Initiation of the Investigation of Anti-Dumping Duty on Pigments and Preparations Based on Rutile Titanium Dioxide Originating in the People's Republic of China

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The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) today decided to initiate a new anti-dumping investigation of pigments and preparations based on rutile titanium dioxide originating in the People's Republic of China.

1. Background

On August 7, 2026, the Minister of Finance received an application from the Japan Titanium Dioxide Industry Association to impose anti-dumping duties on pigments and preparations based on rutile titanium dioxide* originating in the People's Republic of China (China) **. The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) examined the application in accordance with the WTO Agreements and related domestic laws and regulations. The results showed that the application had sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of an investigation. Therefore, the ministries have decided to initiate a joint investigation (Public Notice on October 16, 2026).

*Note: The product is generally a fine white powder characterized by its exceptional hiding power and excellent weather resistance, and is used in automotive coatings, premium architectural coatings, gravure inks, flexographic inks, and in the coloration of masterbatches and resins.

**Note: Excluding the regions of Hong Kong and Macao.

2. Outline of the Investigation

The investigation is to be concluded within one year, in principle. The ministries will provide opportunities for interested parties to present evidence and will carry out a factual investigation of companies in both China and Japan.

Based on the results of the investigation, the Government of Japan will determine whether or not products have been imported into Japan at dumped prices and if such dumped imports have caused material injury to the domestic industry, in accordance with the provisions of the international rules under the WTO Agreements and related domestic laws and regulations. A decision will then be made on whether or not to impose anti-dumping duties on products subject to the investigation.

Reference:

- Summary of the Written Application from the Domestic Industry(PDF:96KB)
- Questionnaire (Japanese)

Divisions in Charge

- Office for Trade Remedy Investigations, Trade Control Department, Trade and Economic Security Bureau
- Material Industries Division, Manufacturing Industries Bureau

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