



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Subsidization of Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts from the People's Republic of China

- On March 2, 2010, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its preliminary determination in the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on imports of certain potassium phosphate salts from the People's Republic of China (China).
- For the purposes of CVD investigations, subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that all Chinese producers/exporters have received net countervailable subsidies of 109.11 percent.
- The subsidy rates for mandatory respondents, Lianyungang Mupro Import Export Co, Ltd. (Mupro), Mianyang Aostar Phosphate Chemicals Industry Co., Ltd. (Aostar), and Shifang Anda Chemicals Co., Ltd. (Anda) are based on adverse facts available because they failed to fully cooperate.
- 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 these preliminary rates.
- The petitioners for this investigation are ICL Performance Products LP (MO) and Prayon, Inc. (GA).
- The products covered by this investigation are used in industrial and institutional cleaning products, fertilizers, and food additives, among other uses.
- The products covered by this investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under, but not limited to, the following categories: 2835.24.0000 and 2835.39.1000. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of this investigation.
- From 2006 to 2008, imports of certain potassium phosphate salts from China increased 228 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$16.4 million in 2008.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in May 2010.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes an affirmative final determination, that imports of certain potassium phosphate salts from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue a CVD order.

Preliminary Subsidy Rates:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	SUBSIDY RATE
Lianyungang Mupro Import Export Co, Ltd	109.11%
Mianyang Aostar Phosphate Chemicals Industry Co., Ltd	109.11%
Shifang Anda Chemicals Co., Ltd.	109.11%
All Others	109.11%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	September 24, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	October 14, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 9, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determinations	March 1, 2010
DOC Final Determinations*	May 17, 2010
ITC Final Determination**	July 1, 2010
Issuance of Orders***	July 8, 2010

*These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (1,000 lbs.)	8,298	8,647	18,953
Value (USD)	\$2,958,000	\$3,094,000	\$16,365,000

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") Dataweb available at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov>.