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Stage of the proceeding

Submission of a written application by the domestic industry.



Examination of the application by the investigating authority. Before initiating the investigation, the investigating authority must notify the government of the exporting country concerned that an application for the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation has been received.



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The investigating authority rejects the complaint if there is insufficient prima facie evidence that injurious dumping has taken place. In such a case, the proceeding is not initiated. Otherwise, the investigating authority initiates the investigation in which case public notice must be given.



Transmission of the full text of the written application to the known exporters and to the authorities of the exporting Member *as soon as the investigation has been initiated*. Upon request, the text of the application must be made available to other interested parties. The investigating authority must also send the questionnaires to exporters, importers, domestic industry and other interested parties. Exporters or foreign producers must be given at least 30 days to reply. This time-limit must be counted from the date of receipt of the questionnaire, which shall be deemed to have been received one week from the date on which it was sent to the respondent or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting Member. Extensions may be granted.



Expiry of deadline for questionnaire responses. Interested parties may submit comments. Non-confidential summaries of written submissions must generally be made available to other parties. Interested parties are also entitled to request to be heard and to hold confrontation meetings with opposing parties. Interested parties are entitled to have access to the non-confidential (public) file and to prepare presentations on the basis of the consulted information.

No sooner than 60 days from day 1, no later than 9 months

Analysis of all data collected. Provisional determination reached.



Publication of a notice imposing provisional anti-dumping measures for six months if a preliminary affirmative determination has been made of dumping and consequent injury to a domestic industry. Interested parties must be given the possibility to submit comments to the findings on the basis of which the investigating authority decided to impose provisional anti-dumping measures



Interested parties have the right to be heard, submit comments, access to the non-confidential (public) file and hold meetings.



Analysis by the investigating authority of the comments and evidence collected. Definitive determination reached.



Transmission of definitive disclosure to interested parties. This disclosure must take place in sufficient time for interested parties to be able to defend their interests.



Expiry of deadline for interested parties to submit their comments on the investigating authority's findings.



Analysis by the investigating authority of the comments submitted by interested parties.



No later than 12 months from day one or four months after date of imposition of provisional anti-dumping duties. In exceptional circumstances, no later than 18 months after initiation or six months after the imposition of provisional anti-dumping duties.

Adoption and publication of the notice imposing definitive measures for up to five years. In the event that it has been found that sales did not take place at dumped prices or that the domestic industry did not suffer injury due to the imports from the targeted country, then a notice of termination of the proceeding must be published.