



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Frontseating Service Valves from the People's Republic of China

- On October 16, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of imports of frontseating service valves (FSVs) from the People's Republic of China (China). FSVs are used to isolate sections of an air-conditioning system during installation and servicing, and to permit technicians to provide refrigerant charging and evacuating capabilities.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that exporters/producers from China have sold FSVs in the United States at 15.41 to 55.62 percent below normal value.
- Mandatory respondents, Zhejiang Sanhua Co., Ltd. and Zhejiang DunAn Hetian Metal Co., Ltd., received preliminary dumping rates of 15.41 and 26.72 percent, respectively. All other exporters will receive the China-wide rate of 55.62 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 the preliminary rates.
- Parker-Hannifin Corporation (Cleveland, OH) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is FSVs, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. The scope includes FSVs of any size, configuration, material composition or connection type.
- FSVs are classifiable under subheading 8481.80.1095, and also have been classified under subheading 8415.90.80.85, of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is final and conclusive.
- From 2005 to 2007, imports of FSVs from China increased 51 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$24 million in 2007.

## NEXT STEPS

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

## PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
Zhejiang Sanhua Co., Ltd./Zhejiang Sanhua Co., Ltd.	15.41%
Zhejiang DunAn Hetian Metal Co., Ltd./ Zhejiang DunAn Hetian Metal Co., Ltd.	26.72%
China-Wide Entity	55.62%

## CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	March 19, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	April 8, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 5, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 15, 2008
DOC Final Determination	March 6, 2009
ITC Final Determination*	April 20, 2009
Issuance of Order**	April 27, 2009

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

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## IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (pieces/units)	6,749,848	10,540,589	13,746,657
Value (\$US)	8,419,174	16,136,988	24,034,148

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 8481.80.1095).