

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-750 and 731-TA-1728 (Preliminary)

Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains from China

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, 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 sol gel alumina-based ceramic abrasive grains from China, provided for in subheading 2818.10.20 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”) and alleged to be subsidized by the government of China.^{2 3}

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in § 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under §§ 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under §§ 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Any other party may file an entry of appearance for the final phase of the investigations after publication of the final phase notice of scheduling. 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 and countervailing 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 investigations. As provided in section 207.20 of the Commission’s rules, the Director of the Office of Investigations will circulate draft questionnaires for the final phase of the investigations to parties to the investigations, placing copies on the Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>), for comment.

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

² 90 FR 3175 and 90 FR 3179 (January 14, 2025).

³ Commissioner Rhonda K. Schmidlein not participating.

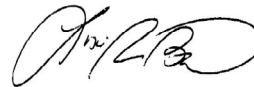
BACKGROUND

On November 25, 2024, Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics, Inc., Malvern, Pennsylvania, filed petitions with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized and LTFV imports of sol gel alumina-based ceramic abrasive grains from China. Accordingly, effective November 25, 2024, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-750 and antidumping duty investigation No. 731-TA-1728 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations 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 December 2, 2024 (89 FR 95235).⁴ The Commission conducted its conference on December 16, 2024. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to §§ 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on January 29, 2025. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5581 (February 2025), entitled *Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains from China: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-750 and 731-TA-1728 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.



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Secretary to the Commission

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⁴ The Commission published a revised schedule on December 18, 2024 (89 FR 102953) to conform with Commerce's new schedule after Commerce extended the deadline for its initiation determinations from December 16, 2024 to January 6, 2025 (89 FR 100465, December 12, 2024).