



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from China and India

- On September 20, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of polytetrafluoroethylene resin (PTFE) resin from China and India.
- 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.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- In the China investigation, Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 91.65 percent for Daikin Fluorochemicals (China) Co., Ltd. Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 54.41 percent for Shandong Dongyue Polymer Material Co., Ltd. All other producers/exporters in China that are eligible for a separate rate received a rate of 77.13 percent. All other producers/exporters in China that are not eligible for a separate rate received the China-wide rate of 218.88 percent, based on adverse facts available.
- In the India investigation, Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 22.78 percent for Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd., the sole mandatory respondent in this investigation. Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 22.78 percent for all other producers and exporters of PTFE resin from India.
- Upon publication of the final affirmative determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits based on the applicable final dumping margins.
- 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 this investigation 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 C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>, 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 this investigation.

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 2017, imports of PTFE resin from China and India were valued at an estimated \$27.5 million and \$24.9 million, respectively.
- The Final Decision Memoranda are 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 numbers A-570-066 for China and A-533-879 for India.

#### NEXT STEPS

- The U.S International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determinations on or about November 5, 2018.
- If the ITC makes affirmative final determinations that imports of PTFE from China and India materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD orders. If the ITC makes negative determinations of injury, the investigations will be terminated.

#### FINAL DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES
China	Daikin Fluorochemicals (China) Co., Ltd.	91.65%
	Shandong Dongyue Polymer Material Co., Ltd.	54.41%
	Separate Rate Respondents*	77.13%
	China-Wide	218.88%

\* The non-selected separate rate respondents are Hangzhou Fine Fluorotech Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Huayi 3f New Materials Sales Co., Ltd.

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES
India	Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd.	22.78 %
	All Others	22.78 %

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>September 28, 2017</b>
<b>DOC Initiations Date</b>	<b>October 18, 2017</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determinations</b>	<b>November 13, 2017</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determinations</b>	<b>April 30, 2018</b>
<b>DOC Final Determinations</b>	<b>September 19, 2018</b>
<b>ITC Final Determinations</b>	<b>November 5, 2018†</b>
<b>Issuance of Orders*</b>	<b>November 12, 2018</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) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

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

**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

<b>CHINA</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Volume (metric tons)	3,112	3,057	3,312
Value (USD)	25,867,541	24,610,503	27,453,421
<b>INDIA</b>			
Volume (metric tons)	1,777	1,716	3,119
Value (USD)	16,072,995	14,260,665	24,934,903

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