



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Strontium Chromate from France and No Dumping of Imports of Strontium Chromate from Austria

- On May 14, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of strontium chromate from France and its negative preliminary determination in the AD investigation of imports of strontium chromate from Austria.
- 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 an imported product in the United States at less than fair value.
- In the Austria investigation, Commerce assigned a *de minimis* preliminary dumping rate of 1.24 percent to mandatory respondent Habich GmbH. Commerce did not calculate a preliminary dumping rate for all other Austrian producers and exporters because Commerce did not make an affirmative preliminary AD determination.
- In the France investigation, Commerce assigned a preliminary dumping rate of 30.32 percent to mandatory respondent Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques. Commerce assigned a preliminary dumping rate of 30.32 percent for all other French producers and exporters.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination for France, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to require cash deposits from importers of strontium chromate from France based on these preliminary 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 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 Preliminary 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 number A-433-813 for Austria and A-427-830 for France.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determinations on or about September 25, 2019.
- If Commerce makes affirmative final determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative final determinations that imports of strontium chromate from Austria and France materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD orders. If either Commerce or the ITC issue negative final determinations, no AD orders will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determinations approximately 45 days after Commerce issues its final determinations, if affirmative.

**PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:**

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATE
Austria	Habich GmbH	1.24% ( <i>de minimis</i> )

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES
France	Société Nouvelle des Couleurs Zinciques	30.32%
	All Others	30.32%

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>AD INVESTIGATIONS</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 25, 2019</b>
<b>ITC Final Determinations**</b>	<b>November 12, 2019</b>
<b>Issuance of Order***</b>	<b>November 19, 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. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

\*\*This will take place only in the event of affirmative final 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>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Quantity (units)	692	1,244	1,378
Value (USD)	2,376,958	4,144,133	4,454,765

<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Quantity (units)	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.