



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Imports of Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous from Canada

- On April 18, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of an antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of sodium sulfate anhydrous from Canada.
- The AD law provides 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 unfair subsidization 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.
- The petitioners are Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. (TX), Elementis Global LLC (NJ), and Searles Valley Minerals, Inc. (KS).
- 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.

- In 2018, imports of sodium sulfate anhydrous from Canada were valued at an estimated \$5.7 million.
- The Initiation Decision Checklist 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 U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or before May 13, 2019.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of sodium sulfate anhydrous from Canada materially injure, or threatens material injury to, the domestic industry in the United States, the investigation will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to announce its preliminary determination on September 5, 2019, although this date may be extended. If the ITC's determination is negative, the investigation will be terminated.

## ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
Canada	43.37 – 170.08 percent

## CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petition Filed	March 28, 2019
DOC Initiation Date	April 17, 2019
ITC Preliminary Determination*	May 13, 2019†
DOC Preliminary Determination	September 4, 2019
DOC Final Determination	November 18, 2019
ITC Final Determination**	January 2, 2020
Issuance of Order***	January 9, 2020

NOTE: Commerce's 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.

\* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigation is terminated.

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

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†Where the deadline falls on a weekend/holiday, the appropriate date is the next business day.

## IMPORT STATISTICS:

CANADA	2016	2017	2018
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).