

AD REQUEST CONCERNING IMPORTS OF SILICON FROM THE PR CHINA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND USES

Product definition

The product covered by this request is silicon produced in electric submerged arc furnaces with carbothermic reduction of quartz (silica) in the presence of various types of carbon reductants.

It is marketed in the form of lumps, grains, granules or powder under internationally accepted technical specifications as regards its purity.

It is currently classified under CN code 28 04 69 00 (silicon content less than 99.99% by weight).

Applications

Silicon is used primarily by two industries:

- The **Chemical industries** for the production of MCS (methylchlorosilanes) or TCS/SiCl₄ (trichlorosilanes and tetrachlorosilicon).
 - o MCS are the feed stock for production of silicones products,
 - o TCS are the feed stock for the production of polycrystalline silicon (starting point of semi-conductors and photovoltaic [solar] silicon industries),
 - o SiCl₄ are the feed stock for the production of pure micro silica.

- The **Aluminium industries** for the production of aluminium alloys (primary and secondary smelters) intended for the production of castings alloys for different industries and in particular automotive.

As regards the chemical grade, each silicone customer has a most preferred specification with specified levels of minor elements.

Chemical grade is used in powder form (final application). Milling stage is performed the most often by final chemical users or sometimes by silicon producers or independent grinders. As far as the metallurgical grade is concerned, the product is marketed under international accepted technical specifications and the product is mainly used in lumpy form.

As already determined in previous investigations, silicon, as described above, forms one single like product.

Silicon is a homogenous product used mainly by two industries: the aluminium and chemical industries. The silicon specifications applying to both chemical and aluminium applications may vary slightly but are largely interchangeable. The production process is in principle the same worldwide. The same applies in the EU, except that there are a very small number of qualities at the lower and higher end which are not standard products, but which neutralize each other.

2. SUMMARY OF THE REQUEST

EUROALLIAGES (the "Complainant"), on behalf of Union producers of Silicon, requests that the European Commission ("Commission") extends the antidumping duty pursuant to article 11(2) 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 Union¹ as amended by Regulation (EU) 2017/2321 of the European Parliament and the Council of 12 December 2017 (New dumping methodology)² and Regulation (EU) 2018/825 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 (TDI Modernisation package)³ concerning imports of Silicon from the People's Republic of China ("the PR China"), with a view to extend the AD measures for a five-year period.

The existing measures have been imposed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1077 of 1 July 2016 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of Silicon originating in the PR China.

The PR China has massive silicon overcapacity, all sources agree that Chinese capacity is **far higher than total world silicon consumption**.

Furthermore, analysis shows that practically all major silicon consuming markets worldwide which do not have anti-dumping duties against the PR China are **dominated by the PR China exports**. Were measures to be removed in the EU, it follows that the EU market would likely become fully dependent from Chinese imports.

Regarding Chinese pricing policy, the available information regarding prices in other export markets show a recurrent trend to export at dumped conditions. This mere fact, combined with substantial overcapacities, all the more support the likelihood of continuation of dumping and injury in the absence of AD measures.

¹ Also referred to as 'Basic AD Regulation', OJ L 176, 30.06.2016.

² Regulation (EU) 2017/2321 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union and Regulation (EU) 2016/1037 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union, OJ L 338, 19.12.2017, p. 1

³ Regulation (EU) 2018/825 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union and Regulation (EU) 2016/1037 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union, OJ L 143, 7.6.2018, p. 1

3. INTERESTED PARTIES

EU PRODUCERS
FERROATLANTICA S.L.
FERROPEM (part of Ferroglobe Group)
RW. Silicium GmbH
RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIERS - EU
IMERYS CERAMIC FRANCE
CM QUARTZ
FULCHIRON INDUSTRIELLE
SIBELCO FRANCE SAS
RAMSA
CUARZOS IND
JERA Global Markets Netherlands B.V.
GME FR
GME ESP
ENERCO bv
CLEAN CARBON
Candel Energia
KOCH CARBON BELGIUM BVBA
GME FR
GME ESP
ALU IBERICA LC, S.L
RHEINFELDEN
TOKAI COBEX GMBH
GRAFTECH
SHOWA DENKO CARBON GERMANY GMBH
HEG LIMITED
ENERGOPROM / EPM EUROPE GMBH
SANGRAF
GRAPHITE COVA
NINGXIA YONVEY COAL INDUSTRY CO LTD
CHINA MATERIAL INTERNATIONAL CO LTD
TRANSAPPROBOIS
DUSSAUGE
COTTE
SRT
SOFODA
COFORET
VIVIAND ET FILS SARL
ROCAS, ARCILLAS Y MINERALES S.A.
CUARZOS INDUSTRIALES, S. A.
GARCIA MUNTE ENERGIA,S.L.
CANDEL ENERGIA S.L.
GARCIA MUNTE ENERGIA,S.L.
ALU IBERICA LC SL

RHEINFELDEN CARBON GMBH & CO.KG.
XALLAS ELECTRICIDAD Y ALEACIONES SAU (XEAL)
GES EUROPE GMBH
HEG LTD
CIMM GROUP CO., LTD
MANUEL BOUZAS GARRIDO,S.A.
MADERAS VARELA MENDOZA S.L.
MADERAS BECERRA, S.L.
CHINESE PRODUCERS
SIMAG
JACO
YUNNAN GREAT UNION Co Ltd
CHONGQING TRUST
PENTART INDUSTRIAL Ltd
ITG XIAMEN
SPFC SHANGHAI PUYUAN FOREIGN ECONOMIC & TRADING COMPANY
Erdos Xinhua Silicon Metal Industry Co., Ltd
ALCOA ASIA PACIFIC
DOW CORNING
IMPORTERS AND USERS INTO THE EU
STANCHEM SP.J-PRZEDSIĘBIORSTWO
KBM MASTER ALLOYS B.V.
ALERIS ALUMINIUM Kibkebz GmbH
FACI EUROPE S.p.a.
MAGENTA S.r.l.
DOW CORNING Ltd
HYDRO ALUMINIUM A.S.
SEDDCO TRADING LIMITED
REMETAL (BEFESA ALUMINO S.L.)
WIMEX HANDELSGESELLSCHAFT GMBH
WACKER
MOMENTIVE PERFORMANCE MATERIALS GmbH