

Summary of the Written Application from the Domestic Industry

On June 19, 2025, the Minister of Finance received an application for extension of the period of imposition of the anti-dumping duty on Dipotassium carbonate originating in the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “Korea”) from AGC Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “the applicant” *). The outline of the written application is as follows.

*Note: The applicant is a company that is producing and selling Dipotassium carbonate and held a domestic production share of 100% in 2024.

A. Threat that the importation of the dumped product would be likely to continue after the expiry of the period.

- (a) The export price to Japan of Dipotassium carbonate originating in Korea is less than the normal value and the rate of dumping margin of the product is between 11% and 51%.
- (b) Supplier in Korea has surplus production capacity and tends to expand sales to resolve surplus production. However, there is no demand either in Korea or abroad to match that supply.
- (c) Supplier in Korea maintains a strong interest in entering the Japanese market, given the lower transportation costs due to geographical proximity between the two countries. Consequently, the import of the dumped products has continued.

For the reasons mentioned above, there is the threat that the importation of the dumped product would be likely to continue after the expiry of the period.

B. Threat that the fact of material injury, etc. to the domestic industry would be likely to recur after the expiry of the period.

- (a) Since 2022, the import volume of the dumped product has increased and the market share of that product in quantity of domestic demand has also increased. On the other hand, the sales volume and the market share of the like product produced in Japan have decreased.
- (b) The applicant was able to raise the sales price of the product in response to the surge in material costs from 2022. And it was also able to limit the reduction of its sales price following the decline in the material costs in 2024. Consequently, operating profit and sales revenue of the applicant had been recovered from 2022 to 2024, compared to 2020, before the anti-dumping duty was imposed on the dumped product.
- (c) After anti-dumping duty had been imposed on the dumped product, the importation of that product has continued. The domestic sales price had been consistently lower than

that of the like products produced in Japan. Because of competition with the cheaper dumped product, the domestic industry has not been able to raise their sales prices to reflect the increase in manufacturing costs or the decline in sales volume has continued. For the reasons mentioned above, there is the threat that the fact of material injury, etc. to the domestic industry caused by the importation of the dumped product would be likely to recur after the expiry of the period.

3. Therefore, the applicant requests the extension of the period of imposition of the anti-dumping duty on Dipotassium carbonate originating in Korea.