

Ministry of Commerce
Announcement No. 31 (2023) on initiation of expiry review of the anti-dumping measures against the import of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore

<http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/article/zwgk/gkzcfb/202308/20230803433715.shtml>

On 10 August 2018, the Ministry of Commerce published the Announcement No. 40 (2018), deciding to impose anti-dumping measures against the imports of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore as of 20 August 2018. The anti-dumping margin is 75.5% for the US, 27.4%-71.9% for the EU, and 23.1%-45.2% for Singapore, for 5 years.

On 19 November 2019, the Ministry of Commerce published the Announcement No. 52 (2019) to conduct interim review on the dumping and dumping margin applied to the imports of Halogenated Butyl Rubber produced by Exxon Mobil Corporation and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited. On 19 November 2020, in response to the application of relevant interested party, the Ministry of Commerce published an announcement to terminate the interim review.

In accordance with the Announcement No. 3 (2021) published by the Ministry of Commerce on 29 January 2021, 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.

On 19 June 2023, the Ministry of Commerce received an application for an expiry review on the anti-dumping measures from Zhejiang Xinhui New Material Co., Ltd. on behalf of Halogenated Butyl Rubber industry in China. The applicant claims that the UK has a halogenated butyl rubber industry and has been dumping to China, thus applies to include the UK in the investigated country (region) for this review. The applicant pretested that if the anti-dumping measures were terminated, the dumping imports of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore would continue or reoccur, and the dumping injury to the industry of China would continue or reoccur. Therefore, the applicant requested the Ministry of Commerce to conduct an expiry review on the anti-dumping measures against the import of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore, and maintain the anti-dumping measures against the imports of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore. Shandong Chambroad Sinopoly New Material Co., Ltd. supports this application.

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 and recurrence of dumping and possibilities of continuation and recurrence of injury and related evidence. The prima facie evidences show that the applicant is 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*, and is qualified to submit the application on behalf of the Halogenated Butyl Rubber industry in China. The investigation authority

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believes that the applicant's 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 Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore from 20 August 2023. The relevant details are hereby made public as follows:

I. Continuation of the anti-dumping measures

Following the suggestions of the Ministry of Commerce, the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council decided to continue the anti-dumping measures during the expiry review on the imports of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore, in line with the product scope and tariff rate in the Ministry of Commerce Announcement No. 40 (2018).

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

US companies:

1. Exxon Mobil Corporation 75.5%
2. All others 75.5%

EU companies:

1. ARLANXEO Belgium NV 27.4%
2. All others 71.9%

UK companies:

1. ExxonMobil Chemical Limited 71.9%
2. All others 71.9%

Singapore companies:

1. ARLANXEO SINGAPORE PTE.LTD. 23.1%
2. All others 45.2%

II. Period of expiry review investigation

The dumping investigation period of the expiry review is set as 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. The industry injury investigation period is set as 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2023.

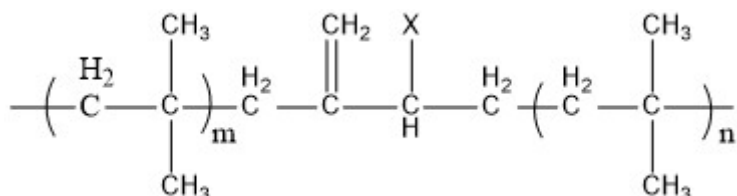
III. Products scope of expiry review investigation

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The scope of products investigated during the expiry review is the same as that of the products to which the original anti-dumping measures apply, and is consistent with the scope of products to which the anti-dumping measures listed in the Announcement No. 40 (2018) of the Ministry of Commerce. The details are as follows:

The name of the product: Halogenated Butyl Rubber (Chlorobutyl Rubber, Bromobutyl Rubber)

Main molecular structural formula:



X means Br or Cl

Physical and chemical properties: Halogenated butyl rubber is a product of the reaction between butyl rubber and halogenating agents, and is an improved product of ordinary butyl rubber. The halogenation reaction includes chlorination and bromination, therefore, halogenated butyl rubber can be divided into two categories: chlorinated butyl rubber and brominated butyl rubber. Halogenated butyl rubber products are in the form of white to light amber rubber blocks. Halogenated butyl rubber has the characteristics of fast vulcanization speed, good compatibility with other unsaturated rubbers, high self-adhesiveness and mutual adhesion.

Main applications: Halogenated butyl rubber is mainly used for airtight layers without inner tubes, heat-resistant inner tubes, heat-resistant hoses and conveyor belts, pharmaceutical bottle stoppers, shock pads, adhesives, and sealing materials.

It is listed under code of 40023910 and 40023990 in the *Customs Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China*.

IV. Content of review

The content of the review is if terminate the anti-dumping measures against the import of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating from the US, the EU, the UK and Singapore, whether it leads to continuation or recurrence of dumping and industry injury.

V. Registration to participate in the investigation

Any interested party may, within 20 days of the publication of this Announcement, apply to the Bureau of Trade Remedy and Investigation of the Ministry of Commerce to participate in the anti-dumping measures expiry review 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 kind products, and their relevance. The reference registration form can be downloaded from the website of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce.

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

VI. Access to Public Information

The interested parties can download from the website of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce 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.

VII. Comments to the case initiation

Interested parties can submit their comments to the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce 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 investigated countries (regions) and other relevant issues.

VIII. Investigation Approaches

In accordance with the provisions in Article 20 of the *Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China*, the Ministry of Commerce can conduct investigation by means of questionnaires, sampling, public hearing, on-the-spot verification, etc.

In order to obtain the required information, the Ministry of Commerce 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 the Ministry of Commerce.

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

IX. 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 Ministry of Commerce. 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 Ministry of Commerce for confidential processing of the information. If the Ministry of Commerce agrees to the request, the interested party should submit the non-confidential outline summary

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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 Ministry of Commerce will treat the information as non-confidential.

X. 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 a determination on the basis of the facts already known and the best information available.

XI. Investigation period

The investigation starts from 20 August 2023 and shall normally end before 20 August 2024 (excluding this date).

XII. Contact of MOFCOM

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Annex:

Application for expiry review on the anti-dumping measures against Halogenated Butyl Rubber imports (non-confidential text) [link](#)

Reference registration form to participate in the expiry review on the anti-dumping measures against Halogenated Butyl Rubber imports [link](#)