

Brazil initiates anti-dumping investigation on imports of nylon filaments from China, South Korea, Thailand and Chinese Taipei

On December 24, 2018, Brazil's Secretariat of Foreign Trade ("SECEX") of the Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services ("MDIC") published Notice of Initiation No. 65, initiating the sunset review of the duties applied on imports of nylon filaments originating in China, South Korea, Thailand and Chinese Taipei. The product is commonly classified under items 5402.31.11, 5402.31.19 and 5402.45.20 of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature – NCM (HS based). The petitioner is the Brazilian Association of Artificial and Sintetic – ABRAFAS.

The product under investigation was defined as nylon filaments (polyamide 6, polyamide 6,6) less than 50 tex, any number of filaments, profile or level of opacity (glossy, semi-opaque or opaque), textured or not, not yarned or measuring per single yarn not more than 50 decitex, dyed, opaque or whitened exported from China, South Korea, Thailand and Chinese Taipei to Brazil.

For purposes of initiating the investigation, the Brazilian authority has calculated the following dumping margins:

Country	Normal value (US\$/ton)	Absolute Dumping Margin (US\$/ton)	Relative Dumping Margin (%)
China	4,562.19	1,112.78	32.3%
South Korea	5,442.34	2,599.68	91.3%
Chinese Taipei	5,110.43	1,720.36	50.7%
Thailand	3,980.11	not available	not available

Exporters and importers participating in the investigation can demonstrate that the product is not dumped to Brazil, avoiding the imposition of antidumping duties. Alternatively, if the authority understands that exports were dumped, exporting companies participating in the investigation may request individual dumping margins, which results in lower duties on their exports.

Producers/exporters will receive questionnaires indicating the information necessary to the investigation, and shall have a 30-day deadline for response, counting from the date of notification. The questionnaires are already available at MDIC's website. Interested parties may participate in the investigation through legal representatives duly registered before the Department of Trade Remedies. Other parties who consider themselves as interested in the proceeding shall file a request for participation within a 20-day deadline counting from the beginning of the investigation, which the due date will be on January 14th. Notice of initiation No. 65 can be accessed at the following [link \(in Portuguese\)](#).