

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

Investigation No. 731-TA-1135 (Final)

SODIUM METAL FROM FRANCE

DETERMINATION

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury, and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded, by reason of imports from France of sodium metal, provided for in subheading 2805.11.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

BACKGROUND

The Commission instituted this investigation effective October 23, 2007, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, DE. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of sodium metal from France were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing 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 June 11, 2008 (73 FR 33115). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on October 14, 2008, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on November 24, 2008. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4045 (November 2008), entitled sodium metal from France: Investigation No. 731-TA-1135 (Final).

By order of the Commission.

/s/
William R. Bishop
Acting Secretary to the Commission

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