

Commission's investigation results in continuation of the EU anti-dumping measures on ammonium nitrate originating in Russia

Brussels, 17 December 2020: European fertilizer industry welcomes the result of the European Commission's 15-month investigation, which consistently with all previous investigations, found that there is likely continuation of dumping and injury and therefore deciding to keep in place EU anti-dumping measures on ammonium nitrate originating in Russia for up to another five years.

On 16 December 2020, the European Commission has confirmed in the Official Journal (L 425) that the existing ammonium nitrate (AN) measures will be continued. Under the WTO/EU "sunset" review rules the measures are allowed to continue for up to another five years.

Jacob Hansen, Director General of Fertilizers Europe stated, *"We welcome the result of a thorough 15-month investigation of the European Commission which considering all relevant factors and taking into account arguments put forward by interested parties, concluded that Russia's ammonium nitrate industry maintains a structural export pricing behaviour which regularly results in export prices below domestic Russian prices and thus likely continuation of dumping and injury"*.

Given the massive export capability of the Russian ammonium nitrate industry at typically 3.5-4 million tonnes per annum - which can be readily re-directed to the nearby EU market - the serious threat of injury to the EU industry is all too real.

Jacob Hansen underlined *"The Commission investigation established that export pricing behaviour originating in Russia was likely to have a very negative impact on EU industry's prices and profits performance and therefore decided to maintain EU anti-dumping measures on ammonium nitrate originating in Russia for up to another five years"*.

Every EU trade defence investigation includes a Union Interest test whereby the European Commission evaluates the impact of continuation or the removal measures upon the manufacturing industry and the users/customers of the product concerned.

Consistent with all previous investigations, the European Commission found that their findings on likely dumping and likely injury were significantly heavier damaging factors than the relatively low-cost impact of the anti-dumping measures on EU farming.

Notes to editors:

1. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2100
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R2100&from=EN>

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