



FACT SHEET

Commerce Suspends Antidumping Duty Investigations on Imports of Lemon Juice from Mexico and Argentina

- On September 10, the Department of Commerce announced it had reached Agreements to suspend the antidumping duty investigations on imports of lemon juice from Mexico and Argentina.
- The signatory companies are The Coca-Cola Company and The Coca-Cola Export Corporation, Mexico Branch, from Mexico, and S.A. San Miguel A.G.I.C. y F. and Citrusvil, S.A. from Argentina.
- The petitioner for these investigations is Sunkist Growers, Inc. (CA).
- These Agreements will allow the signatory producers to make sales in the U.S. market at or above a minimum selling price, or normal value, calculated by Commerce based on the respondents' reported costs and selling expenses.
- The merchandise subject to these agreements includes certain lemon juice for further manufacture, with or without addition of preservatives, sugar, or other sweeteners, regardless of the grams per liter of citric acid (GPL) level of concentration, brix level, brix/acid ratio, pulp content, clarity, grade, horticulture method (e.g., organic or not), processed form (e.g., frozen or not-from-concentrate), FDA standard of identity, the size of the container in which packed, or the method of packing.
- Products not subject to these Agreements are: (1) lemon juice at any level of concentration packed in retail sized containers ready for sale to consumers, typically at a level of concentration of 48 GPL; and (2) beverage products such as lemonade that typically contain 20% or less lemon juice as an ingredient.
- Lemon juice is classifiable under subheadings 2009.39.6020, 2009.31.6020, 2009.31.4000, 2009.31.6040, and 2009.39.6040 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the merchandise subject to these Agreements is dispositive.

NEXT STEPS

- For signatories who have fully participated in the investigation, interim minimum selling prices, or normal values, will be finalized within two weeks, allowing for interested party comment.
- Following the interim periods outlined in the Agreements, Commerce will issue updated normal values every 12 months based on the signatories' reported costs and selling expenses.
- Information submitted by signatories is subject to verification by Commerce. Verifications will likely take place in the first quarter of 2008.