

## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Countervailing Duties on Coated Free Sheet Paper from Korea

- On March 30, the Commerce Department announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on imports of coated free sheet paper from Korea. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Korean producers/exporters have received net countervailable subsidies ranging from 0.04 (*de minimis*) percent to 1.76 percent. As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise and to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rates.
- NewPage Corporation (OH) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The scope of the investigation includes coated free sheet paper and paperboard of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes (coated free sheet paper).
- Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (1) coated free sheet paper that is imported printed with final content printed text or graphics; (2) base paper to be sensitized for use in photography; and (3) paper containing by weight 25 percent or more cotton fiber.
- Coated free sheet paper is classifiable under subheadings 4810.13.1900, 4810.13.2010, 4810.13.2090, 4810.13.5000, 4810.13.7040, 4810.14.1900, 4810.14.2010, 4810.14.2090, 4810.14.5000, 4810.14.7040, 4810.19.1900, 4810.19.2010, and 4810.19.2090 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 this investigation is dispositive.

### NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination on or about June 13, 2007, although this deadline can be postponed through mid-October.

**Preliminary Countervailable Subsidy Rate:**

<b>Producer/Exporter</b>	<b>SUBSIDY RATE</b>
<b>EN Paper Mfg Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>0.08% (<i>de minimis</i>)</b>
<b>Hansol Paper Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>1.76%</b>
<b>Kyesung Paper Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>0.59% (<i>de minimis</i>)</b>
<b>Moorim Paper Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>0.04% (<i>de minimis</i>)</b>
<b>All Others</b>	<b>1.76%</b>

**Case Calendar:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Petition Filed</b>	<b>October 31, 2006</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>November 20, 2006</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>December 15, 2006</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>March 30, 2007</b>
<b>DOC Final Determination*</b>	<b>June 13, 2007</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination**</b>	<b>July 30, 2007</b>
<b>Issuance of Order***</b>	<b>August 6, 2007</b>

\* 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:**

<b>Korea</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Volume (kg)</b>	<b>390,496,562</b>	<b>378,402,360</b>	<b>427,483,347</b>
<b>Value (\$US)</b>	<b>\$310,558,590</b>	<b>\$315,458,089</b>	<b>\$362,453,521</b>

Source: U.S. ITC Dataweb (HTS 4810.13.1900, 4810.13.2010, 4810.13.2090, 4810.13.5000, 4810.13.7040, 4810.14.1900, 4810.14.2010, 4810.14.2090, 4810.14.5000, 4810.14.7040, 4810.19.1900, 4810.19.2010, and 4810.19.2090)