

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC

Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1567-1569 (Preliminary)

Acrylonitrile-Butadiene Rubber from France, Korea, and Mexico

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber from France, Korea, and Mexico, provided for in subheading 4002.51.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”).²

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under § 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under § 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² 86 FR 40192 (July 27, 2021).

BACKGROUND

On June 30, 2021, Zeon Chemicals L.P. and Zeon GP, LLC (collectively “Zeon”), Louisville, Kentucky, filed petitions with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened by further material injury by reason of LTFV imports of acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber from France, Korea, and Mexico. Accordingly, effective June 30, 2021, the Commission instituted antidumping duty investigations Nos. 731-TA-1567-1569 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission’s investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of July 7, 2021 (86 FR 35825). In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the Commission conducted its conference through written testimony and video conference. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to § 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on August 16, 2021. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5227 (August 2021), entitled *Acrylonitrile-Butadiene Rubber (NBR) from France, Korea, and Mexico: Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1567-1569 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.



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Secretary to the Commission

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