



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Uncovered Innerspring Units from South Africa and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

- On October 15, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of imports of uncovered innerspring units (innersprings) from South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam). Innersprings are used in the manufacture of innerspring mattresses. Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce determined that South African and Vietnamese exporters/producers have sold innersprings in the United States at 121.39 percent and 116.31 percent less than normal value, respectively.
- All exporters from South Africa, including mandatory respondent Bedding Component Manufacturers (Pty) Ltd., received a final dumping rate of 121.39 percent.
- All exporters from Vietnam received a final dumping rate of 116.31 percent.
- The final margins in 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.
- As a result of these final determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final 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 innerspring units typically ranging from 30.5 inches to 76 inches in width and 68 inches to 84 inches in length. Innerspring units 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 final and conclusive.
- In 2007, imports of innersprings from South Africa and Vietnam were valued at an estimated \$3.6 million and \$657,000 respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or before November 28.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative determination that imports of innersprings from South Africa and Vietnam materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD orders. If the ITC makes a negative injury determination, these investigations will be terminated.

FINAL 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%

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 14, 2008
ITC Final Determination	November 28, 2008
Issuance of Orders*	December 5, 2008

* This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by both Commerce and the ITC.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

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)