



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty (AD) and Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations of Imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin from India (AD and CVD) and the People's Republic of China (China) (AD)

- On October 19, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of AD and CVD investigations of imports of PTFE resin from China (AD) and India (AD and CVD).
- The AD and CVD laws 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 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. For the purpose of CVD investigations, a countervailable subsidy is financial assistance from a foreign government that benefits the production of goods from foreign companies and is limited to specific enterprises or industries, or is contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The petitioner is The Chemours Company FC LLC (Wilmington, DE).
- The product covered by these investigations is PTFE resin, including but not limited to granular, dispersion, or coagulated dispersion (also known as fine powder). PTFE is covered by the scope of these investigations whether filled or unfilled, whether or not modified, and whether or not containing co-polymer additives, pigments, or other materials. Also included is PTFE wet raw polymer. The chemical formula for PTFE is C₂F₄, and the Chemical Abstracts Service Registry number is 9002-84-0.

PTFE further processed into micropowder, having particle size typically ranging from 1 to 25 microns, and a melt-flow rate no less than 0.1 gram/10 minutes, is excluded from the scope of these investigations.

PTFE is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 3904.61.0010 and 3904.61.0090. Subject merchandise may also be classified under HTSUS subheading 3904.69.5000. Although the HTSUS subheadings and CAS Number are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

- In 2016, imports of PTFE resin from China and India were valued at an estimated \$24.6 million and \$14.3 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 PTFE resin from China and/or India materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry in the United States, the investigations will continue, and the Department will be scheduled to announce its preliminary CVD determination in December 2017 and its preliminary AD determinations in March 2018, though these dates may be extended. If the ITC's determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
China	23.40 – 408.90 percent
India	15.80 – 128.10 percent

ESTIMATED SUBSIDY RATE:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
India	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	September 28, 2017	September 28, 2017
DOC Initiation Date	October 18, 2017	October 18, 2017
ITC Preliminary Determinations*	November 13, 2017†	November 13, 2017†
DOC Preliminary Determinations	December 22, 2017	March 7, 2018
DOC Final Determinations	March 7, 2018	May 21, 2018
ITC Final Determinations**	April 23, 2018†	July 5, 2018
Issuance of Orders***	April 30, 2018†	July 12, 2018

NOTE: Commerce's preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 703(b) and 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). 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.

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

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2014	2015	2016
Volume (metric tons)	3,187	3,112	3,057
Value (USD)	30,978,162	25,867,541	24,606,102
INDIA	2014	2015	2016
Volume (metric tons)	1,777	1,777	1,716
Value (USD)	15,782,712	16,072,995	14,260,665

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 3904.61.0010 and 3904.61.0090).