



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations on Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China, South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

- On January 23, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate antidumping duty investigations on imports of uncovered innerspring units 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 fair value.
- 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.
- Uncovered innerspring units are 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 dispositive.
- In 2006, imports of uncovered innerspring units from China were valued at an estimated \$16.6 million; imports from South Africa were valued at an estimated \$7.1 million; and imports from Vietnam were valued at an estimated \$1.6 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about February 14, 2008.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China, South Africa, and Vietnam are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in June 2008. If the ITC makes negative preliminary injury determinations, these investigations will be terminated.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
CHINA	55.95% - 234.51%
SOUTH AFRICA	121.39%
VIETNAM	116.31%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	December 31, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	January 22, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determinations	February 14, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	June 9, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	August 22, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	October 6, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	October 14, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (Pieces)	693,535	1,535,508	1,322,295
Value (\$US)	8,062,038	18,171,628	16,626,212
SOUTH AFRICA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (Units)	0	154,125	441,847
Value (\$US)	0	3,341,549	7,137,934
VIETNAM	2004	2005	2006
Volume (Units)	0	35,208	170,950
Value (\$US)	0	467,643	1,573,274

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