**Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China**

**Notice no. 52 (2019)**

On 10 August 2018, the Ministry of Commerce published the Notice No. 40 of the year, and decided to impose anti-dumping measures to imports of Halogenated Butyl Rubber originating in the US, EU and Singapore for 5 years from 20 August 2018.

On 19 September 2019, ExxonMobil Corporation and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited submitted a request for an interim review of the dumping and dumping margins of the respective anti-dumping measures as the dumping margins of the halogenated butyl rubber produced by the two companies have undergone major changes after the implementation of the anti-dumping measures.

On 20 September 2019, the Ministry of Commerce noticed the domestic industry of the above mentioned request, and forwarded the text for public of the application for an interim review.

After an assessment of the application, the Ministry of Commerce believes that it meets the conditions of initiating a case. According to the Anti-Dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China and the Rules for Interim Review of Dumping and Dumping Margins, the Ministry of Commerce decided to initiate an interim review of the dumping and dumping margins of the anti-dumping measures against the import of halogenated butyl rubber produced by ExxonMobil Corporation and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited since 20 November 2019. The relevant review matters are hereby announced as follows:

1. Scope of products

The products for this anti-dumping interim review are imports of halogenated butyl rubber produced by ExxonMobil Corporation and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited. The detailed description is consistent with the product description specified in the Notice No. 40 of the Ministry of Commerce in 2018.

Product name under investigation: Halogenated butyl rubber (named卤代丁基橡胶in the Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China).

The English name is Halogenated Butyl Rubber (Chlorobutyl Rubber, Bromobutyl Rubber).

This product is listed under the tax number 40023910 and 40023990 in the Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China.

2. Period and scope of interim review investigation

(1) Investigation period: The dumping investigation period for this review is from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

(2) Scope of investigation: The scope of this review is the anti-dumping duty rate applicable to the imports of halogenated butyl rubber produced by ExxonMobil Corporation and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited.

3. Procedures of the review

(1) Comments from stakeholders

Any stakeholders can submit written comments on this review and provide relevant evidence within 20 days after this notice.

(2) Questionnaire

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for the investigation, the Ministry of Commerce will issue questionnaires to relevant stakeholders as needed. The questionnaire can be downloaded from the “Case Dynamics” section of the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau sub-site of the Ministry of Commerce (<http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn>). The responses to the questionnaire should be submitted as required within 37 days of the date of transmission of the questionnaire.

(3) Hearings

Stakeholders may submit written requests for hearings in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Investigation Hearing Rules to the Ministry of Commerce. The Ministry of Commerce may also hold a hearing when it deems it necessary.

(4) Field verification

The Ministry of Commerce will send staff to relevant countries for on-the-spot verification when necessary. Any materials submitted by the stakeholders shall include a statement agreeing to the verification. The Ministry of Commerce will notify the relevant countries and enterprises in advance before the verification.

4. The consequences of non-cooperation

According to Article 21 of the Anti-dumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China, when the Ministry of Commerce conducts an investigation, the stakeholders shall truthfully report the situation and provide relevant information. If the stakeholders fail to truthfully report the situation, provide relevant information, or fails to provide necessary information within a reasonable time, or otherwise seriously obstructs the investigation, the Ministry of Commerce may make a ruling based on the facts already obtained and the best information available.

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Annex: [Application for interim review from the Exxon Mobil Corporation](http://images.mofcom.gov.cn/trb/201911/20191120094007754.pdf)

[Application for interim review from ExxonMobil Chemical Limited](http://images.mofcom.gov.cn/trb/201911/20191120094356794.pdf)

[Questionnaire](http://images.mofcom.gov.cn/trb/201911/20191120110255654.doc)

<http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn/article/cs/201911/20191102914825.shtml>