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## ARKEMA SUPPORTS PROBE BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INTO CIRCUMVENTION OF REFRIGERANT ANTI-DUMPING ORDERS

**Arkema and its Forane® Refrigerants team today announce their full support of the U.S. Department of Commerce in their continued probe surrounding imported refrigerant blends which circumvent anti-dumping orders.**

According to [The Cooling Post](#), the Department of Commerce is investigating reports that R-410B is being manufactured in Mexico using materials imported from China. Then, R-410B is imported and reprocessed in the U.S. and sold as R-410A to avoid paying duties on the product.

The [American HFC Coalition](#) asserts that Chinese exporters have been attempting to go around the anti-dumping orders and avoid its associated duties since 2016, shipping components including R-125, R32, R-134a and R-143a.

“The decision by the U.S. Department of Commerce to investigate this strategy with respect to R-410B from Mexico is one more important step to stop these unfair trade practices,” asserts the organization.

Such acts can impact U.S. HFC manufacturers subjecting them to depressed prices, declining sales revenue, and lost market share.

This is the ninth time the Department of Commerce has investigated allegations of circumvention of anti-dumping orders since 2016.

**To read the full press release from the American HFC Coalition, click [here](#).**

Additional information can be found at [www.forane.arkema.com](http://www.forane.arkema.com).

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