

FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations on Coated Free Sheet Paper from the Republic of Korea

- On November 21, the Department of Commerce (Department) announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of coated free sheet paper from the Republic of Korea.
- NewPage Corporation (OH) is the petitioner for these investigations.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes coated free sheet paper and paperboard of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes.
- Excluded from the scope are: (1) coated free sheet paper that is imported printed with final content printed text or graphics; (2) base paper to be sensitized for use in photography; and (3) paper containing by weight 25 percent or more cotton fiber.
- Coated free sheet paper is classifiable under subheadings 4810.13.1900, 4810.13.2010, 4810.13.2090, 4810.13.5000, 4810.13.7040, 4810.14.1900, 4810.14.2010, 4810.14.2090, 4810.14.5000, 4810.14.7040, 4810.19.1900, 4810.19.2010, and 4810.19.2090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about December 15, 2006.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from the Republic of Korea are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and the Department will be scheduled to make its preliminary countervailing duty determination in January 2007 and its preliminary antidumping duty determination in April 2007.

Estimated Dumping Margin/Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
Republic of Korea	71.81%	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries; less than 2% for developing countries.

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD Investigation	CVD Investigation
Petitions Filed	October 31, 2006	October 31, 2006
DOC Initiation Date	November 20, 2006	November 20, 2006
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 15, 2006	December 15, 2006
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	April 9, 2007	January 24, 2007
DOC Final Determinations*	June 25, 2007	April 9, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	August 7, 2007	August 7, 2007
Issuance of Orders***	August 14, 2007	August 14, 2007

* These deadlines 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:

Republic of Korea	2003	2004	2005
Volume (kilograms)	343,111,310	390,496,562	378,402,360
Value (\$US)	\$276,131,813	\$310,558,590	\$315,458,089

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 4810.13.1900, 4810.13.2010, 4810.13.2090, 4810.13.5000, 4810.13.7040, 4810.14.1900, 4810.14.2010, 4810.14.2090, 4810.14.5000, 4810.14.7040, 4810.19.1900, 4810.19.2010, and 4810.19.2090)