



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Magnesia Carbon Brick from the People's Republic of China and Mexico

- On March 4, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations on imports of magnesia carbon brick from the People's Republic of China (China) and Mexico.
- For the purposes of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese and Mexican producers/exporters have sold magnesia carbon brick in the United States between 132.74 and 349.00 percent, and 54.73 percent less than normal value, respectively.
- Chinese mandatory respondents, Dalian Mayerton Refractories Co., Ltd. & Liaoning Mayerton Refractories Co., Ltd. (collectively, "Mayerton") and RHI Refractories Liaoning Co., Ltd. ("RHI"), received preliminary dumping rates of 132.74 and 304.67 percent, respectively. In this investigation, 12 companies have qualified for a separate rate of 218.71 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters will receive a preliminary China-wide dumping rate of 349.00 percent.
- Mexican mandatory respondent, RHI-Refmex S.A. de C.V., received a preliminary dumping rate of 54.73 percent. All other Mexican producers/exporters will receive a preliminary dumping rate of 54.73 percent.
- As a result of these preliminary determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioner for these investigations is Resco Products, Inc. (PA).
- Magnesia carbon bricks are a type of refractory brick used in furnaces primarily for the production of iron and steel. The merchandise subject to these investigations consist of chemically bonded (resin or pitch) magnesia carbon bricks with a magnesia component of at least 70 percent magnesia by weight, and with carbon levels ranging from trace amounts to 30 percent by weight.
- The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the categories: 6902.10.10.00, 6902.10.50.00, 6815.91.00.00, and 6815.99. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of these investigations.

- From 2006 to 2008, imports of certain magnesia carbon bricks from China increased 3.78 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$50.8 million in 2008. From 2006 to 2008, imports of certain magnesia carbon bricks from Mexico increased 7.66 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$7.7 million in 2008.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to issue its final determinations in July 2010. The final determinations have been extended.
- If Commerce makes affirmative final determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes affirmative final determinations, that imports of magnesia carbon brick from China and/or Mexico materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping duty orders.

PRELIM DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	PRODUCER/EXPORTER	DUMPING RATE
China	Mayerton	132.74%
	RHI	304.67%
	Separate Rate Respondents	
	Dashiqiao City Guancheng Refractor Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Fengchi Imp. And Exp. Co., Ltd. Of Haicheng City	218.71%
	Jiangsu Sujia Group New Materials Co. Ltd.	218.71%
	Liaoning Fucheng Refractories Group Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Liaoning Fucheng Special Refractory Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Liaoning Jiayi Metals & Minerals Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Yingkou Bayuquan Refractories Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Yingkou Dalmond Refractories Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Yingkou Guangyang Co., Ltd.	218.71%
	Yingkou Kyushu Refractories Co, Ltd.	218.71%
	Yingkou New Century Refractories Ltd.	218.71%
	Yingkou Wonjin Refractory Material Co., Ltd.	218.71%
		China Wide
Mexico	RHI-Refmex S.A. de C.V.	54.73%
	All Others	54.73%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	July 29, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	August 18, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	September 14, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determination	March 4, 2010
DOC Final Determination*	July 21, 2010 (est.)
ITC Final Determination**	September 7, 2010 (est.)
Issuance of Order***	September 14, 2010 (est.)

* This deadline has been extended under the governing statute.

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

MEXICO	2006	2007	2008
Volume (tons)	9,204	6,894	9,909
Value (USD)	7,361,608	5,625,853	7,712,262
CHINA			
CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (tons)	65,418	64,701	67,882
Value (USD)	38,034,440	39,740,629	50,784,069

*Source: United States International Trade Commission's (ITC) Dataweb import statistics.

*The merchandise subject to the investigations is most closely classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) statistical categories 6902.10.10.00 and 6902.10.50.00. Petitioner stated that subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 6815.91.00.00 and 6815.99. Import data under these subheadings and statistical categories were not used to report volume and value of subject merchandise because only a very small portion of imports is entered under these categories.