



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation on Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from the People's Republic of China

- On February 7, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation on imports of small diameter graphite electrodes from the People's Republic of China (China). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- SGL Carbon LLC (NC) and Superior Graphite Co. (IL) are the petitioners for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes all small diameter graphite electrodes of any length, whether or not finished, of a kind used in furnaces, with a nominal or actual diameter of 400 millimeters (16 inches) or less, and whether or not attached to a graphite pin joining system or any other type of joining system or hardware. Small diameter graphite electrodes are most commonly used in primary melting, ladle metallurgy, and specialty furnace applications in industries including foundries, smelters, and steel refining operations.
- Small diameter graphite electrodes are classifiable under subheading 8545.11.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of small diameter graphite electrodes from China increased in volume by 32 percent and were valued at an estimated \$27.9 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about March 3.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, this investigation will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determination in June 2008. If the ITC makes a negative preliminary injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
CHINA	119.09% - 159.34%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	January 17, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	February 6, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 3, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination*	June 25, 2008
DOC Final Determination*	September 8, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	October 23, 2008
Date of Order***	October 30, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	12,614,832	14,660,311	16,624,544
Value (\$US)	17,672,005	23,032,897	27,940,992

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 8545.11.0000)