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Announcement No. 36 of 2024 of the Ministry of Commerce on the Initiation of a Final Review of Anti-dumping Measures Applicable to Imports of Phenol Originating in the United States, the European Union, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Thailand

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On September 3, 2019, the Ministry of Commerce issued Announcement No. 37 of 2019, deciding to impose anti-dumping duties on phenol imported from the United States, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand from September 6, 2019. The anti-dumping duty rates are 244.3%-287.2% for American companies, 30.4% for European Union companies, 12.5%-23.7% for South Korean companies, 19.3%-27.0% for Japanese companies, and 10.6%-28.6% for Thai companies. The implementation period is 5 years. In April 2023, the Ministry of Commerce issued Announcement No. 15 of 2023, deciding that the Thai National Petroleum Global Chemical Co., Ltd. will inherit the tax rates and other rights and obligations applicable to PTT Phenol Co., Ltd. in the anti-dumping measures on phenol.

According to Announcement No. 3 of 2021 of the Ministry of Commerce, after the end of the UK's Brexit transition period on December 31, 2020, the trade remedy measures previously implemented against the EU will continue to apply to the EU and the UK, and the implementation period will remain unchanged; after this date, new trade remedy investigations and review cases initiated by the EU will no longer treat the UK as an EU member state.

On June 19, 2024, the Ministry of Commerce received an application for expiration review of anti-dumping measures submitted by nine applicants including Beijing Yanshan Branch of China Petrochemical Corporation and three supporting applicants including China SABIC (Tianjin) Petrochemical Co., Ltd. on behalf of the domestic phenol industry. The applicants claimed that if the anti-dumping measures were terminated, the dumping of imported phenol originating

g from the United States, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand on China might continue or reoccur, and the damage to the Chinese industry might continue or reoccur. They requested the Ministry of Commerce to conduct an expiration review investigation on imported phenol originating from the United States, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand, and to maintain the anti-dumping measures on imported phenol originating from the United States, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand. The applicants did not file an application for expiration review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imported phenol originating from the United Kingdom.

According to the relevant provisions of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce has reviewed the qualifications of the applicant, the relevant information of the investigated products and similar Chinese products, the import of the investigated products during the implementation of the anti-dumping measures, the possibility of continued or recurring dumping, the possibility of continued or recurring damage and related evidence. The existing evidence shows that the applicant meets the provisions of Articles 11, 13 and 17 of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China on industries and industrial representativeness, and is qualified to apply on behalf of the Chinese phenol industry. The investigation authority believes that the applicant's claims and the surface evidence submitted meet the requirements for the final review.

In accordance with Article 48 of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce has decided to conduct a final review investigation on the anti-dumping measures applicable to imported phenol originating from the United States, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand from September 6, 2024. The relevant matters are hereby announced as follows:

I. Continue to implement anti-dumping measures

According to the suggestion of the Ministry of Commerce, the Tariff Committee of the State Council decided that during the final review of anti-dumping measures, anti-dumping duties will continue to be imposed on imported phenol originating from the United States, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand in accordance with the scope and tax rates of taxable products announced in the Ministry of Commerce Announcement No. 37 of 2019 and Announcement No. 15 of 2023. From September 6, 2024, the anti-dumping measures applicable to imported phenol originating from the United Kingdom will expire.

The anti-dumping duty rates imposed on the companies are as follows:

US Companies:

1. INEOS USA 287.2%

(INEOS Americas LLC)

2. American Lanco Operations LLC 244.3%

(Blue Cube Operations LLC)

3. Other US companies 287.2%

EU Companies:

All EU companies 30.4%

Korean companies:

1. Kumho P&B Chemical Co., Ltd. 12.5%

(KUMHO P&B CHEMICALS, INC.)

2. LG Chem Co., Ltd. 12.6%

(LG CHEM, LTD.)

3. Other Korean companies 23.7%

Japanese companies:

1. Mitsui Chemicals Co., Ltd. 19.3%

(Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.)

2. Other Japanese companies 27.0%

Thai Company:

1. PetroThailand Global Chemical Co., Ltd. 10.6%

(PTT Global Chemical Public Company Limited)

2. Other Thai companies 28.6%

II. Review Investigation Period

The dumping investigation period for this review is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, and the industry injury investigation period is from January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2024.

III. Scope of product under review

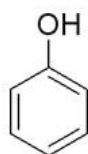
The scope of products under review is the products to which the original anti-dumping measures apply, which is consistent with the scope of products to which the anti-dumping measures announced by the Ministry of Commerce in Announcement No. 37 of 2019 apply, as follows:

Name of the product under investigation: Phenol

English name: Phenol

Chemical formula: C₆H₅OH

Chemical structure:



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Product description: Phenol is usually colorless needle-shaped or white block crystals at room temperature. It is soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, glycerin, and carbon disulfide. It is slightly soluble in water at room temperature and almost insoluble in petroleum ether. It is highly corrosive and flammable.

Main uses: Phenol is an important organic chemical raw material, mainly used in the preparation of phenolic resin, bisphenol A, caprolactam, alkylphenol, salicylic acid and other industrial raw materials. It can also be used as a solvent, reagent and disinfectant. It is widely used in synthetic fibers, plastics, medicines, pesticides, spices, dyes, coatings and oil refining industries.

This product is classified under the Customs Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China: 29071110.

IV. Review Content

The content of this review investigation is: If the anti-dumping measures on imported phenol originating from the United States, the European Union, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Thailand are terminated, whether dumping and damage may continue or recur.

5. Register for the survey

The interested parties may register with the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce to participate in this anti-dumping expiration review investigation within 20 days from the date of this announcement. The interested parties participating in the investigation shall provide basic identity information, the quantity and amount of the investigated products exported or imported to China, the quantity and amount of similar products produced and sold, and related information in accordance with the "Reference Format for Registration to Participate in the Investigation". The "Reference Format for Registration to Participate in the Investigation" can be downloaded from the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau sub-website of the Ministry of Commerce website.

Interested parties who register to participate in this anti-dumping investigation should submit an electronic version through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>) and submit a written version at the same time according to the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce. The electronic version and the written version should have the same content and the same format.

The interested parties referred to in this announcement are the individuals and organizations specified in Article 19 of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China.

VI. Access to Public Information

The interested parties may download the non-confidential text of the application submitted by the applicant of this case from the sub-website of the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce website or search, read, transcribe and copy the non-confidential text of the application submitted by the applicant of this case in the Trade Remedy Public Information Reading Room of the Ministry of Commerce (Tel: 0086-10-65197878). During the investigation, the interested parties may search for the public information of the case through the relevant website or search, read, transcribe and copy the public information of the case in the Trade Remedy Public Information Reading Room of the Ministry of Commerce.

VII. Comments on the case

If interested parties wish to comment on the product scope and applicant qualifications of this investigation, the investigated countries (regions) and other relevant issues, they may submit written opinions to the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce within 20 days from the date of publication of this announcement.

8. Survey Methods

According to Article 20 of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce may use questionnaires, sampling, hearings, on-site inspections and other methods to understand the situation and conduct investigations from relevant stakeholders.

In order to obtain the information required for the investigation of this case, the Ministry of Commerce usually issues questionnaires to interested parties within 10 working days from the deadline for registration for the investigation as stipulated in this announcement. Interested parties can download the questionnaires from the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau sub-website of the Ministry of Commerce website.

The interested parties shall submit complete and accurate answers within the specified time, and the answers shall include all the information required by the questionnaire.

IX. Submission and processing of information

When interested parties submit comments, questionnaires, etc. during the investigation process, they should submit an electronic version through the "Trade Remedy Investigation Information Platform" (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>), and submit a written version at the same time according to the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce. The electronic version and the written version should have the same content and the same format.

If the information submitted by the interested party to the Ministry of Commerce needs to be kept confidential, the interested party may make a request to the Ministry of Commerce for confidential treatment of the relevant information and explain the reasons. If the Ministry of Commerce agrees to its request, the interested party applying for confidentiality shall also provide a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary shall contain sufficient and meaningful information so that other interested parties can reasonably understand the confidential information. If the non-confidential summary cannot be provided, the reason shall be explained. If the information submitted by the interested party does not state that it needs to be kept confidential, the Ministry of Commerce will regard the information as public information.

10. Consequences of Non-cooperation

According to Article 21 of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China, when the Ministry of Commerce conducts an investigation, the interested parties shall truthfully reflect the situation and provide relevant information. If the interested parties fail to truthfully reflect the situation, provide relevant information, or fail to provide necessary information within a reasonable time, or seriously hinder the investigation in other ways, the Ministry of Commerce may make a ruling based on the facts already obtained and the best information available.

11. Investigation Period

The survey will begin on September 6, 2024 and should be completed before September 6, 2025 (excluding this day).

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Information publications

《Country Trade and Investment Environment Information》 (<http://itpp.trb.mofcom.gov.cn/biweekly.shtml?num=byk>)

Work Guide

Knowledge Introduction (</gzzn/zsjj/index.html>)

Guide to Dealing with Trade Frictions (/gzzn/mymcydzn/art/2011/art_88c4cb973c1341cb9c70210758f6920f.html)

Guidelines for Anti-dumping Case Filing (/gzzn/myjjdcsqzn/art/2018/art_a5dfbd1765ec4e868f6202a3134bfa99.html)

Laws and regulations

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