



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Sodium and Potassium Phosphate Salts from the People's Republic of China

- On October 15, 2009, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate AD and CVD investigations on imports of certain sodium and potassium phosphate salts from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are ICL Performance Products LP (MO) and Prayon, Inc. (GA).
- The products covered by these investigations are used in industrial and institutional cleaning products, fertilizers, and food additives, among other uses.
- The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under, but not limited to, the following categories: 2835.24.0000; 2835.31.0000; and 2835.39.1000. 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 sodium and potassium phosphate salts from China increased **65.6** percent by volume and were valued at an estimated **\$31.5** million in 2008.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about November 9, 2009.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its CVD preliminary determination in December 2009 and its AD preliminary determination in March 2010.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
CHINA	33.7%-177.5%

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	Above <i>de minimis</i>

IMPORT STATISTICS:**CASE CALENDAR:**

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	September 24, 2009	September 24, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	October 14, 2009	October 14, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination*	November 9, 2009	November 9, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determinations**	December 18, 2009	March 3, 2010
DOC Final Determinations**	March 3, 2010	May 17, 2010
ITC Final Determination***	April 19, 2010	July 1, 2010
Issuance of Orders****	April 26, 2010	July 8, 2010

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigations are terminated.

**These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (1,000 lbs.)	27,125	25,801	44,923
Value (USD)	\$8,728,000	\$8,341,000	\$31,461,000

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") Dataweb available at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov>.