



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Calcium Hypochlorite from China

- On July 17, 2014, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of calcium hypochlorite from the People's Republic of China (China).
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent and internationally approved 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.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that calcium hypochlorite from China has been sold in the United States at a dumping margin of 210.52 percent.
- Because the mandatory respondents failed to cooperate with Commerce's requests for information, all imports of subject merchandise from China will be subject to the China-wide dumping margin. Mandatory respondents China Petrochemical International (Wuhan) Co., Ltd., and Tianjin Jinbin International Trade Co., Ltd., notified Commerce that they would not participate in this investigation. As a result, they failed to demonstrate eligibility for a separate rate and are preliminarily considered part of the China-wide entity. Mandatory respondent Wuhan Rui Sunny Chemical Co., Ltd. (Rui Sunny) failed to cooperate with Commerce's requests for information by not acting to the best of its ability. As a result, Commerce preliminarily determined that Rui Sunny is part of the China-wide entity. The rate for the China-wide entity is 210.52 percent, the highest margin from the petition.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to require cash deposits based on this preliminary rate.
- The petitioner for this investigation is Arch Chemicals, Inc. (GA).
- The merchandise subject to this investigation is calcium hypochlorite, regardless of form (e.g., powder, tablet (compressed), crystalline (granular), or in liquid solution), whether or not blended with other materials, containing at least 10% available chlorine measured by actual weight. The scope also includes bleaching powder and hemibasic calcium hypochlorite. Calcium hypochlorite has the general chemical formulation  $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2$ , but may also be sold in a more dilute form as bleaching powder with the chemical formulation,  $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2 \cdot \text{CaCl}_2 \cdot \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or hemibasic calcium hypochlorite with the chemical formula of  $2\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2 \cdot \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  or  $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2 \cdot 0.5\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ . Calcium hypochlorite has a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 7778-54-3, and a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Pesticide Code (PC) Number of 014701. The subject calcium hypochlorite has an International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) code of Class 5.1 UN 1748, 2880, or 2208 or Class 5.1/8 UN 3485, 3486, or 3487. Calcium hypochlorite is currently classifiable under the subheading 2828.10.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United

States (HTSUS). The subheading covers commercial calcium hypochlorite and other calcium hypochlorite. When tableted or blended with other materials, calcium hypochlorite may be entered under other tariff classifications, such as 3808.94.5000 and 3808.99.9500, which cover disinfectants and similar products. While the HTSUS subheadings, the CAS registry number, the U.S. EPA PC number, and the IMDG codes are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

- In 2013, imports of calcium hypochlorite from China were valued at an estimated \$8.1 million.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about November 28, 2014.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports of calcium hypochlorite 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 orders will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determinations in January 2015.

**PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:**

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS	CASH DEPOSIT
China	China-Wide Rate	210.52%	200.90%

**NOTE:** The cash deposit rates account for the applicable export subsidy rate of 9.62 percent.

## CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	December 18, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	January 7, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 23, 2014
DOC Preliminary Determination	July 16, 2014
DOC Final Determination	November 28, 2014
ITC Final Determination*	January 12, 2015
Issuance of Order**	January 19, 2015

**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 Commerce.

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## IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2011	2012	2013
Volume (metric tons)	4,300	4,800	6,000
Value (USD)	5,736,000	7,026,000	8,131,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 2828.10.0000). Calcium hypochlorite may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 3808.94.5000 and 3808.99.9500. These subheadings are basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. Therefore, these HTSUS subheadings have not been used for purposes of reporting import statistics.