



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Laminated Woven Sacks from the People's Republic of China

- On July 19, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of imports of laminated woven sacks from the People's Republic of China.
- The petitioners for these investigations 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 these investigations is laminated woven sacks, which are typically used for retail packaging of consumer goods such as pet foods and bird seed. Laminated woven sacks consist of one or more plies of fabric of polypropylene strip and/or woven polyethylene strip; with or without an extrusion coating of polypropylene and/or polyethylene; laminated by any method either to an exterior ply of plastic film such as biaxially oriented polypropylene or to an exterior ply of paper that is suitable for high quality print graphics; printed with three colors or more in register; with or without lining; whether finished or unfinished; whether or not closed on one end; whether or not in roll form; with or without handles; with or without special closing features; not exceeding one kilogram in weight.
- 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

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about August 13.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, or materially retarding the establishment of a domestic industry, the investigation(s) will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary countervailing duty determination in September 2007 and its preliminary antidumping duty determination in December 2007.

Estimated Dumping Margin/Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
People's Republic of China	74.70 – 91.73%	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

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

Case Calendar:

EVENT	CVD Investigation	AD Investigation
Petitions Filed	June 28, 2007	June 28, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	July 18, 2007	July 18, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 13, 2007	August 13, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	September 21, 2007	December 5, 2007
DOC Final Determinations*	December 5, 2007	February 18, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	January 22, 2008	April 3, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	January 29, 2008 (est)	April 10, 2008 (est)

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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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.