



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from the People's Republic of China and Canada

- On November 13, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of citric acid and certain citrate salts from the People's Republic of China (China) and Canada. Citric acid and citrate salts are used in various food and beverage products including carbonated and non-carbonated drinks, and frozen foods, as well as laundry detergents and household cleaning products.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese and Canadian producers/exporters have sold citric acid and citrate salts in the United States at 119.41 to 156.87 percent, and 20.88 percent below normal value, respectively.
- In the China investigation, mandatory respondents TTCA Co., Ltd. (a.k.a. Shandong TTCA Biochemistry Co., Ltd.) and Yixing Union Biochemical Co., Ltd., received preliminary dumping rates of 150.09 and 119.41 percent, respectively. Eleven Chinese exporters qualified for a separate rate of 134.75 percent. All other exporters will receive the China-wide rate of 156.87 percent.
- In the Canada investigation, mandatory respondent Jungbunzlauer Technology GMBH & Co KG, received a preliminary dumping rate of 20.88 percent. All other Canadian exporters will receive a rate of 20.88 percent.
- As a result of these preliminary determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Archer Daniels Midland Company (IL); Cargill, Incorporated (MN); and Tate & Lyle Americas, Inc. (IL).
- The scope of these investigations includes all grades and granulation sizes of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate in their unblended forms, whether dry or in solution, and regardless of packaging type. The scope also includes blends of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate; as well as blends with other ingredients, such as sugar, where the unblended form(s) of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate constitute 40 percent or more, by weight, of the blend. Also included are all forms of crude calcium citrate, including dicalcium citrate monohydrate, and tricalcium citrate tetrahydrate, which are intermediate products in the production of citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate. The scope does not include calcium citrate that satisfies the standards set forth in the United States Pharmacopeia and has been mixed with a functional excipient, such as dextrose or starch, where the excipient constitutes at least 2 percent, by weight, of the product. The scope includes the hydrous and anhydrous forms of citric acid, the dihydrate and anhydrous forms of sodium citrate, otherwise known as citric acid sodium salt, and the monohydrate and monopotassium forms of potassium citrate. Sodium citrate also includes both trisodium citrate and monosodium citrate, which are also known as citric acid trisodium salt and citric acid monosodium salt, respectively.

- Citric acid and sodium citrate are classifiable under 2918.14.0000 and 2918.15.1000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), respectively. Potassium citrate and crude calcium citrate are classifiable under HTSUS 2918.15.5000 and 3824.90.9290, respectively. Blends that include citric acid, sodium citrate, and potassium citrate are classifiable under HTSUS 3824.90.9290. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the merchandise is conclusive.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determinations in April 2009.
- If Commerce makes affirmative final determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes an affirmative final determination that imports of citric acid and citrate salts from China and/or Canada materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping orders.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
CANADA	Jungbunzlauer Technology GMBH & Co KG	20.88%
	All-Others Rate	20.88%
	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
CHINA	TTCA Co., Ltd., (a.k.a. Shandong TTCA Biochemistry Co., Ltd.)	150.09%
	Yixing Union Biochemical Co., Ltd.	119.41%
	Separate Rate Respondents (See Attachment)	134.75%
	China-Wide Entity	156.87%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	April 14, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	May 5, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 29, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	November 12, 2008
DOC Final Determination	April 3, 2009
ITC Final Determination*	May 18, 2009
Issuance of Orders**	May 26, 2009

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CANADA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (lbs)	97,421,000	119,803,000	120,319,000
Value (\$US)	42,003,616	45,934,002	48,267,941
CHINA			
CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (lbs)	128,559,640	158,908,054	180,109,954
Value (\$US)	46,404,525	52,659,196	63,477,929

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 2918.14.0000, 2918.15.1000 and 2918.15.5000). For Canada, quantity figures from United Nations COMTRADE Database.

SEPARATE RATE RESPONDENTS (CHINA)

EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
Anhui BBCA Biochemical Co., Ltd.	Anhui BBCA Biochemical Co., Ltd.	134.75%
	China BBCA Maanshan Biochemical Corp.	
A.H.A. International Co., Ltd.	Yixing Union Biochemical Co., Ltd.	134.75%
	Nantong Feiyu Fine Chemical Co., Ltd.	
High Hope International Group Jiangsu Native Produce IMP & EXP Co., Ltd.	Yixing Union Biochemical Co., Ltd.	134.75%
Huangshi Xinghua Biochemical Co., Ltd.	Huangshi Xinghua Biochemical Co., Ltd.	134.75%
Lianyungang JF International Trade Co., Ltd	TTCA Co., Ltd., (a.k.a. Shandong TTCA Biochemistry Co., Ltd.)	134.75%
Laiwu Taihe Biochemistry Co., Ltd.	Laiwu Taihe Biochemistry Co., Ltd.	134.75%
Lianyungang Shuren Scientific Creation Import & Export Co., Ltd.	Lianyungang Great Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.	134.75%
Penglai Marine Bio-Tech Co. Ltd.	Penglai Marine Bio-Tech Co. Ltd.	134.75%
RZBC Group	RZBC Co., Ltd.	134.75%
	RZBC (Juxian) Co., Ltd.	
	Lianyungang Great Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.	
Shihezi City Changyun Biochemical Co., Ltd.	Shihezi City Changyun Biochemical Co., Ltd.	134.75%
Weifang Ensign Industry Co., Ltd.	Weifang Ensign Industry Co., Ltd.	134.75%

* The RZBC Group consists of RZBC Imp & Exp. Co., Ltd., RZBC Co., Ltd., RZBC (Juxian) Co., Ltd.