



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Xanthan Gum from Austria and the People's Republic of China

- On June 26, 2012, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of Xanthan Gum from Austria and the People's Republic of China (China).
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- The petitioner for these investigations is CP Kelco U.S., Inc. (GA).
- The products covered by these investigations are dry xanthan gum, whether or not coated or blended with other products. Further, xanthan gum is included in these investigations regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, solutions, slurries, dry powders of any particle size, or unground fiber. Xanthan gum that has been blended with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of xanthan gum by dry weight. Other products with which xanthan gum may be blended include, but are not limited to, sugars, minerals, and salts.
- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under HTSUS category 3913.90.2000.
- In 2011, imports of xanthan gum from Austria and China were valued at an estimated \$25 million and \$64 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or before July 20, 2012.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Austria and/or China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in November 2012, unless the determinations are extended.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
Austria	145.20%
China	154.07%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	June 5, 2012
DOC Initiation Date	June 25, 2012
ITC Preliminary Determination*	July 20, 2012
DOC Preliminary Determinations†	November 13, 2012
DOC Final Determinations†	January 28, 2013
ITC Final Determination**	March 12, 2013
Issuance of Orders***	March 19, 2013

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by the statute. For AD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigations are terminated.

† Where the deadline falls on a weekend/holiday, the appropriate date is the next business day.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

Austria	2009	2010	2011
Volume (metric tons)	3,400	4,300	4,200
Value (US\$)	19,302,000	24,750,000	25,207,000

China	2009	2010	2011
Volume (metric tons)	8,200	14,700	15,400
Value (US\$)	34,591,000	60,538,000	64,019,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 3913.90.2000). This HTS subheading is a basket category and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.