



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Imports of Strontium Chromate from Austria and France

- On September 26, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of strontium chromate from Austria and France.
- The AD 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 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 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 2017, U.S. imports of strontium chromate from Austria and France were valued at an estimated \$ 4.5 million and \$ 785.6 thousand, respectively.
- The Initiation Decision Checklists 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-433-813 for Austria and A-427-830 for France.

## NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or before October 22, 2018.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of strontium chromate from Austria and/or France materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry in the United States, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to announce its preliminary determinations on February 13, 2019, although this date may be extended. If the ITC's determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

## ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
Austria	90.97 percent
France	41.91 percent

## CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	September 5, 2018
DOC Initiation Date	September 25, 2018
ITC Preliminary Determinations*†	October 22, 2018
DOC Preliminary Determinations	February 12, 2019
DOC Final Determinations†	April 29, 2019
ITC Final Determinations**	June 13, 2019
Issuance of Orders***	June 19, 2019

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 Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

\* If the ITC makes negative preliminary determinations 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:

AUSTRIA	2015	2016	2017
Quantity (metric tons)	692	1,244	1,378
Value (USD)	2,376,958	4,144,133	4,454,765
FRANCE	2015	2016	2017
Quantity (metric tons)	42	278	204
Value (USD)	155,492	1,019,762	785,551

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.