

FACT SHEET

Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Imports of Metal Calendar Slides from Japan

On January 26, the Department of Commerce announced its preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of Metal Calendar Slides from Japan. We preliminarily determined that Japanese producers/exporters have sold metal calendar slides in the U.S. market at less than fair value with a margin of 7.68 percent. As a result of this preliminary determination, the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise and to collect a bond or cash deposit based on the preliminary margin.

Next Steps: The Department will consider all submitted comments from interested parties along with other record evidence before making its final determination. If the Department makes a final determination that imports were sold below fair value in this investigation, and the International Trade Commission (ITC) makes a final affirmative determination that imports from Japan materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order and instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits on imports of subject merchandise.

Petitioners: The petition requesting this investigation was filed by Stuebing Automatic Machine Company, located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Product Description: The merchandise covered in this investigation is “V” and/or “U” shaped metal calendar slides manufactured from cold-rolled steel sheets, whether or not left in black form, tin plated or finished as tin free steel (TFS), typically with a thickness from 0.19 mm to 0.23 mm, typically in lengths from 152 mm to 915 mm, typically in widths from 12 mm to 29 mm when the slide is lying flat and before the angle is pressed into the slide (although they are not typically shipped in this “flat” form), that are typically either primed to protect the outside of the slide against oxidization or coated with a colored enamel or lacquer for decorative purposes, whether or not stacked, and excluding paper and plastic slides. Metal calendar slides are typically provided with either a plastic attached hanger or eyelet to hang and bind calendars, posters, maps or charts, or the hanger can be stamped form the metal body of the slide itself. These metal calendar slides are believed to be classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 7326.90.1000 (Other articles of iron and steel: Forged or stamped; but not further worked: Other: Of tinplate). This HTSUS number is provided for convenience and U.S. Customs and Border Protection purposes. The written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Preliminary Dumping Margin:

COMPANY	MARGIN
Nishiyama Kinzoku Co., Ltd.	7.68%
All Others Rate	7.68%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	June 29, 2005
DOC Initiation Date	July 19, 2005
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 15, 2005
DOC Preliminary Determination	January 25, 2006
DOC Final Determination*	April 10, 2006
ITC Final Determination**	May 25, 2006
Issuance of Order***	June 1, 2006

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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Import Statistics:

Japan	2003	2004
Volume (Kilograms)	57.1 MT	160.1 MT
Value (\$US)	\$477,821	\$1,928,600

Source: Port Import Export Reporting Services (PIERS); public 2005 import stats are not available at this time.