



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Laminated Woven Sacks from the People's Republic of China

- On January 25, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of laminated woven sacks from the People's Republic of China (China). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold laminated woven sacks in the United States at 63.89 to 108.09 percent less than fair value.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary margins.
- Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for one of the mandatory respondents and the separate rate companies, but do not exist for the other mandatory respondent and the PRC-wide entity. Commerce will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances when it makes its final dumping determination.
- The petitioners for this investigation are the Laminated Woven Sack Committee, an *ad hoc* association, and its individual members: Bancroft Bag, Inc. (LA); Mid-America Packaging, LLC (OH); Coating Excellence International, LLC (WI); Polytex Fibers Corp. (TX); and Hood Packaging Corp. (MS).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is laminated woven sacks, which are typically used for retail packaging of consumer goods such as pet foods and bird seed.
- Effective July 1, 2007, laminated woven sacks are classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 6305.33.0050 and 6305.33.0080. Laminated woven sacks were previously classifiable under HTSUS subheading 6305.33.0020. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of laminated woven sacks from China increased 80 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$40 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to make its final determination on or about June 16, 2008.

- If Commerce makes a final affirmative determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes a final determination that imports of laminated woven sacks from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
SHANGDONG SHOUGUANG JIANYUANCHUN CO., LTD./SHANDONG LONGXING PLASTIC PACK CO., LTD. / SHANGDONG SHOUGUANG JIANYUANCHUN CO., LTD./SHANDONG LONGXING PLASTIC PACK CO., LTD.	63.89%
ZIBO AIFUDI PLASTIC PACKAGING CO., LTD. / ZIBO AIFUDI PLASTIC PACKAGING CO., LTD.	108.09%
China Wide Rate	108.09%
Separate-Rate Respondents (See Attached)	87.60%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DEADLINE
Petitions Filed	June 28, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	July 18, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 13, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination	January 24, 2008
DOC Final Determination	June 16, 2008 (est)
ITC Final Determination*	July 31, 2008 (est)
Issuance of Order**	August 7, 2008 (est)

* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by Commerce.

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Import Statistics:

China	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kgs)	11,050,630	15,090,603	19,856,681
Value (\$US)	\$17,562,221	\$27,647,842	\$39,722,183

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission Dataweb for HTSUS subheading 6305.33.0020, which is a basket category.

SEPARATE RATES

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
POLYWELL INDUSTRIAL CO., a.k.a. FIRST WAY (H.K.) LIMITED/ POLYWELL PLASTIC PRODUCT FACTORY	87.60%
ZIBO LINZI WORUN PACKING PRODUCT CO., LTD.	87.60%
SHANDONG QIKAI PLASTICS PRODUCT CO., LTD.	87.60%
CHANGLE BAODU PLASTIC CO. LTD.	87.60%
ZIBO LINZI SHUAIQIANG PLASTICS CO., LTD.	87.60%
ZIBO LINZI QITIANLI PLASTIC FABRIC CO., LTD.	87.60%
SHANDONG YOU LIAN CO., LTD.	87.60%
ZIBO LINZI LUITONG PLASTIC FABRIC CO., LTD.	87.60%
WENZHOU HOTSON PLASTICS CO., LTD	87.60%
JIANGSU HOTSON PLASTICS CO., LTD.	87.60%
CANGNAN COLOR MAKE THE BAG	87.60%
ZIBO QIGAO PLASTIC CEMENT CO., LTD.	87.60%