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## NON-CONFIDENTIAL OVERVIEW OF THE MONITORING

**Subject: R674 – Partial interim review limited to injury of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Russia  
Monitoring of imports**

On 15 November 2018, the European Commission published an implementing regulation<sup>1</sup> amending the anti-dumping measures in place on ammonium nitrate originating in Russia.

The anti-dumping duties in place were amended as follows:

- Previous level: € 28.88 to € 47.07 per tonne depending on the product type and the Russian producer;
- New level: € 28.78 to € 32.71 per tonne depending on the product type.

In line with recital (189) of the implementing regulation, the European Commission has been conducting a monitoring of the evolution of the imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Russia in order to *‘enable [it] to follow relevant market developments in the Union and facilitate appropriate action where required’*.

The Commission monitored the volumes and the prices of imports from Russia on the basis of data from import statistics collected pursuant to Article 14(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union<sup>2</sup>. As the data used is confidential, this document is a non-confidential overview of the monitoring for the first 6 months following the entry into force of the reduced duty level.

Given that ammonium nitrate is used mainly as an agricultural fertilizer and is thus characterised by a high seasonality, imports volumes also vary significantly depending on the season/month. Therefore, in order to adequately assess and monitor the impact of the reduced

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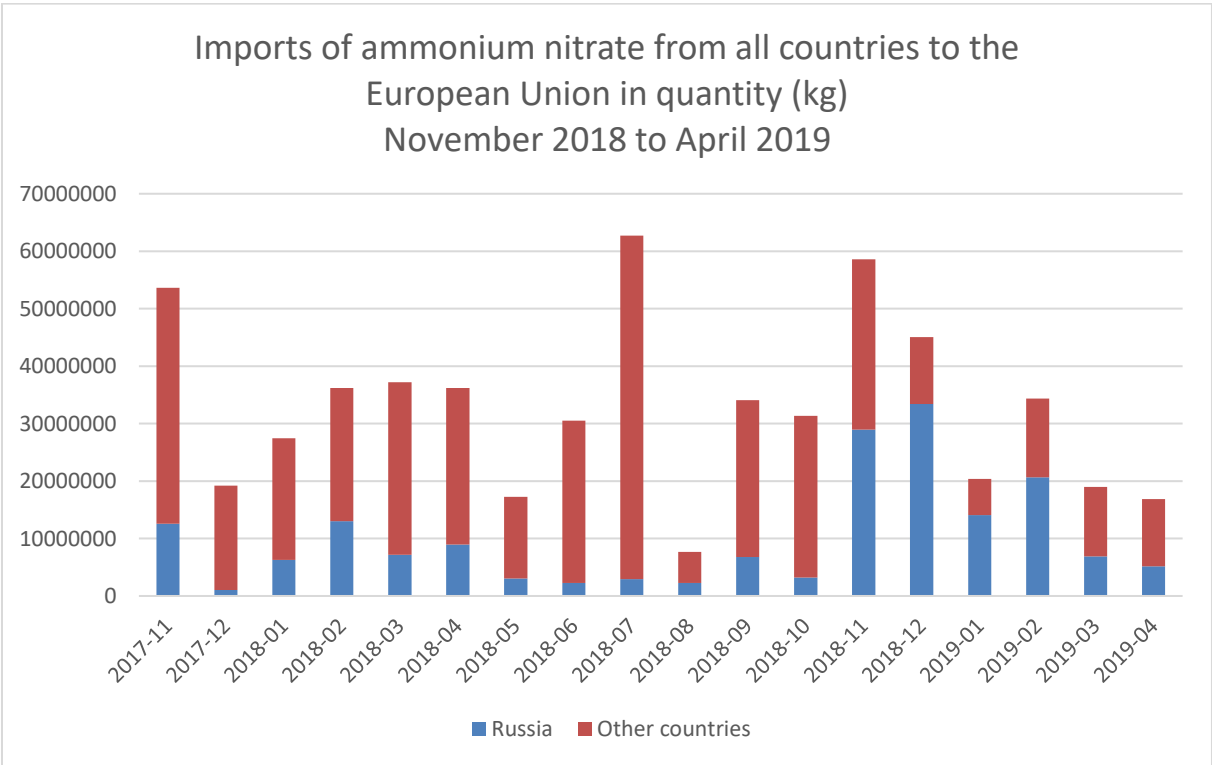
<sup>1</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1722 of 14 November 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 999/2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Russia following an interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L 287, 15.11.2018, p.3.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p.21.

duties on imports to the Union, the analysis in this report is based on statistical data during two comparable 6-month periods. In this case, the period from November 2017 to April 2018 is compared with the period from November 2018 to April 2019. It should nevertheless be kept in mind that imports during any given period might be affected by a variety of factors, such as weather condition, gas prices, etc.

In terms of volumes, imports from Russia accounted in these 6 months for 109 thousands metric tonnes. This is twice their level of the previous year. However, imports from other countries to the European Union were much lower, resulting in total imports of ammonium nitrate to the European Union at a slightly lower level for this 6-month period compared to the previous year. See Table 1. In addition, a very large share of the increase in Russian imports can be attributed to a company that exports a type of ammonium nitrate not subjected to the anti-dumping measures.

Table 1



In terms of prices, imports from Russia were at a higher average CIF price for this 6-month period than for the previous year. However, the average CIF price of imports from Russia increased less than imports from other countries.

Table 2

