



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China, South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

- On July 31, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of imports of uncovered innerspring units (innersprings) from the People's Republic of China (China), South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese, South African, and Vietnamese producers/exporters have sold innersprings in the United States at 118.17 to 234.51 percent, 121.39 percent, and 116.31 percent less than normal value, respectively.
- The preliminary margins for the South Africa and Vietnam investigations are based on adverse facts available because exporters from these countries failed to respond to Commerce's requests for information. The preliminary margin for one Chinese mandatory respondent is also based on adverse facts available as it failed to cooperate to the best of its ability in the investigation.
- As a result of these preliminary determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rates.
- Leggett & Platt, Incorporated (MO) is the petitioner for these investigations.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes uncovered innerspring units composed of a series of individual metal springs joined together in sizes corresponding to the sizes of adult mattresses and units used in smaller constructions, such as cribs and youth mattresses. Also included are innersprings typically ranging from 30.5 inches to 76 inches in width and 68 inches to 84 inches in length. Innersprings for crib mattresses typically range from 25 inches to 27 inches in width and 50 inches to 52 inches in length.
- Innersprings are currently classifiable under subheading 9404.29.9010 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be classified under subheadings 7320.20.5010, 7320.90.5010, 7326.20.0070, or 9404.10.0000. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is controlling.
- In 2007, imports of innersprings from China, South Africa, and Vietnam were valued at an estimated \$13.7 million, \$3.6 million, and \$657,000 respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determinations in October 2008.
- If Commerce makes final affirmative determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes a final determination that imports of innersprings from China, South Africa, and Vietnam materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping orders.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER		MARGIN
SOUTH AFRICA	Bedding Component Manufacturers (Pty) Ltd.		121.39%
	All Others		121.39%
	EXPORTER/PRODUCER		
VIETNAM	Vietnam-Wide Rate		116.31%
	EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
CHINA	Foshan Jingxin Steel Wire & Spring Co., Ltd.	Foshan Jingxin Steel Wire & Spring Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	SEPARATE-RATE RESPONDENTS		
	Anshan Yuhua Industrial Trade Co., Ltd.	Anshan Yuhua Industrial Trade Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	East Grace Corporation	Wuxi Xihuisheng Commercial Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	Hebei Yilian Furniture Co., Ltd.	Hebei Yilian Furniture Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	Nanjing Meihua Import & Export Trade Co., Ltd.	Nanjing Dongdai Furniture Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	Xilinmen Group Co., Ltd.	Xilinmen Furniture Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	Zhejiang Sanmen Herod Mattress Co., Ltd.	Zhejiang Sanmen Herod Mattress Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	Zibo Senbao Furniture Co., Ltd.	Zibo Senbao Furniture Co., Ltd.	118.17%
	China-Wide Entity*		234.51%

*Mandatory respondent Soho International Group Holding Co., Ltd., did not qualify for a separate rate and is part of the China-wide entity.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	December 31, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	January 22, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determinations	February 14, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations	July 30, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	October 13, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	November 27, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	December 4, 2008

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

** 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)	1,535,508	1,322,295	1,059,488
Value (\$US)	18,171,628	16,626,212	13,682,416
SOUTH AFRICA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (Units)	154,125	441,847	227,288
Value (\$US)	3,341,549	7,137,934	3,561,562
VIETNAM	2005	2006	2007
Volume (Units)	35,208	170,950	104,295
Value (\$US)	467,643	1,573,274	656,688

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 9404.29.9010)