

FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations on Imports of Lemon Juice from Argentina and Mexico

- On October 12, Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping duty investigations on imports of lemon juice from Argentina and Mexico.
- Sunkist Growers, Inc., (CA), is the petitioner for these investigations.
- The scope of these investigations includes certain lemon juice for further manufacture, with or without addition of preservatives, sugar, or other sweeteners, regardless of the grams per liter of citric acid (GPL) level of concentration, brix level, brix/acid ratio, pulp content, clarity, grade, horticulture method (e.g., organic or not), processed form (e.g., frozen or not-from-concentrate), FDA standard of identity, the size of the container in which packed, or the method of packing.
- Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (1) lemon juice at any level of concentration packed in retail sized containers ready for sale to consumers, typically at a level of concentration of 48 GPL; and (2) beverage products such as lemonade that typically contain 20% or less lemon juice as an ingredient.
- Lemon juice is classifiable under subheadings 2009.39.6020, 2009.31.6020, 2009.31.4000, 2009.31.6040, and 2009.39.6040 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about November 6, 2006.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Argentina and Mexico are injuring or threatening material injury to the domestic industry, the investigations would continue, and the Department would be scheduled to make its preliminary antidumping duty determinations in February 2007.
- If the ITC makes a negative preliminary injury determination, the investigations will be terminated.

Initiated Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
Argentina	102.46%
Mexico	134.22%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	September 21, 2006
DOC Initiation Date	October 11, 2006
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 6, 2006
DOC Preliminary Determination*	February 28, 2007
DOC Final Determination*	May 14, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	June 28, 2007
Issuance of Order***	July 5, 2007

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

** This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination from the Department of Commerce.

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Import Statistics:

ARGENTINA	2003	2004	2005
Volume (Liters)	60,521,950	31,995,007	56,448,334
Value (\$US)	\$10,732,958	\$6,499,827	\$9,434,899
MEXICO	2003	2004	2005
Volume (Liters)	28,927,184	28,565,272	28,873,058
Value (\$US)	\$5,672,028	\$5,461,094	\$3,797,729

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 2009.39.6020, 2009.31.6020, 2009.31.4000, 2009.31.6040, and 2009.39.6040)