	140.30
Shenyang Jinli Metals & Minerals Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.	Shenyang Jinli Metals & Minerals Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.	140.30
Shanghai Jinneng International Trade Co., Ltd.	Shanxi Jinneng Group Datong Energy Development Co., Ltd.	140.30
Dalian Thrive Metallurgy Import and Export Co., Ltd.	Linghai Hongfeng Carbon Products Co., Ltd.; Tianzhen Jintian Graphite Electrodes Co., Ltd.; Jiaozuo Zhongzhou Carbon Products Co., Ltd.; Heilongjiang Xinyuan Carbon Products Co., Ltd.; Xuzhou Jianglong Carbon Manufacture Co., Ltd.; or Xinghe Xinyuan Carbon Products Co., Ltd.	140.30
GES (China) Co., Ltd.	Shanghai GC Co., Ltd.; Fushun Jinli Petrochemical Carbon Co., Ltd.; Xinghe County Muzi Carbon Plant and Linyi County Lubei Carbon Co., Ltd. Shandong Province	140.30
Qingdao Haosheng Metals & Minerals Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.	Sinosteel Jilin Carbon Co., Ltd.	140.30