FACT SHEET

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation on Imports of Metal Calendar Slides from Japan

On July 20, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation on imports of Metal Calendar Slides from Japan.

Next Steps: The International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about August 15. If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Japan are injuring or threatening material injury to the domestic industry, the investigation would continue and the Department would be scheduled to make its preliminary antidumping duty determination in December. If the ITC makes a negative preliminary injury determination, the investigation will be terminated.

Petitioners: The petition requesting this investigation was filed by Stuebing Automatic Machine Company (OH).

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.

Initiated Dumping Margin:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
Japan	22.09 to 48.24%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE	
Petition Filed	June 29, 2005	
DOC Initiation Date	July 19, 2005	
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 15, 2005	
DOC Preliminary Determination*	December 6, 2005	
DOC Final Determination*	February 20, 2006	
ITC Final Determination**	April 5, 2006	
Issuance of Order***	April 12, 2006	

^{*} These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

Import Statistics:

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

Source: Port Import Export Reporting Services (PIERS)

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

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