



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Ammonium Sulfate from the People's Republic of China

- On November 2, 2016, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of ammonium sulfate from the People's Republic of China (China).
- 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.
- No company responded to Commerce's request for information. Accordingly, all producers/exporters in China received a preliminary dumping margin of 493.46 percent, based on adverse facts available.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioner for this investigation is PCI Nitrogen, LLC (TX).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is ammonium sulfate in all physical forms, with or without additives such as anti-caking agents. Ammonium sulfate, which may also be spelled as ammonium sulphate, has the chemical formula $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$.

The scope includes ammonium sulfate that is combined with other products, including by, for example, blending (*i.e.*, mixing granules of ammonium sulfate with granules of one or more other products), compounding (*i.e.*, when ammonium sulfate is compacted with one or more other products under high pressure), or granulating (incorporating multiple products into granules through, *e.g.*, a slurry process). For such combined products, only the ammonium sulfate component is covered by the scope of this investigation.

Ammonium sulfate that has been combined with other products is included within the scope regardless of whether the combining occurs in countries other than China.

Ammonium sulfate that is otherwise subject to this investigation is not excluded when commingled (*i.e.*, mixed or combined) with ammonium sulfate from sources not subject to this investigation. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of this investigation.

The Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number for ammonium sulfate is 7783-20-2.

The merchandise covered by this investigation is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 3102.21.0000. Although this HTSUS subheading and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

- In 2015, imports of ammonium sulfate from China were valued at an estimated \$62 million.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about January 17, 2017.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports of ammonium sulfate from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If either Commerce’s or the ITC’s final determination is negative, no AD order will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination in March 2017.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES
China	China-Wide Rate	493.46%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	May 25, 2016
DOC Initiation Date	June 14, 2016
ITC Preliminary Determination	July 11, 2016
DOC Preliminary Determination	November 1, 2016
DOC Final Determination	January 16, 2017
ITC Final Determination*	March 2, 2017
Issuance of Order**	March 9, 2017

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.

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

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2013	2014	2015
Volume (metric tons)	42,900	207,700	335,300
Value (USD)	9,159,000	54,589,000	62,037,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 3102.21.0000)