

FACT SHEET

Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation on Imports of Certain Orange Juice from Brazil

On February 8, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation on imports of certain orange juice from Brazil.

Next Steps: On or about March 7, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to issue its preliminary determination as to whether the domestic industry is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, as a result of imports of subject merchandise from Brazil. Should the ITC make an affirmative preliminary determination, the Department would then be scheduled to make its preliminary determination in June 2005.

Petitioners: The petition requesting this investigation was filed on December 27, 2004, by Florida Citrus Mutual; A. Duda & Sons (doing business as Citrus Belle); Citrus World, Inc.; Peace River Citrus Products, Inc.,¹ and Southern Garden Citrus Processing Corp. (doing business as Southern Gardens).

Determination of Industry Support: Based on analysis of the data collected from responses to the Department's industry support questionnaire, we determined that the petitioners have demonstrated industry support representing 57.86 percent of the production of oranges for processing and certain orange juice, well above the threshold required by the statute.

Product Description: The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain orange juice for transport and/or further manufacturing, produced in two different forms: 1) frozen orange juice in a highly concentrated form, sometimes referred to as frozen concentrated orange juice for further manufacturing (FCOJM); and 2) pasteurized single-strength orange juice which has not been concentrated, referred to as Not-From-Concentrate (NFC).

Existing Antidumping Orders: There is an existing antidumping duty order on frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) from Brazil. Therefore, the scope of this investigation with regard to FCOJM covers only FCOJM produced and/or exported by those companies that were excluded or revoked from the existing antidumping order on FCOJ from Brazil as of December 27, 2004. Those companies are: Cargill Citrus Limitada; Citrosuco Paulista S.A.; Coopercitrus Industrial Frutesp; Frutropic S.A., Montecitrus Industria e Comercio Limitada; and Sucocitrico Cutrale S.A.

Initiated Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
BRAZIL	24.12-60.29%

¹Peace River Citrus Products, Inc. withdrew as a petitioner in this proceeding on January 31, 2005.

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petition Filed	December 27, 2004
DOC Initiation Date	February 7, 2005
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 7, 2005
DOC Preliminary Determination*	June 27, 2005
DOC Final Determination*	September 12, 2005
ITC Final Determination**	November 3, 2005
Issuance of Order***	November 10, 2005

* 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:

	2002	2003	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004
Volume (liters)	446,649,835	876,398,111	809,940,730	572,606,633
Value (\$US)	\$74,366,862	\$158,041,309	\$149,251,995	\$93,899,886

Source: U.S. ITC Trade DataWeb for HTS categories 20091100, 20091225, 20091245, and 20091900