

Summary of the Written Application from the Domestic Industry

On August 8, 2025, the Minister of Finance received an application from the Potassium Product Manufacturers Association (hereinafter referred to as “the applicant”)* for an extension of the period of imposition of the anti-dumping duties on potassium hydroxide originating in the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “Korea”) and the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as “China”). The outline of the written application is as follows.

*Note: The applicant is an industry association that consists of three domestic producers producing the like products of the specified dumped product. The said three producers held domestic production share of 100% in 2024.

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

(a) The export price to Japan of the specified dumped product originating in Korea is less than the normal value, and the rate of dumping margin of the specified dumped product in 2024 is 70.01%. In addition, the export price to a third country of the like products of the specified dumped product originating in China is less than the normal value.

(b) Suppliers in Korea and China have considerable surplus production capacity, and there are no markets in Asia in geographical proximity to Korea and China to absorb such surplus supply (excluding Japanese markets).

For the reasons mentioned above, there is the threat that the specified dumped product would be likely to continue or recur after the expiry of the specified 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) While anti-dumping duties have been imposed on the specified dumped product, the sales prices of the specified dumped product from Korea were intentionally kept low despite the increase in manufacturing costs, and dumping has continued. Due to competition with the cheaper specified dumped product, the domestic producers have been prevented from raising their sales prices to reflect the increased manufacturing costs.

(b) Consequently, during the period from 2022 to 2023, the import volume of the specified dumped product from Korea has increased, while, on the other hand, the production volume, the sales volume, and the market share of the like products produced in Japan have decreased. Also, if the situation where domestic producers are unable to raise

their sales prices to reflect the increased manufacturing costs continues, there is a high possibility that the current operating profit, which is sustainable at present, will no longer be maintained.

- (c) Suppliers in Korea and China have surplus production capacity, and there are no markets in geographical proximity to the supply countries, both domestic and abroad, to absorb such surplus supply.

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 specified dumped product would be likely to continue or recur after the expiry of the period.

3. Therefore, the applicant requests the extension of the period of imposition of the anti-dumping duties on potassium hydroxide originating in Korea and China.