



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Preliminary Dumping of Certain Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China

- On January 21, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of certain tow-behind lawn groomers and certain parts thereof (tow-behind lawn groomers) from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold tow-behind lawn groomers in the United States at 12.07 to 324.43 percent less than normal value.
- Mandatory respondents Jiashan Superpower Tools Co., Ltd. and Princeway Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd. received dumping rates of 324.43 and 12.07 percent, respectively.
- Two Chinese exporters qualified for a separate rate 168.25 percent. All other exporters will receive the China-wide rate of 324.43 percent.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioner for this investigation is Agri-Fab, Inc. (IL).
- Tow-behind lawn groomers are defined as non-motorized tow-behind lawn sweepers, aerators, dethatchers, and spreaders, where such products are designed to incorporate a hitch and are intended to be towed behind a lawn tractor, all terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, riding lawn mower, or similar vehicle. All tow-behind lawn groomers are designed to be used in the care and maintenance of lawn and turf.
- Tow-behind lawn groomers are currently classifiable under the subheadings 8432.40.0000, 8432.80.0000, 8432.80.0010, 8432.90.0030, 8432.90.0080, 8479.89.9896, 8479.89.9897, and 9603.50.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is final and conclusive.
- From 2005 to 2007, the petitioner estimated that imports of tow-behind lawn groomers from China increased 339 percent by volume. In 2007, imports were valued at an estimated \$9 million.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in June 2009.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes an affirmative final determination that imports of tow-behind lawn groomers from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty dumping order.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	MARGIN
Jiashan Superpower Tools Co., Ltd.	324.43
Princeway Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd.	12.07
SEPARATE RATE RESPONDENTS	
Nantong Duobang Machinery Co., Ltd.	168.25
Qingdao Huatian Truck Co., Ltd.	168.25
China-Wide	324.43

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DEADLINE
Petitions Filed	June 24, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	July 14, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 21, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	January 16, 2009
DOC Final Determination	June 6, 2009
ITC Final Determination*	July 21, 2009
Issuance of Orders**	July 28, 2009

*This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by the Department of Commerce.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (pcs.)	25,700	80,250	112,850
Value (\$US)	2,280,100	4,991,100	8,920,100

Source: Petitioner's estimates of the volume and value of U.S. imports of subject merchandise from the PRC, as noted in the petition.