FACT SHEET

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Frozen and Canned Warmwater Shrimp from Brazil, Ecuador, India, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and Vietnam

On January 21, the Department announced the initiation of antidumping duty investigations on imports of certain frozen and canned warmwater shrimp from Brazil, Ecuador, India, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and Vietnam.

These investigations were initiated after having found that the petitions filed by the Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee met our statutory requirements.

Next Steps: The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to issue its preliminary injury determination on or before February 17. If the ITC should find that there is a reasonable indication that the domestic industry is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, as a result of imports of shrimp, the investigations would proceed, and the Department would be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in June 2004. If the ITC makes a negative determination on imports from one or more of the named exporting countries, then those investigations would be terminated.

Petitioner: The Petitions requesting the initiation of these investigations were filed on December 31, 2003 by The Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Action Committee, whose members are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

Product Description: Products covered include warmwater shrimp, whether frozen or canned, wild-caught (ocean harvested) or farm-raised (produced by aquaculture), head-on or head-off, shell-on or peeled, tail-on or tail-off, deveined or not deveined, cooked or raw, or otherwise processed in frozen or canned form.

Initiated Dumping Margins

Country	Alleged Margin Range		
Brazil	32% to 349%		
Ecuador	85% to 166%		
India	82.30% to 110.09%		
People's Republic of China	112.81% to 263.68%		
Thailand	57.64%		
Vietnam	25.76% to 93.13%		

Case Calendar

Event	Date		
Petitions Filed	December 31, 2003		
Initiation Date	January 20, 2004		
ITC Preliminary Determination*	February 17, 2004		
ITA Preliminary Determinations *	June 8, 2004		
ITA Final Determinations*	August 23, 2004		
ITC Final Determinations**	October 7, 2004		
Issuance of Order***	October 14, 2004		

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

Import Statistics

COUNTRY		2001	2002	YTD 2002	YTD 2003
				(JanSept.)	(JanSept.)
Brazil	volume (lbs)	21,637,547	39,074,057	30,346,498	42,021,938
	value (\$)	63,623,487	87,651,186	69,060,249	85,760,061
Ecuador	volume (lbs)	56,585,305	63,351,346	50,576,348	59,972,322
	value (\$)	215,295,629	192,328,302	154,642,788	171,149,985
India	volume (lbs)	71,794,406	96,653,945	76,053,528	72,962,222
	value (\$)	257,010,029	354,430,254	273,499,238	297,803,014
PRC	volume (lbs)	59,886,689	105,953,621	58,727,356	102,358,588
	value (\$)	181,492,512	285,277,518	154,913,160	254,133,661
Thailand	volume (lbs)	296,421,828	247,651,001	165,872,254	180,527,465
	value (\$)	1,253,321,999	956,439,633	627,936,063	631,355,920
Vietnam	volume (lbs)	72,817,861	96,996,029	66,263,576	88,008,329
	value (\$)	380,531,228	476,536,555	324,126,666	417,685,613

Source: ITC DataWeb

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

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