



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Strontium Chromate from Austria and France

- On October 1, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of strontium chromate from Austria and France.
- 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 an AD investigation, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- In the Austrian investigation, Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 25.90 percent to the sole mandatory respondent, Habich GmbH. Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 25.90 percent for all other Austrian producers and exporters.
- In the French investigation, Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 32.16 percent to the sole mandatory respondent, Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques. Commerce assigned a dumping rate of 32.16 percent for all other French producers and exporters. Commerce also made a final critical circumstances determination, finding that critical circumstances do not exist for imports of strontium chromate from France.
- Upon publication of the final affirmative AD determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect AD cash deposits equal to the applicable final weighted-average dumping rates.
- The petitioner is Lumimove Inc., d.b.a. WPC Technologies.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is strontium chromate, regardless of form (including but not limited to, powder (sometimes known as granular), dispersions (sometimes known as paste), or in any solution). The chemical formula for strontium chromate is  $\text{SrCrO}_4$  and the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number is 7789-06-2.

Strontium chromate that has been blended with another product or products is included in the scope if the resulting mix contains 15 percent or more of strontium chromate by total formula weight. Products with which strontium chromate may be blended include, but are not limited to, water and solvents such as Aromatic 100 Methyl Amyl Ketone (MAK)/2-Heptanone, Acetone, Glycol Ether EB, Naphtha Leicht, and Xylene. Subject merchandise includes strontium chromate that has been processed in a third country into a product that otherwise would be within the scope of these investigations if processed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope strontium chromate.

The merchandise subject to these investigations is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 2841.50.9100. Subject merchandise may also enter under

HTSUS subheading 3212.90.0050. While the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

- In 2018, imports of strontium chromate from Austria and France were valued at an estimated \$5.00 million and \$1.08 million, respectively.
- The Final Decision Memorandums 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 number: A-433-813 for Austria and A-427-830 for France.

**NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determinations on or about November 14, 2019.
- If the ITC makes affirmative final determinations that imports of strontium chromate from Austria and/or France 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
Austria	Habich GmbH	25.90%
	All Others	25.90%

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES
France	Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques	32.16%
	All Others	32.16%

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AD INVESTIGATION</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>September 5, 2018</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>September 25, 2018</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determinations</b>	<b>October 22, 2018</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determinations</b>	<b>May 13, 2019</b>
<b>DOC Final Determinations</b>	<b>September 30, 2019</b>
<b>ITC Final Determinations*</b>	<b>November 14, 2019</b>
<b>Issuance of Orders**</b>	<b>November 21, 2019</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)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

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

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**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

<b>Austria</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Quantity (metric tons)	1,244	1,378	1,535
Value (USD)	4,144,133	4,454,765	4,996,243

<b>France</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Quantity (metric tons)	278	204	295
Value (USD)	1,019,762	785,551	1,075,385

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) 2841.50.9100). This HTSUS subheading may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.