

FACT SHEET

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation on Imports of Liquid Sulfur Dioxide from Canada

On November 10, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation on imports of liquid sulfur dioxide from Canada.

Next Steps: The International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about December 9. If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Canada are injuring or threatening material injury to the domestic industry, the investigation will continue and the Department will make its preliminary antidumping duty determination in March 2006. If the ITC makes a negative preliminary injury determination, the investigation will be terminated.

Petitioners: The petition requesting this investigation was filed by Calabrian Corporation of Texas.

Product Description: The merchandise covered by this investigation is technical or commercial grade and refrigeration grade liquid sulfur dioxide of a minimum 99.98 percent assay. Sulfur dioxide is identified by the chemical formula SO_2 . The CAS No. for sulfur dioxide is 7446-09-5. Liquid sulfur dioxide is pure sulfur dioxide gas compressed through refrigeration and stored under pressure. Sulfur dioxide in its gaseous state is excluded from the petition.

Liquid sulfur dioxide subject to this investigation is currently classifiable under subheading 2811.23.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Initiated Dumping Margin:

COUNTRY	ALLEGED MARGINS*
Canada	141.14 - 219.99 %

*as recalculated by the Department

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	September 30, 2005
DOC Initiation Date	November 9, 2005
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 9, 2005
DOC Preliminary Determination*	March 29, 2006
DOC Final Determination*	June 12, 2006
ITC Final Determination**	July 27, 2006
Issuance of Order***	August 3, 2006

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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Import Statistics:

Canada	2002	2003	2004
Volume (kg)	47,863,204	45,794,806	42,657,378
Value (\$US)	\$8,228,351	\$7,631,789	\$6,686,213

Source: USITC Dataweb