



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Imports of Calcium Hypochlorite from the People's Republic of China

- On January 8, 2014, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of calcium hypochlorite from the People's Republic of China (China).
- The AD and CVD laws provide U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent and internationally approved mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by injurious dumping and unfair subsidization 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. For the purpose of CVD investigations, countervailable subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production of goods from foreign companies and are limited to specific enterprises or industries, or are contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The petitioner for these investigations is Arch Chemicals, Inc. (GA).
- The merchandise subject to these investigations 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 these investigations is dispositive.
- In 2012, imports of calcium hypochlorite from China were valued at an estimated \$7 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or before February 3, 2014.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of calcium hypochlorite from China materially injures, or threatens material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination in March 2014 and its preliminary AD determination in May 2014, unless the statutory deadlines are extended. If the ITC's preliminary determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

Alleged Dumping Margin:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGIN
China	182.51 to 210.52 percent

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
China	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	December 18, 2013	December 18, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	January 7, 2014	January 7, 2014
ITC Preliminary Determinations*	February 3, 2014†	February 3, 2014†
DOC Preliminary Determinations	May 27, 2014	March 13, 2014
DOC Final Determinations	August 11, 2014†	May 27, 2014
ITC Final Determinations**	September 24, 2014	July 11, 2014
Issuance of Orders***	October 1, 2014	July 18, 2014

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 703(b) and 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Act. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

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

* If the ITC makes negative preliminary determinations of injury, the investigations are terminated.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	3,000	4,300	4,800
Value (USD)	3,859,000	5,736,000	7,026,000

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, which 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.