

FACT SHEET

Final Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Imports of Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China

On November 9, the Department of Commerce announced its final affirmative determination in the antidumping duty investigation of wooden bedroom furniture from the People's Republic of China (PRC), finding that, with the exception of one company, Chinese producers/exporters made sales of subject merchandise to their U.S. customers at less than fair value, with margins ranging from *de minimis* to 198.08 percent for the individually investigated respondents, 8.64 percent for the 115 companies qualifying for a "separate rate," and a PRC-wide rate of 198.08 percent applicable to all other imports.

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to issue its final injury determination no later than December 23. If the ITC finds that a U.S. industry is injured or threatened with material injury as a result of imports of wooden bedroom furniture from the PRC, the Department will issue an antidumping order and will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits on entries of subject merchandise at the applicable dumping duty rate.

Mandatory Respondents: Given its limited resources and the extraordinary scope and complexity of the investigation, the Department selected the top seven furniture producers/exporters by volume of ocean-going containers exported to the United States as mandatory respondents. These seven companies, which are listed along with their respective final dumping margins, below, represent approximately 35 percent by value of all imports of wooden bedroom furniture from the PRC to the United States.

Companies Qualified for a "Separate Rate": Based on information provided on the record in the course of this investigation, the Department found that certain companies have demonstrated that their export activities are not controlled by the PRC government. Such status entitles a producer or exporter to a "separate rate" of 8.64 percent, based on the weighted-average of five of the seven mandatory respondents' rates¹ rather than the PRC-wide rate. The complete list of companies we found to qualify for this separate rate is available on Import Administration's website: www.ia.ita.doc.gov, and is included below. These companies represent approximately 65 percent by value of all imports of wooden bedroom furniture from the PRC into the United States.

Product Description: For purposes of this investigation, the product covered is wooden bedroom furniture. Wooden bedroom furniture is generally, but not exclusively, designed, manufactured, and offered for sale in coordinated groups, or bedrooms, in which all of the individual pieces are of approximately the same style and approximately the same material and/or finish. The subject merchandise is made substantially of wood products, including both solid wood and also engineered wood products made from wood particles, fibers, or other wooden materials such as plywood, oriented strand board, particle board, and fiberboard, with or without wood veneers, wood overlays, or laminates, with or without non-wood components or trim such as metal, marble, leather, glass, plastic, or other resins, and whether or not assembled, completed, or finished. The Department has reviewed interested parties' comments with regard to the scope of the investigation. A

¹In accordance with the Department's practice, the weighted-average rate for Section A companies excludes the adverse facts-available rate for Tech Lane and the *de minimis* rate for Markor Tianjin.

complete description of the subject merchandise, including clarifications and exclusions the Department has determined to be appropriate, is included below.

Petitioners: The petition requesting this investigation was filed on behalf of the domestic industry and workers producing wooden bedroom furniture by the American Furniture Manufacturers Committee for Legal Trade and its individual members and the Cabinet Makers, Millmen, and Industrial Carpenters Local 721, UBC Southern Council of Industrial Worker’s Local Union 2305, United Steel Workers of American Local 193U, Carpenters Industrial Union Local 2093, and Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helper Local 991.

Final Dumping Margins:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	DUMPING MARGIN
Rui Feng Woodwork Co., Ltd., Rui Feng Lumber Development Co., Ltd., and Dorbest Limited (collectively, Dorbest Group)	16.70%
Starcorp Furniture (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., Orin Furniture (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., and Shanghai Starcorp Furniture Co., Ltd. (collectively, Starcorp)	15.24%
Tech Lane Wood Mfg. and Kee Jia Wood Mfg. (collectively, Tech Lane)	198.08%
Dongguan Lung Dong Furniture Co., Ltd. and Dongguan Dong He Furniture Co., Ltd (Dongguan Lung Dong)	2.22%
Lacquer Craft Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (Lacquer Craft)	6.95%
Markor International Furniture (Tianjin) Manufacture Co., Ltd. (Markor Tianjin)	0.79% <i>(de minimis)</i>
Shing Mark Enterprise Co., Ltd., Carven Industries Limited (BVI), Carven Industries Limited (HK), Dongguan Zhenzin Furniture Co., Ltd., and Dongguan Yongpeng Furniture Co., Ltd. (Shing Mark)	5.07%
Section A Respondents (“Separate Rate”)	8.64%
PRC-wide Entity	198.08%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE OF ACTION
Petition Filed	October 31, 2003
Initiation Date	December 17, 2003
ITC Preliminary Determination	January 12, 2004
ITA Preliminary Determination	June 17, 2004
ITA Amended Preliminary Determination	July 29, 2004
ITA Final Determination	November 8, 2004
ITC Final Determination	December 23, 2004
Signature of Order (Estimated)*	December 30, 2004

* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination from the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Import Statistics:

Import Value (\$US)	2000	2001	2002	2003
China	\$358,752,629	\$477,365,926	\$817,343,128	\$1,162,737,347
China as % of Total	24%	29%	40%	48%

Source: U.S. ITC Trade DataWeb for HTS 9403.50.9040 and 9403.50.9080 (<http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/REPORT.asp>). These figures are unadjusted and the full scope of this investigation includes merchandise categorized under HTS 9403.90.7000 and 7009.92.5000 as well. Please see the Product Description section of the Notice of Final Determination for a full description of the scope of this investigation.

SUBJECT MERCHANDISE

For purposes of this investigation, the product covered is wooden bedroom furniture. Wooden bedroom furniture is generally, but not exclusively, designed, manufactured, and offered for sale in coordinated groups, or bedrooms, in which all of the individual pieces are of approximately the same style and approximately the same material and/or finish. The subject merchandise is made substantially of wood products, including both solid wood and also engineered wood products made from wood particles, fibers, or other wooden materials such as plywood, oriented strand board, particle board, and fiberboard, with or without wood veneers, wood overlays, or laminates, with or without non-wood components or trim such as metal, marble, leather, glass, plastic, or other resins, and whether or not assembled, completed, or finished.

The subject merchandise includes the following items: (1) wooden beds such as loft beds, bunk beds, and other beds; (2) wooden headboards for beds (whether stand-alone or attached to side rails), wooden footboards for beds, wooden side rails for beds, and wooden canopies for beds; (3) night tables, night stands, dressers, commodes, bureaus, mule chests, gentlemen's chests, bachelor's chests, lingerie chests, wardrobes, vanities, chessers, chifforobes, and wardrobe-type cabinets; (4) dressers with framed glass mirrors that are attached to, incorporated in, sit on, or hang over the dresser; (5) chests-on-chests², highboys³, lowboys⁴, chests of drawers⁵, chests⁶, door chests⁷, chiffoniers⁸, hutches⁹, and armoires¹⁰; (6) desks, computer stands, filing cabinets, book cases, or writing tables that are attached to or incorporated in the subject merchandise; and (7) other bedroom furniture consistent with the above list.

2 A chest-on-chest is typically a tall chest-of-drawers in two or more sections (or appearing to be in two or more sections), with one or two sections mounted (or appearing to be mounted) on a slightly larger chest; also known as a tallboy.

3 A highboy is typically a tall chest of drawers usually composed of a base and a top section with drawers, and supported on four legs or a small chest (often 15 inches or more in height).

4 A lowboy is typically a short chest of drawers, not more than four feet high, normally set on short legs.

5 A chest of drawers is typically a case containing drawers for storing clothing.

6 A chest is typically a case piece taller than it is wide featuring a series of drawers and with or without one or more doors for storing clothing. The piece can either include drawers or be designed as a large box incorporating a lid.

7 A door chest is typically a chest with hinged doors to store clothing, whether or not containing drawers. The piece may also include shelves for televisions and other entertainment electronics.

8 A chiffonier is typically a tall and narrow chest of drawers normally used for storing undergarments and lingerie, often with mirror(s) attached.

9 A hutch is typically an open case of furniture with shelves that typically sits on another piece of furniture and provides storage for clothes.

10 An armoire is typically a tall cabinet or wardrobe (typically 50 inches or taller), with doors, and with one or more drawers (either exterior below or above the doors or interior behind the doors), shelves, and/or garment rods or other apparatus for storing clothes. Bedroom armoires may also be used to hold television receivers and/or other audio-visual entertainment systems.

Exclusions: The scope of the Petition excludes the following items: (1) seats, chairs, benches, couches, sofas, sofa beds, stools, and other seating furniture; (2) mattresses, mattress supports (including box springs), infant cribs, water beds, and futon frames; (3) office furniture, such as desks, stand-up desks, computer cabinets, filing cabinets, credenzas, and bookcases; (4) dining room or kitchen furniture such as dining tables, chairs, servers, sideboards, buffets, corner cabinets, china cabinets, and china hutches; (5) other non-bedroom furniture, such as television cabinets, cocktail tables, end tables, occasional tables, wall systems, book cases, and entertainment systems; (6) bedroom furniture made primarily of wicker, cane, osier, bamboo or rattan; (7) side rails for beds made of metal if sold separately from the headboard and footboard; (8) bedroom furniture in which bentwood parts predominate¹¹; (9) jewelry armories¹²; (10) cheval mirrors¹³ and (11) certain metal parts¹⁴.

Harmonized Tariff Classifications: Imports of subject merchandise are classified under statistical category 9403.50.9040 of the HTSUS as “wooden...beds” and under statistical category 9403.50.9080 of the HTSUS as “other...wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom.” In addition, wooden headboards for beds, wooden footboards for beds, wooden side rails for beds, and wooden canopies for beds may also be entered under statistical category 9403.50.9040 of the HTSUS as “parts of wood” and framed glass mirrors may also be entered under statistical category 7009.92.5000 of the HTSUS as “glass mirrors...framed.” This investigation covers all wooden bedroom furniture meeting the above description, regardless of tariff classification. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

¹¹ As used herein, bentwood means solid wood made pliable. Bentwood is wood that is brought to a curved shape by bending it while made pliable with moist heat or other agency and then set by cooling or drying. See Customs’ Headquarters’ Ruling Letter 043859, dated May 17, 1976.

¹²Any armoire, cabinet or other accent item for the purpose of storing jewelry, not to exceed 24" in width, 18" in depth, and 49" in height, including a minimum of 5 lined drawers lined with felt or felt-like material, at least one side door lined with felt or felt-like material, with necklace hangers, and a flip-top lid with inset mirror. See Memorandum from Laurel LaCivita to Laurie Parkhill, Office Director, Issues and Decision Memorandum Concerning Jewelry Armoires and Cheval Mirrors in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China dated August 31, 2004.

¹³Cheval mirrors, i.e., any framed, tiltable mirror with a height in excess of 50" that is mounted on a floor-standing, hinged base.

¹⁴Metal furniture parts and unfinished furniture parts made of wood products (as defined above) that are not otherwise specifically named in this scope (i.e., wooden headboards for beds, wooden footboards for beds, wooden side rails for beds, and wooden canopies for beds) and that do not possess the essential character of wooden bedroom furniture in an unassembled, incomplete, or unfinished form. Such parts are usually classified in subheading 9403.90.7000, HTSUS.

Companies Qualified for a “Separate Rate”/Section A Respondents

Alexandre International Corp., or Southern Art Development Ltd., or Alexandre Furniture (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., or Southern Art Furniture Factory
Art Heritage International, Ltd., or Super Art Furniture Co., Ltd., or Artwork Metal & Plastic Co., Ltd., or Jibson Industries Ltd., or Always Loyal International
Billy Wood Industrial (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd., or Great Union Industrial (Dongguan) Co., Ltd., or Time Faith Ltd.
Changshu HTC Import & Export Co., Ltd.
Cheng Meng Furniture (PTE) Ltd., or China Cheng Meng Decoration & Furniture Co., Ltd.
Chuan Fa Furniture Factory
Classic Furniture Global Co., Ltd.
Clearwise Co., Ltd.
COE Ltd.
Dalian Guangming Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dalian Huafeng Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Cambridge Furniture Co., or Glory Oceanic Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Chunsan Wood Products Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Creation Furniture Co., Ltd., or Creation Industries Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Grand Style Furniture, or Hong Kong Da Zhi Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Great Reputation Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Hero Way Woodwork Co., Ltd., or Dongguan Da Zhong Woodwork Co., Ltd., or Hero Way Enterprises Ltd., or Well Earth International Ltd.
Dongguan Hung Sheng Artware Products Co., Ltd., or Coronal Enterprise Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Kin Feng Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Kingstone Furniture Co., Ltd., or Kingstone Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Liaobushangdun Huada Furniture Factory, or Great Rich (HK) Enterprise Co. Ltd.
Dongguan Qingxi Xinyi Craft Furniture Factory (Joyce Art Factory)
Dongguan Singways Furniture Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Sunrise Furniture Co., or Taicang Sunrise Wood Industry Co., Ltd., or Shanghai Sunrise Furniture Co., Ltd., or Fairmont Designs
Dongying Huanghekou Furniture Industry Co., Ltd.
Dream Rooms Furniture (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.
Eurosa (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., or Eurosa Furniture Co., (PTE) Ltd.
Ever Spring Furniture Co. Ltd., or S.Y.C. Family Enterprise Co., Ltd.
Fine Furniture (Shanghai) Ltd.
Foshan Guanqiu Furniture Co., Ltd.
Fujian Lianfu Forestry Co., Ltd., or Fujian Wonder Pacific Inc.
Gaomi Yatai Wooden Ware Co., Ltd., or Team Prospect International Ltd., or Money Gainx International Co.
Garri Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd., or Molabile International, Inc., or Weei Geo Enterprise Co., Ltd.
Green River Wood (Dongguan) Ltd.
Guangming Group Wumahe Furniture Co., Ltd.

Hainan Jong Bao Lumber Co., Ltd., or Jibbon Enterprise Co., Ltd.
Hamilton & Spill Ltd.
Hang Hai Woodcraft's Art Factory
Hualing Furniture (China) Co., Ltd., or Tony House Manufacture (China) Co., Ltd., or Buysell Investments Ltd., or Tony House Industries Co., Ltd.

Jardine Enterprise, Ltd.
Jiangmen Kinwai Furniture Decoration Co., Ltd.
Jiangmen Kinwai International Furniture Co., Ltd.
Jiangsu Weifu Group Fullhouse Furniture Manufacturing. Corp.
Jiangsu Yuexing Furniture Group Co., Ltd.
Jiedong Lehouse Furniture Co., Ltd.
King's Way Furniture Industries Co., Ltd., or Kingsyear Ltd.
Kuan Lin Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd., or Kuan Lin Furniture Factory, or Kuan Lin Furniture Co., Ltd.
Kunshan Lee Wood Product Co., Ltd.
Kunshan Summit Furniture Co., Ltd.
Langfang Tiancheng Furniture Co., Ltd.
Leefu Wood (Dongguan) Co., Ltd., or King Rich International , Ltd.
Link Silver Ltd. (V.I.B.), or Forward Win Enterprises Co. Ltd., or Dongguan Haoshun Furniture Ltd.
Locke Furniture Factory, or Kai Chan Furniture Co., Ltd., or Kai Chan (Hong Kong) Enterprise Ltd., or Taiwan Kai Chan Co., Ltd.
Longrange Furniture Co., Ltd.
Nanhai Baiyi Woodwork Co., Ltd.
Nanhai Jiantai Woodwork Co., Ltd.
Nantong Dongfang Orient Furniture Co., Ltd.
Nantong Yushi Furniture Co., Ltd.
Nathan International Ltd., or Nathan Rattan Factory
Orient International Holding Shanghai Foreign Trade Co., Ltd.
Passwell Corporation, or Pleasant Wave Ltd.
Perfect Line Furniture Co., Ltd.
Prime Wood International Co., Ltd., or Prime Best International Co., Ltd., or Prime Best Factory, or Liang Huang (Jiaxing) Enterprise Co., Ltd.
PuTian JingGong Furniture Co., Ltd.
Qingdao Liangmu Co., Ltd.
Restonic (Dongguan) Furniture Ltd., or Restonic Far East (Samoa) Ltd.
RiZhao SanMu Woodworking Co., Ltd.
Season Furniture Manufacturing Co., or Season Industrial Development Co.
Sen Yeong International Co., Ltd., or Sheh Hau International Trading Ltd.
Shanghai Jian Pu Export & Import Co., Ltd.
Shanghai Maoji Imp and Exp Co., Ltd.
Sheng Jing Wood Products (Beijing) Co., Ltd., or Telstar Enterprises Ltd.
Shenyang Shining Dongxing Furniture Co., Ltd.
Shenzhen Forest Furniture Co., Ltd.
Shenzhen Jiafa High Grade Furniture Co., Ltd., or Golden Lion International Trading Ltd.
Shenzhen New Fudu Furniture Co., Ltd.

Shenzhen Wonderful Furniture Co., Ltd.
Shenzhen Xiande Furniture Factory
Shenzhen Xingli Furniture Co., Ltd.
Shun Feng Furniture Co., Ltd.
Songgang Jasonwood Furniture Factory, or Jasonwood Industrial Co., Ltd. S.A.
Starwood Furniture Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
Starwood Industries Ltd.

Strongson Furniture (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., or Strongson Furniture Co., Ltd., or Strongson (HK) Co.
Sunforce Furniture (Hui-Yang) Co., Ltd., or Sun Fung Wooden Factory, or Sun Fung Co.,
or Shin Feng Furniture Co., Ltd., or Stupendous International Co., Ltd.
Superwood Co., Ltd., or Lianjin Zongyu Art Products Co., Ltd.
Tarzan Furniture Industries Ltd., or Samsco Industries Ltd.
Teamway Furniture (Dong Guan) Ltd., or Brittomart Inc.
Techniwood Industries Ltd.
Tianjin Fortune Furniture Co., Ltd.
Tianjin Master Home Furniture
Tianjin Phu Shing Woodwork Enterprise Co., Ltd.
Tianjin Sande Fairwood Furniture Co., Ltd.
Tube-Smith Enterprise (ZhangZhou) Co., Ltd., or Tube-Smith Enterprise (Haimen) Co., Ltd.,
or Billonworth Enterprises Ltd.
Union Friend International Trade Co., Ltd.
U-Rich Furniture (Zhangzhou) Co., Ltd., or U-Rich Furniture Ltd.
Wanhengtong Nueevder (Furniture) Manufacture Co., Ltd., or Dongguan
Wanengtong Industry Co., Ltd.
Woodworth Wooden Industries (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd.
Xiamen Yongquan Sci-Tech Development Co., Ltd.
Jiangsu XiangSheng Bedtime Furniture Co., Ltd.
Xingli Arts & Crafts Factory of Yangchun
Yangchun Hengli Co. Ltd.
Yeh Brothers World Trade, Inc.
Yichun Guangming Furniture Co., Ltd.
Yida Co., Ltd., or Yitai Worldwide, Ltd., or Yili Co., Ltd., or Yetbuild Co., Ltd.
Yihua Timber Industry Co., Ltd.
Zhang Zhou Sanlong Wood Product Co., Ltd.
Zhangjiagang Zheng Yan Decoration Co., Ltd.
Zhangjiagang Daye Hotel Furniture Co., Ltd.
Zhangzhou Guohui Industrial & Trade Co. Ltd.
Zhanjiang Sunwin Arts & Crafts Co., Ltd.
Zhong Shan Fullwin Furniture Co., Ltd.
Zhongshan Fookyik Furniture Co., Ltd.
Zhongshan Golden King Furniture Industrial Co., Ltd.
Zhoushan For-Strong Wood Co., Ltd.