Executive Summary

Request for expiry review of the antidumping duties imposed on imports of trichloroisocyanuric acid (TCCA) originating in the People's Republic of China

The product concerned

TCCA is a chemical product used as a broad-spectrum organic chlorine disinfectant and bleacher, in particular used for disinfecting water in swimming pools. It is sold in the form of powder, granules, tablets or chips. All forms of TCCA and preparations thereof share the same basic characteristics (chemical composition) and properties (disinfectant), are all intended for similar use and are therefore considered as a single product.

TCCA is used in a variety of applications, e.g.:

- Swimming-pool water treatment;
- Water treatment for cooling towers;
- Drinking water for emergency cases.

The product concerned, as manufactured and sold by Chinese producers to the Union, is similar in terms of its physical and chemical characteristics, as well as its uses, to the product produced and sold by the Union producers on the Union market. Hence, they are considered to be like products within the meaning of Article 1(4) of the basic Regulation, as confirmed by the Regulation 1389/2011.

The production process of TCCA can be summarized in the following steps:

1. Refined cyanuric acid is neutralized with caustic soda to become trisodium cyanurate, the feedstock for the production of Trichloroisocyanuric acid (TCCA or Trichlor) and sodium dichloroisocyanurate (Dichlor).
2. TCCA is produced by introducing chlorine gas to the feedstock material. It has approximately 90% available chlorine.
3. Granular TCCA is often further processed into tablets for use in pool treatments.

The case

By Regulation (EC) No 1631/2005 published on October 3rd, 2005 the Council imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of TCCA originating in the People's Republic of China and the United States of America.

Following an expiry review of the measures, which only targeted imports of TCCA originating in China, the Council extended the antidumping duties on the Chinese TCCA for another 5 years, by Regulation (EU) No 1389/2011 of 19 December 2011, published on 30 December 2011.

On 31 December 2016, the measures imposed on TCCA originating in China measures will expire unless an expiry review is initiated in accordance with Article11.2 of Council Regulation (EC) 2016/1036 of 8 June 2016 (the Basic Antidumping Regulation).

The present request is lodged by two European producers of TCCA, Ercros S.A. and Inquide S.A., which represent the majority of the EU producers of TCCA. This request contains evidence that the expiry of the measures imposed on TCCA originating in China will likely result in a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury. This request seeks to obtain an expiry review of the measures imposed in 2011 by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1389/2011 and a continuation of the anti-dumping duties on imports of TCCA originating in People's Republic of China.

Known parties to the investigation

European Producers

Ercros S.A. (Spain)
Inquide S.A. (Spain)
3VSigma (Italy)

Chinese Producers

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Heze Huayi
Puyang Cleanway
Liaocheng City Zhonglian Industry Co. Ltd
Juancheng Kangtai Chemical Co. Ltd
Changzhou Jiesheng Chemical Co Ltd
Changzhou Chemical (Branch Of China National Salt Industry) Co Ltd
Changjiang (Changzhou) Chlor-Alkali Joint Development Co Ltd
Guangxi Nanning Chemical Co Ltd
Zhucheng Taisheng Chemical Co Ltd
Heze Wolan Chemical Co Ltd
Hengshui Jiewei Chemistry Co Ltd
Inner Mongolia Lantai Industry Co Ltd
Wenshang Jiewei Chemical Co Ltd
Yantai Hengbang Chemical Co Ltd
Liaocheng Huaao Chemical Co Ltd
Taian Huawei Disinfectant Co Ltd
Anhui Suzhou City S.D.F. Chemical Industry Co Ltd
Qingdao Tianyuan Chemical Co Ltd
Handan City Ruibang Fine Chemical Co Ltd
Xuzhou Kws Disinfectant Co Ltd
Shandong Guangwei Antiseptic Co Ltd
Juancheng Ouya Chemical Co Ltd
Hebei Kongxiang Chemical Group Co Ltd
Sahngdong Yangguang Chemical Co Ltd
Hebei Langfang City Sanwei (Triple Well) Chemical Co Ltd
Shandong Daming Disinfection Technology Co Ltd