



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Monosodium Glutamate from the People's Republic of China and Indonesia

- On September 23, 2014, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of monosodium glutamate (MSG) from the People's Republic of China (China) and Indonesia.
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent and internationally accepted mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by injurious dumping of imports into the United States, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- Commerce determined that imports of MSG from China and Indonesia have been sold in the United States at dumping margins ranging from 8.30 to 8.32 percent and at 6.19 percent, respectively.
- In the China investigation, mandatory respondents Langfang Meihua Bio-Technology Co., Ltd., Tongliao Meihua Biological Sci-Tech Co., Ltd., Meihua Group International Trading (Hong Kong) Limited, and Meihua Holdings Group Co., Ltd., Bazhou Branch (collectively, the Meihua Group), received a final dumping margin of 8.30 percent. Shandong Linghua Monosodium Glutamate Incorporated Company received a final dumping margin of 8.32 percent based on adverse facts available because it failed to respond to Commerce's questionnaire. All other producers/exporters in China were deemed to be part of the China-wide entity and received a final dumping margin of 8.32 percent.
- In the Indonesia investigation, mandatory respondent PT. Cheil Jedang Indonesia, as well as all other producers/exporters in Indonesia, received a final dumping margin of 6.19 percent.
- As a result of the final affirmative determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits equal to the applicable weighted-average dumping margins.
- The petitioner for these investigations is Ajinomoto North America Inc. (IL).
- The scope of these investigations covers monosodium glutamate (MSG), whether or not blended or in solution with other products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of MSG by dry weight. Products with which MSG may be blended include, but are not limited to, salts, sugars, starches, maltodextrins, and various seasonings. Further, MSG is included in this investigation regardless of physical form (including, but not limited to, in monohydrate or anhydrous form, or as substrates, solutions, dry powders of any particle size, or unfinished forms such as MSG slurry), end-use application, or packaging. MSG in monohydrate form has a molecular formula of

C₅H₈NO₄Na •H₂O, a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6106-04-3, and a Unique Ingredient Identifier (UNII) number of W81N5U6R6U. MSG in anhydrous form has a molecular formula of C₅H₈NO₄ Na, a CAS registry number of 142-47-2, and a UNII number of C3C196L9FG. Merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States at subheading 2922.42.10.00. Merchandise subject to the investigation may also enter under HTS subheadings 2922.42.50.00, 2103.90.72.00, 2103.90.74.00, 2103.90.78.00, 2103.90.80.00, and 2103.90.90.91. The tariff classifications, CAS registry numbers, and UNII numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

- In 2013, imports of MSG from China and Indonesia were valued at an estimated \$33.5 million and \$6 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final injury determinations on or about November 6, 2014.
- If the ITC makes affirmative final determinations that imports of MSG from China and/or Indonesia materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD orders. If the ITC makes negative determinations of injury, the investigations will be terminated.

FINAL DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS
China	Langfang Meihua Bio-Technology Co., Ltd., Tongliao Meihua Biological Sci-Tech Co., Ltd., Meihua Group International Trading (Hong Kong) Limited, and Meihua Holdings Group Co., Ltd., Bazhou Branch (collectively, the Meihua Group)	8.30%
	Shandong Linghua Monosodium Glutamate Incorporated Company	8.32%
	China-Wide Rate	8.32%

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS
Indonesia	PT. Cheil Jedang Indonesia	6.19%
	All Others	6.19%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	September 16, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	October 23, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determinations	December 23, 2013
DOC Preliminary Determinations	May 1, 2014
DOC Final Determinations	September 22, 2014
ITC Final Determinations	November 6, 2014
Issuance of Orders*	November 13, 2014

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

*This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by Commerce and the ITC.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2011	2012	2013
Volume (metric tons)	25,700	25,900	26,600
Value (USD)	37,156,000	36,890,000	33,475,000
INDONESIA	2011	2012	2013
Volume (metric tons)	100	4,000	4,500
Value (USD)	95,500	5,701,000	6,036,000