



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Imports of Phosphor Copper from the Republic of Korea

- On March 30, 2016, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of phosphor copper from the Republic of Korea (Korea).
- 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 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 petitioner is Metallurgical Products Company (PA).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is master alloys¹ of copper containing between five percent and 17 percent phosphorus by nominal weight, regardless of form (including but not limited to shot, pellet, waffle, ingot, or nugget), and regardless of size or weight. Subject merchandise consists predominantly of copper (by weight), and may contain other elements, including but not limited to iron (Fe), lead (Pb), or tin (Sn), in small amounts (up to one percent by nominal weight). Phosphor copper is frequently produced to JIS H2501 and ASTM B-644, Alloy 3A standards or higher; however, merchandise covered by this investigation includes all phosphor copper, regardless of whether the merchandise meets, fails to meet, or exceeds these standards.
- Merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 7405.00.1000. This HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- In 2015, imports of phosphor copper from Korea were valued at an estimated \$4.3 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or before April 25, 2016.

¹ A “master alloy” is a base metal, such as copper, to which a relatively high percentage of one or two other elements is added.

- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of phosphor copper from Korea materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation will continue and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary AD determination in August 2016, unless the statutory deadlines are extended. If the ITC's preliminary determination is negative, the investigation will be discontinued.

Alleged Dumping Margin:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGIN
Korea	12.55 to 66.54 percent

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	March 9, 2016
DOC Initiation Date	March 29, 2016
ITC Preliminary Determination*	April 25, 2016†
DOC Preliminary Determination	August 16, 2016
DOC Final Determination	October 31, 2016†
ITC Final Determination**	December 14, 2016
Issuance of Order***	December 21, 2016

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.

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

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

KOREA	2013	2014	2015
Volume (metric tons)	500	600	700
Value (USD)	4,122,000	4,499,000	4,305,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7405.00.1000)