



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous from Canada

- On March 24, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of sodium sulfate anhydrous from Canada.
- The AD law provide U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent, quasi-judicial, and internationally accepted mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by injurious dumping and subsidization of imports into the United States, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of an AD investigation, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- Commerce calculated a final dumping rate of 8.89 percent for mandatory respondent Saskatchewan Mining and Minerals, Inc. Commerce assigned a final dumping margin of 8.89 percent for all other producers/exporters in Canada.
- Upon publication of the final affirmative AD determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect AD cash deposits equal to the applicable final weighted-average dumping rates.
- The petitioners are Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. (Fort Worth, TX), Elementis Global LLC (East Windsor, NJ), and Searles Valley Minerals, Inc. (Overland Park, KS).
- The scope of this investigation is listed in Appendix I.
- In 2018, imports of sodium sulfate anhydrous from Canada were valued at an estimated \$5.7 million.
- The Final Decision Memorandum is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. Please refer to case number A-122-866.

### NEXT STEPS

- The ITC is scheduled to make its final determination on or about May 7, 2020.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of sodium sulfate anhydrous from Canada materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If the ITC makes a negative determination of injury, the investigation will be terminated.

**FINAL DUMPING RATES:**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>EXPORTER/PRODUCER</b>	<b>DUMPING RATE</b>
<b>Canada</b>	Saskatchewan Mining and Minerals Inc.	<b>8.89%</b>
	Canada-wide Entity	<b>8.89%</b>

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AD</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>March 28, 2019</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>April 17, 2019</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>May 13, 2019</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>October 24, 2019</b>
<b>DOC Final Determination</b>	<b>March 23, 2020</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination</b>	<b>May 7, 2020</b>
<b>Issuance of Order*</b>	<b>May 14, 2020</b>

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)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

<b>CANADA</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Volume (Metric Tons)	36,206	50,345	50,638
Value (USD)	4,643,029	5,818,998	5,736,807

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (HTSUS 2833.11.1000, 2833.11.5010, 2833.11.5050, and 2833.19.0000).

## Appendix I:

The merchandise covered by this investigation is sodium sulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) (Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) Number 7757-82-6) that is anhydrous (*i.e.*, containing no water), regardless of purity, grade, color, production method, and form of packaging, in which the percentage of particles between 20 mesh and 100 mesh, based on U.S. mesh series screens, ranges from 10-95% and the percentage of particles finer than 100 mesh, based on U.S. mesh series screens, ranges from 5-90%.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are specialty sodium sulfate anhydrous products, which are products whose particle distributions fall outside the described ranges. Glauber's salt ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), also known as sodium sulfate decahydrate, an intermediate product in the production of sodium sulfate anhydrous that has no known commercial uses, is not included within the scope of the investigation, although some end-users may mistakenly refer to sodium sulfate anhydrous as Glauber's salt. Other forms of sodium sulfate that are hydrous (*i.e.*, containing water) are also excluded from the scope of the investigation.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2833.11.5010. Subject merchandise may also be classified under 2833.11.1000, 2833.11.5050, and 2833.19.0000. Although the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.