



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Brazil, the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan**

- On October 17, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) resin from Brazil, the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia), the Republic of Korea (Korea), Pakistan, and Taiwan.
- 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 petitioners are DAK Americas, LLC (Charlotte, NC), Indorama Ventures USA, Inc. (Decatur, AL), M&G Polymers USA, LLC (Houston, TX), and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America (Lake City, SC). Indorama Ventures USA, Inc. is not a petitioner with respect to the Indonesia investigation.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is PET resin having an intrinsic viscosity of at least 70, but not more than 88, milliliters per gram (0.70 to 0.88 deciliters per gram). The scope includes blends of virgin PET resin and recycled PET resin containing 50 percent or more virgin PET resin content by weight, provided such blends meet the intrinsic viscosity requirements above. The scope includes all PET resin meeting the above specifications regardless of additives introduced in the manufacturing process.
- The merchandise subject to these investigations is properly classified under subheadings 3907.61.0000 and 3907.69.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise covered by these investigations is dispositive.
- In 2016, imports of PET resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan were valued at an estimated \$51.7 million, \$35.7 million, \$24 million, \$34.1 million, and \$109.8 million, respectively.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or before November 13, 2017.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of PET resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and/or Taiwan materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry in the United States, the AD investigations will continue, and the Department will

be scheduled to announce its preliminary determinations in March 2018, though this date may be extended. If the ITC's determinations are negative, the AD investigations will be terminated.

**ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>DUMPING MARGINS</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>18.76 percent to 115.87 percent</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>8.49 percent to 53.50 percent</b>
<b>Korea</b>	<b>55.74 percent and 101.41 percent</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>25.03 percent and 43.40 percent</b>
<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>14.67 percent and 45.00 percent</b>

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AD INVESTIGATIONS</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>September 26, 2017</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>October 16, 2017</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determinations*</b>	<b>November 13, 2017†</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determinations</b>	<b>March 5, 2018</b>
<b>DOC Final Determinations</b>	<b>May 21, 2018†</b>
<b>ITC Final Determinations**</b>	<b>July 3, 2018</b>
<b>Issuance of Orders***</b>	<b>July 10, 2018</b>

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 Act. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

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

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

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

**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

<b>BRAZIL</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Volume (metric tons)	1	15,749	58,397
Value (USD)	2,062	15,852,258	51,661,565
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Volume (metric tons)	22,367	20,031	35,420
Value (USD)	31,192,662	21,395,147	35,651,388
<b>KOREA</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Volume (metric tons)	1,512	8,729	26,133
Value (USD)	1,992,978	8,400,047	23,980,902
<b>PAKISTAN</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Volume (metric tons)	13,302	18,773	36,767
Value (USD)	18,020,082	19,265,177	34,103,583
<b>TAIWAN</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Volume (metric tons)	29,934	60,155	115,327
Value (USD)	43,715,194	66,955,609	109,827,090

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 3907.60.0030, 3907.61.0000, and 3907.69.0000).