

**Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China  
Announcement No.16 (2021) on initiation of expiry review of the  
anti-dumping measures against the imported grain oriented flat-  
rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and  
the EU**

<http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn/article/cs/202107/20210703179664.shtml>

On 23 July 2016, the Ministry of Commerce published the Announcement No. 33 (2016), deciding to impose anti-dumping measures against the imports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU for 5 years as of 23 July 2016. The dumping margin is 39.0%-45.7% for Japanese companies, 37.3% for South Korean companies, and 46.3% for EU companies. On 05 June 2018, the Ministry of Commerce published the Announcement No. 11 (2016), accepting the price commitment application of POSCO, Ltd. and suspending the anti-dumping measures against the grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from POSCO as of 9 June 2018, the date of implementation.

On 29 January 2021, the Ministry of Commerce published the Announcement No. 3 (2021). In accordance with the Announcement, the trade remedy measures imposed on the EU before 31 December 2020 when the Brexit transition period ended will continue to apply to the EU and the UK, with the implementation period unchanged. Britain will no longer be treated as a member state of the EU in the trade remedy investigation and review cases newly initiated after 31 December 2020.

On 20 May 2021, the Ministry of Commerce received an application for an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures from Baoshan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. and Shougang Zhixin Qian'an Electromagnetic Materials Co., Ltd. on behalf of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel industry in China. The applicants pretested that if the anti-dumping measures were terminated, the dumping imports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU would continue, and the dumping injury to the industry of China would continue. Therefore, the applicants requested the Ministry of Commerce to conduct expiry review on the anti-dumping measures against the import of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU, and maintain the anti-dumping measures against the imports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU. Considering the actual situation of the UK grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel, the applicants will no longer apply for an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures against the UK. As of 23 July 2021, the anti-dumping measures against the grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from the UK will expire.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, the Ministry of Commerce made an investigation to the applicant qualification, the investigated products, the same kind of products in China, imports of the investigated products during the anti-dumping measures are taken, possibilities of continuation of dumping and possibilities of continuation of injury and related evidence. The prima facie evidences provided by the petitioner are in line with the provisions on industry and industrial representation from the Article 11, 13 and 17 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*. The applicant is qualified to submit the application on behalf of the grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel industry in China. The investigation authority believes that

the applicants' claim and the prima facie evidence submitted meet the requirements of initiating an expiry review.

In compliance with provisions of Article 48 of *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, The Ministry of Commerce decided to carry out an expiry review of anti-dumping measures against the imports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU from 23 July 2021.

The relevant details are hereby made public as follows:

1. Continuation of the anti-dumping measures

According to the suggestions of Ministry of Commerce, the Customs Tariff Committee of the State Council has decided to continue the anti-dumping measures during the expiry review period to the imports of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU, according to the scope and tariff rate announced in the Ministry of Commerce Announcement No.33 (2016). In accordance with the Ministry of Commerce Announcement No. 11 (2018), the price commitment agreement with POSCO on grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel continues to be valid during the expiry review.

The anti-dumping margins collected from each company are listed below.

Japanese companies:

1. JFE Steel Corporation 39.0%
2. Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation 45.7%
3. All Others 45.7%

South Korean companies:

1. All others 37.3%
2. POSCO 37.3%; the Ministry of Commerce has accepted its price commitment agreement. During the implementation of the price commitment, there will be no anti-dumping measures imposed on the investigated products imported from this company. In case of violation of the price commitment agreement or other termination of the implementation of the price commitment agreement, an anti-dumping duty shall be imposed on the company in accordance with the dumping margin determined.

EU companies: 46.3%

2. Period of expiry review investigation

The dumping investigation period of the expiry review is set as 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The industry injury investigation period is set as 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020.

3. Scope of expiry review investigation

Product investigated during the expiry review is the same as in Announcement No.33 (2016) published by the Ministry of Commerce.

The name of the investigated product: Grain Oriented Flat-rolled Electrical Steel, “GOES”.

Specific description: The silicon content of oriented electrical steel shall be at least 0.6%, the carbon content shall not exceed 0.08%, and the aluminum content may not exceed 1.0%. The proportion of other elements does not make it have the characteristics of other alloy steels; Thickness not exceeding 0.56 mm; It can be any width if it is coiled; If it is plate-shaped, its width is at least ten times of its thickness.

It is listed under code of 72251100 and 72261100 in the *Customs Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China*.

#### 4. Content of review

The content of the review is if terminate the anti-dumping measures against the import of grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel originating from Japan, South Korea, and the EU, whether it leads to continuation or recurrence of dumping and industry injury.

#### 5. Registration to intervene in the case

As concerns the dumping investigation, any interested party may, within 20 days of the publication of this Announcement, apply to the Bureau of Trade Remedy and Investigation of MOFCOM to intervene in the case. Interested parties should provide information according to the reference of 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 kind products, and their relevance. The reference registration form can be downloaded from the website of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau, MOFCOM.

The interested parties registered to participate in this anti-dumping investigation shall submit electronic version through the Trade Remedy and Investigation Information Platform (<http://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 the same and consistent in terms of the content and the 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*.

#### 6. Access to Public Information

The interested parties can download from the website of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau, MOFCOM or go to the Trade Remedy Public Information Office (phone number: 0086-10-65197878) to search, read and copy non-confidential documents 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.

#### 7. Comments to the case initiation

The interested parties can submit their comments to the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of MOFCOM in written form within 20 days since the Announcement is published if they would like to make comments on the product scope of the investigation, the standing of the petitioners, the alleged countries and other relevant issues.

#### 8. Investigation Approaches

In accordance with the provisions in Article 12 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, The Ministry of Commerce can investigate by means of questionnaires, sampling, public hearing, on-the-spot verification etc.

In order to obtain the required information, MOFCOM will normally issue investigation questionnaire to interested parties within 10 working days since the deadline of the above-mentioned registration to participate in the investigation. The interested parties can download the questionnaire from the website of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of MOFCOM.

Interested parties shall submit complete and accurate questionnaire responses in specified time limit. The response shall include all information required by the questionnaire.

#### 9. 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 (<http://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 the same and consistent in terms of the content and the format.

For confidential information, interested parties can submit request and reason to MOFCOM for confidential processing of the information. If 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, MOFCOM will conduct the information as non-confidential.

#### 10. 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 Ministry of Commerce in the process of 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 Ministry of Commerce may make determinations on the basis of the facts already known and the best information available.

#### 11 Investigation period

The investigation starts from 23 July 2021 and shall normally end before 23 July 2022.

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Application for expiry review of the anti-dumping measures against grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel (public text) [link](#)

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Reference registration form [link](#)