

Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China  
Notice No.18 (2024)

Notice on Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation against Imports of POM Copolymer  
originating from the EU, USA, Taiwan and Japan

On 22 April 2023, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as 'Mofcom') received an anti-dumping investigation application filed by Yunnan Yuntianhua Company Limited, National Energy Group Ningxia Coal Company Limited, Kaifeng Longyu Chemical Company Limited, Yankuang Lunan Chemical Company Limited, Tangshan Zhonghao Chemical Company Limited, Petrochina Neimenggu New Material Co. (hereinafter referred to as 'applicants') on behalf of the domestic POM Copolymer industry. The applicants requested MOFCOM to conduct an anti-dumping investigation against the imports of POM Copolymer originating from the EU, USA, Taiwan and Japan. Pursuant to the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, the Mofcom examined the standing of the applicants, the relevant information of the subject products, the information of the domestic like products in China, the impact of the subject products on the Chinese domestic industry, and relevant situation of the alleged countries (regions).

The prima facie evidences provided by the applicants show that the outputs of POM Copolymer of the applicants in 2021, 2022, and 2023 accounted for more than 50% of the total output of the same products in China for the same period, and therefore meet the requirements defined by Article 11 and 13 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*. Also, the application includes the content and evidence required in Article 14 and 15 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China* regarding the initiation of anti-dumping investigation.

In view of the above results of the review and Article 16 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, the Mofcom decided to initiate an anti-dumping investigation against imports of POM Copolymer originating from the EU, USA, Taiwan and Japan since 19 May 2024.

The relevant details are hereby made public as follows:

## **I. Initiation and Period of Investigation**

From the date when this notice is released, Mofcom will conduct an antidumping investigation on the import of POM Copolymer originating from the EU, USA, Taiwan and Japan. The period of the dumping investigation is from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The period of the injury investigation is from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023.

## **II. The Subject Product and Investigation Scope**

Investigation scope: import of POM Copolymer originating from the EU, USA, Taiwan and Japan

Subject product: Polyformaldehyde Copolymer, or Polyoxymethylene Copolymer, or Copolymer-type Acetal Resin, or Acetal Copolymer. Abbreviation to the product: POM Copolymer

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Chemical molecular formula:



Physicochemical properties:

Copolymerised paraformaldehyde is a thermoplastic resin synthesised from formaldehyde with a -CH<sub>2</sub>-O- backbone and -[CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>]- embedded bonds (greater than 50% CH<sub>2</sub>-O-content by weight), and which meets all of the following performance specifications at the same time:

Solute mass flow rate (190°C, 2.16kg) / (g/10 min)	≤4	4<·≤7	7<·≤11	11<·≤16	16<·≤35	35<·≤60	>60
melting temperature/°C	160≤·<170						
densities/ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.38~1.43						
yield stress/MPa	≥58				≥60		
Nominal strain at rupture/%	≥20				≥15		
Tensile modulus of elasticity/MPa	≥2400						
Notched impact strength of simply supported beams/ (kJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	≥5.5		≥4.5		≥3.0		
1.8 MPa load deflection temperature/°C	≥85						

Main application: Copolymerisation of paraformaldehyde has good mechanical properties such as high mechanical strength, high fatigue resistance, high creep resistance, etc. It can partially replace copper, zinc, tin, lead and other metal materials, and can be directly used or modified for automotive parts, electronic and electrical appliances, industrial machinery, daily necessities, sports equipment, medical equipment, pipelines and pipe fittings, building materials and other fields.

The products are classified under HS codes of the *Customs Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China (2023)*: 39071010, 39071090. Other products under these two tariff codes, such as homopolymerised paraformaldehyde and modified paraformaldehyde, are not included in the scope of this investigation.

### III. Respondent Registration

Any interested party may, within 20 days of the publication of this notice, apply to the Bureau of Trade Remedy and Investigation of the Ministry of Commerce to participate in the anti-dumping investigation. Interested parties should provide information in accordance with the reference registration form, such as basic identity information, quantity and value of the investigated products exported or imported into China, quantity and value of producing same

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kind products. The reference registration form can be downloaded from the website of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce.

The interested parties registered to participate in this anti-dumping investigation shall submit electronic version through the Trade Remedy and Investigation Information Platform (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>), and at the same time submit the written version according to the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce. The electronic version and the written version shall keep consistent in terms of content and format.

The interested parties in the notice refer to the individuals and organisations defined in the Article 19 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*.

#### **IV. Access to Public Information**

The interested parties can download from relevant website or go to the Trade Remedy Public Information Office (phone number: 0086-10-65197878) to search, read and copy non-confidential documents of the application of the case. During the investigation, the interested parties can download from relevant website or go to the Trade Remedy Public Information Office to search, read and copy public information of the case.

#### **V. Comments on Initiation of the case**

The interested parties can submit their comments to Mofcom in written form within the 20 days if they have different opinions on the product scope of the investigation, the standing of the applicants, the alleged countries (regions) and other relevant issues.

#### **VI. Investigation Approaches**

According to Article 20 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China*, Mofcom may conduct the investigation and acquire information from the interested parties by means of questionnaire, sampling, public hearing, and on-the-spot verification.

For acquiring necessary information for this investigation, Mofcom usually issues the investigation questionnaires to the interested parties within 10 working days upon the ending of registration set by this Notice. The interested parties may also download investigation questionnaires from relevant websites.

*Anti-dumping Investigation Questionnaire for foreign exporters or producers of POM Copolymer* requires information such as company structure and operation, subject merchandise, export sales to China (mainland), domestic sales, business operation and financial information, production cost and related expenses, estimated dumping margin and checklist. *Anti-dumping Investigation Questionnaire for Domestic Producer of POM Copolymer* requires information such as company basic information, information of domestic like products, business operation and financial information. *Anti-dumping Investigation Questionnaire for Domestic Importer of POM Copolymer* requires information such as company basic information and trading information of the subject merchandise and other relevant information.

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Interested parties shall submit complete and accurate response to the questionnaires within the provided time period. The response should include all information required in the investigation questionnaire.

## **VII. Submission and processing of Information**

The interested parties, when submitting comments and questionnaires during the investigation, shall submit electronic version through the Trade Remedy and Investigation Information Platform (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>), and at the same time submit the written version according to the requirements of the Mofcom. The electronic version and the written version shall keep consistent in terms of content and format.

For confidential information, interested parties can submit request and reason to the Mofcom for confidential processing of the information. If the Mofcom agrees to the request, the interested party should submit the non-confidential outline summary of the confidential information. The outline should include sufficient meaningful information to allow other interested parties to have reasonable understanding of the confidential information. If the interested party cannot provide the outline, it should clarify the reasons. If the interested party does not indicate confidential requests when submit information, the Mofcom will treat the information as non-confidential.

## **VIII. Result of Non-cooperation**

In accordance with the Article 21 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, the interested parties shall provide authentic information and relevant documentation to the Mofcom in the investigation. In the event that any interested party does not provide authentic information and relevant documentation, or does not provide necessary information within a reasonable time limit, or significantly impedes the investigation in other ways, the Mofcom may make a determination on the basis of the facts already known and the best information available.

## **IX. The investigation Period**

The investigation starts from 19 May 2024 and shall normally end before 19 May 2025. The period can be extended for 6 months under special circumstances.

## **X. Contact Method of MOFCOM:**

Add: No. 2 Dong Chang An Ave., Beijing, 100731

Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau, MOFCOM

Tel: 0086-10- 65198740 65197586

Fax: 0086-10-65198172

The website of Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau: <http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn>

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