

## **Fertilizers Europe is concerned with the Commission's decision to reduce anti-dumping duty on ammonium nitrate originating from Russia**

**Brussels, 16 November 2018:** Fertilizer industry is concerned that despite recognising Russian ammonium nitrate industry as a considerable injurious threat for EU nitrogen industry, the Commission decided to reduce the anti-dumping duty on ammonium nitrate from €47/Mt to €32/Mt.

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Fertilizers Europe has welcomed the European Commission's central finding in the interim dumping review brought by JSC ACRON that there are no changed circumstances on the Russian gas market where state fixed pricing dominates gas price formation.

However, the European mineral fertilizer industry is very concerned that the Commission, having recognised this profound structural problem which results in 'structural dumping', does not apply a consistent logic that there is thereby persistent 'structural injury' in the interim injury review made by EU based farming organisations.

Jacob Hansen, Director General of Fertilizers Europe commented *"As an industry, we are very concerned with the Commission's decision to reduce by one third the anti-dumping duty on ammonium nitrate originating from Russia despite recognising structural dumping, as it sets a very dangerous precedent which puts at risk high-skilled jobs and competitiveness of European fertilizer industry as a whole."*

The Russian AN industry still represents a considerable injurious threat as it maintains a spare export capability of over 1.2 million tonnes per annum. Moreover, the Russian industry remains a powerful export industry with exports reaching over 3.5 million tonnes per annum in 2017. In comparison, the EU ammonium nitrate market is estimated between 6.4 – 7.5 million tonnes annually.

No amount of EU industry re-structuring or improved efficiencies can compensate for the massive "gas gap" between Russia's typical state fixed price of US\$2.5 MMBTU against the EU's wholesale gas price of nearly US\$10.00 MMBTU.

Thus, the EU industry will be closely monitoring and assessing both the immediate and long-term impact of the EU's reduction of the anti-dumping duty on ammonium nitrate from €47/Mt to 32/Mt.

It cannot be ruled out that the EU industry will ask for an interim review to make for an increased anti-dumping duty.

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Fertilizers Europe represents the majority of fertilizer producers in Europe and is recognized as the dedicated industry source of information on mineral fertilizers. The Association communicates with a wide variety of institutions, legislators, stakeholders and members of the public who seek information on fertilizer technology and topics relating to today's agricultural, environmental and economic challenges.

## Notes for editors:

1. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1703 of 12 November 2018 terminating the partial interim review concerning imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Russia. [VIEW ONLINE](#)
2. Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1722 of 14 November 2018 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Russia following an interim review. [VIEW ONLINE](#)