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Ministry of Commerce Announcement No. 19, 2025 announced the launch of an industrial competitiveness investigation into imported medical CT ball tubes

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According to Article 36 of the Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce may, on its own or jointly with other relevant departments under The State Council, initiate investigations into the impact of the import and export of goods, the import and export of technologies, and the international trade in services on domestic industries and their competitiveness.

On March 7, 2025, the Ministry of Commerce received an application formally submitted by 昆山医源医疗设备有限公司. (hereinafter referred to as the applicant), which requested to launch an investigation into the impact of imported X-ray tubes and tube cores for medical CT machines (hereinafter referred to as medical CT balls) on China's domestic industry and its competitiveness. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Foreign Trade Law, the Ministry of Commerce examined the products involved in the application for investigation and their import situation, the impact of imports on the competitiveness of domestic industries and relevant evidentiary materials.

After review, the Ministry of Commerce believes that the applicant's application complies with the relevant legal provisions. According to Article 36 of the Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce has decided to conduct an industrial competitiveness investigation on imported medical CT tubes from April 4, 2025. The relevant matters are hereby announced as follows:

1. Products under investigation and investigation matters

(1) Products involved in the investigation

Chinese name: X-ray tube and tube core for medical CT machine; Also known as: Medical X-ray CT bulb and tube core; Abbreviation: Medical CT bulb.

English name: X-Ray Tube Assemblies and Tube (Insert) Thereof for Medical CT Device; Medical CT Tubes for short.

Product Description: Imported medical X-ray CT tubes for 16 rows or more computed tomography (CT) equipment and tube cores for the above tubes (including individual tube cores, tube semi-finished products, complete tubes and other forms).

Physical characteristics: Medical CT bulb is the X-ray source of CT equipment, usually composed of tube core, tube sleeve, cooling system and electrical system. The tube core is the core part of CT bulb. Its working principle is to heat the cathode filament to high temperature to escape electrons, and the electrons move at high speed under the action of electric field, bombarding the anode target plate to produce X-rays. The tube core cannot be installed independently on the CT device, and must be installed and used in the form of an X-ray tube. The role of the tube sleeve is to fix the tube core, the electrical system, connect the cooling system, encapsulate the coolant and realize the assembly of the CT equipment.

Main uses: Medical CT bulb is a medical device product, which can be used with compatible medical diagnostic X-ray computed tomography (CT) equipment to generate X-rays, mainly for medical image examination, diagnosis and other purposes.

This product belongs to the "Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China" : 90223000. Other products under the tariff code are not within the scope of this investigation.

(2) Matters of investigation

The investigation items include but are not limited to the following: the industrial status of China and other major medical CT bulb producing countries (regions) and exporting countries (regions) since 2020; The influence of imported medical CT bulb on China's domestic medical CT bulb industry and its competitiveness.

2. Registration to participate in the investigation

Interested parties shall, within 20 days from the date of this announcement, register with the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce to participate in this industrial competitiveness survey. Interested parties mainly include domestic and foreign producers, foreign exporters, domestic importers, domestic

downstream users, governments of relevant production or exporting countries (regions) and relevant industry associations. Interested parties participating in the survey should provide basic information in accordance with the Reference Format for Registration to Participate in the Survey. The "Reference Form for Registration for Investigation" can be downloaded from the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau sub-website of the Ministry of Commerce.

The interested party to register to take part in the investigation of the industrial competitiveness, should through the "trade remedy investigation information platform" (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>) to submit the electronic version, and according to the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, at the same time submit the written version. The content of the electronic version and the written version shall be the same and the format shall be consistent.

3. Access to public information

In the course of investigation, interested parties may inquire the public information of the case through the sub-website of the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau on the website of the Ministry of Commerce, or search, read, copy and copy the public information of the case in the Public Information Review Room of the Ministry of Commerce (tel: 0086-10-65197878).

4. Submit comments

Interested parties may, within 30 days from the date of this announcement, submit in writing comments on issues related to filing to the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce.

5. Investigation methods

According to Article 37 of the Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce may conduct investigations by means of written questionnaires, hearings, field investigations, and commissioned investigations.

6. Information submission and processing

Interested parties in the process of investigation to submit comments, answers, etc., should be through the "trade remedy investigation information platform" (<https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn>) to submit the electronic version, and according to the

requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, at the same time submit the written version. The content of the electronic version and the written version shall be the same and the format shall be consistent.

If the information submitted to the Ministry of Commerce needs to be kept confidential, the interested party may request the Ministry of Commerce to keep the relevant information confidential and explain the reasons. If the Ministry of Commerce agrees to its request, the interested party applying for confidentiality shall also provide a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary should contain sufficient meaningful information to enable other interested parties to have a reasonable understanding of the confidential information. If a non-confidential summary cannot be provided, a reason should be given. If the information submitted by an interested party does not indicate the need for confidentiality, the Ministry of Commerce will treat the information as public information.

7. Consequences of non-cooperation

When the Ministry of Commerce conducts an investigation, the interested parties shall truthfully reflect the situation and provide relevant information. If an interested party does not truthfully reflect the situation and provide relevant information, or fails to provide necessary information within a reasonable time, or seriously hinders the investigation in other ways, the Ministry of Commerce may make investigation conclusions based on the facts already obtained and the best information available.

8. Duration of investigation

The investigation begins on April 4, 2025 and should normally be concluded by April 4, 2026, subject to appropriate extension in exceptional circumstances.

9. Contact information of the Ministry of Commerce

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Annex 1: Application for Medical CT Tube Industry Competitiveness Survey (public text) - text.pdf

Annex 2: Application for Medical CT Tube Industry Competitiveness Survey (public text) - Annex.pdf

Annex 3: Medical CT bulb industry competitiveness case registration to participate in the survey reference format.wps

Press Response:

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The spokesperson of the Ministry of Commerce answers the reporter's questions on the industrial competitiveness investigation of imported medical CT ball tubes

A reporter asked: We have noticed that the website of the Ministry of Commerce issued a notice to launch an industrial competitiveness investigation on imported medical CT ball tubes. Can you brief us on the relevant information?

A: This survey is the first industrial competitiveness survey initiated by the Ministry of Commerce in response to the application of domestic industries. According to Article 36 of the Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce may conduct investigations on the impact of imports on domestic industries and their competitiveness.

The preliminary evidence submitted by the applicant shows that China's medical CT bulb industry started late and the industry is in a period of development. Affected by the impact of imported products, the domestic industry is difficult to operate, and the industrial competitiveness is adversely affected. The applicant therefore requested the Ministry of Commerce to conduct an investigation into the impact of imports on domestic industries and their competitiveness.

I would like to stress that the industrial competitiveness survey is a factual survey, which does not target specific countries or regions and does not affect normal trade. The investigation organ will fully protect the rights of all interested parties and conduct the investigation objectively and impartially according to law.