



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Investigations on Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from Brazil, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates

- On October 19, the Department of Commerce announced its decisions to initiate antidumping investigations on imports of polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip (PET Film) from Brazil, the People's Republic of China (China), Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The petitioners for these investigations are: DuPont Teijin Films (VA); Mitsubishi Polyester Film of America (SC); SKC, Inc. (GA); and Toray Plastics (America), Inc. (RI).
- PET Film is a clear, flexible, transparent, or translucent material produced from PET polymer, a linear, thermoplastic polyester resin.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes all gauges of raw, pre-treated, or primed PET Film, whether extruded or coextruded. Specifically excluded from the scope are metalized films and other finished films that have had at least one of their surfaces modified by the application of a performance-enhancing resinous or inorganic layer more than 0.00001 inches thick. Also excluded is Roller transport cleaning film which has at least one of its surfaces modified by application of 0.5 micrometers of SBR latex. Tracing and drafting film is also excluded. PET Film is used in hundreds of end-use applications such as packaging, industrial, electrical, magnetic media and imaging (e.g., video, audio, computer based, and floppy disk films).
- PET Film is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 3920.62.00.90. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- In 2006, the total volume of PET Film imports from Brazil was 6.68 million kilograms, valued at an estimated \$12.83 million; the total volume of imports from China was 21.49 million kilograms, valued at an estimated \$36.42 million; the total volume of imports from Thailand was 6.93 million kilograms, valued at an estimated \$12.14 million; and the total volume of imports from the UAE was 2.97 million kilograms, valued at an estimated \$5.56 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about November 13, 2007.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in March 2008.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
Brazil	13.08% – 44.36%
China	76.72%
Thailand	80.24%
UAE	35.44% - 73.23%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	September 28, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	October 18, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 13, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	March 6, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	May 20, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	July 7, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	July 14, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

BRAZIL	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	24,735	1,078,814	6,676,105
Value (\$US)	62,587	2,541,736	12,828,439
CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	8,214,866	15,876,980	21,492,433
Value (\$US)	15,438,767	28,591,583	36,420,791
THAILAND	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	8,020,364	9,480,578	6,926,859
Value (\$US)	14,873,552	18,739,606	12,144,097
UAE	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	18,576	1,347,794	2,966,832
Value (\$US)	40,558	2,590,784	5,556,593

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 3920.62.00.90)