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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1472 (Preliminary)]

Difluoromethane (R-32) from China

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, 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 difluoromethane (R-32) from China, provided for in subheadings 2903.39.20 and 3824.78.00 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 Investigation

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigation. 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 an affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation under sections 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determination is negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determination in this investigation under sections 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigation need not

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

² *Difluoromethane (R-32) from China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation (85 FR 10406, February 24, 2020)*.

enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigation. 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 duty 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 investigation.

Background

On January 23, 2020, Arkema Inc., King of Prussia, Pennsylvania filed a petition with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of R-32 from China. Accordingly, effective January 23, 2020, the Commission, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), instituted antidumping duty investigation No. 731-TA-1472 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation 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 January 29, 2020 (85 FR 5239). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on February 13, 2020, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission made this determination pursuant to section 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determination in this investigation on March 9, 2020. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5036 (March 2020), entitled *Difluoromethane (R-32) from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-1472 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission.

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