



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China**

- On July 15, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of imports of certain tow-behind lawn groomers and certain parts thereof 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. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioner for these investigations 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, 8432.90.0030, 8432.90.0080, 8479.89.9897, 8479.90.9496, 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, imports of tow behind lawn groomers from China increased 339 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$9 million in 2007.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about August 8.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination on September 17, and its preliminary AD determination on December 1.

**ALLEGED DUMPING MARGIN RANGE/SUBSIDY RATE:**

	<b>MARGIN</b>	<b>SUBSIDY RATE</b>
<b>CHINA</b>	<b>154.72%</b>	<b>Above <i>de minimis</i></b>

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CVD INVESTIGATION</b>	<b>AD INVESTIGATION</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>June 24, 2008</b>	<b>June 24, 2008</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>July 14, 2008</b>	<b>July 14, 2008</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>August 8, 2008</b>	<b>August 8, 2008</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determinations*</b>	<b>September 17, 2008</b>	<b>December 1, 2008</b>
<b>DOC Final Determinations*</b>	<b>December 1, 2008</b>	<b>February 16, 2009</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination**</b>	<b>January 15, 2009</b>	<b>March 31, 2009</b>
<b>Issuance of Orders***</b>	<b>January 22, 2009</b>	<b>April 7, 2009</b>

\* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

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

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