Hot Discussion on Antidumping of Single-Mode Optical Fiber

Overview

China extends anti-dumping measures on single-mode optical fibers China will continue to levy anti-dumping duties on imports of single-mode optical fibers.

Key Takeaways

China has initiated its first anti-circumvention investigation on U.S. single-mode optical fiber, imposing duties to prevent evasion of existing anti-dumping measures.Background of the Investigation

On March 4, 2025, the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM) launched an anti-circumvention investigation following an application by domestic firms. The probe targeted cutoff-wavelength shifted single-mode optical fiber imported from the United States, which was found to circumvent existing anti-dumping duties on non-dispersion-shifted single-mode optical fiber. This marks China's first formal anti-circumvention case, reflecting a growing focus on closing loopholes in trade remedy enforcement .

Findings and Measures

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The investigation concluded that U.S. exporters were altering product specifications to evade duties, exporting fibers under a closely related product definition without commercial justification. MOFCOM determined that these practices undermined the effectiveness of existing anti-dumping measures and issued anti-circumvention duties ranging from 33.3% to 78.2%, effective September 4, 2025, and valid until April 21, 2028 . Enhanced customs scrutiny will apply to affected imports, requiring importers to update compliance procedures, contracts, and supply-chain plans to account for potential additional duties and regulatory risks .

Implications for Stakeholders

• Importers and U.S. exporters must reassess product classifications and ensure compliance with the new measures.

• Domestic Chinese firms benefit from strengthened protection against unfairly priced imports.

• Investors and supply-chain managers should anticipate potential cost increases and adjust procurement strategies accordingly .

Global Context

Similar anti-dumping enforcement is observed in other regions. For example, the European Commission doubled anti-dumping duties on optical fiber cables from China, ranging from 39.4% to 88%, to counteract price absorption tactics by Chinese exporters and protect the EU optical fiber industry . These measures highlight a broader trend of tightened trade defense mechanisms in the global optical fiber market.

Conclusion

The anti-circumvention ruling by China represents a significant development in international trade law, emphasizing the importance of compliance and technical product classification. Companies involved in cross-border optical fiber trade should closely monitor regulatory updates, reassess contracts, and prepare documentation to demonstrate product differences, as these measures directly affect pricing, market access, and competitive positioning in China's growing optical fiber market .

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