

FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Frontseating Service Valves from the People's Republic of China

- On March 9, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty investigation of imports of frontseating service valves (FSVs) from the People's Republic of China (China). FSVs are used to isolate sections of an airconditioning system during installation and servicing, and to permit technicians to provide refrigerant charging and evacuating capabilities.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce determined that Chinese exporters/producers have sold FSVs in the United States at 12.95 to 55.62 percent less than normal value.
- Mandatory respondents, Zhejiang Sanhua Co., Ltd. and Zhejiang DunAn Hetian Metal Co., Ltd., received final dumping rates of 28.44 and 12.95 percent, respectively. All other exporters will receive the China-wide rate of 55.62 percent.
- As a result of this final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rates.
- Parker-Hannifin Corporation (Cleveland, OH) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is FSVs, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. The scope includes FSVs of any size, configuration, material composition or connection type.
- FSVs are classifiable under subheading 8481.80.10.95, and also have been classified under subheading 8415.90.80.85, of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description governs the scope of this investigation.
- For 2008, imports of FSVs from China were valued at an estimated \$15.5 million. The HTSUS codes for this investigation are basket categories, covering subject merchandise and other products.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to issue its final injury determination on or before April 20.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of FSVs from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping order.

FINAL DUMPING MARGINS:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
Zhejiang Sanhua Co., Ltd./Zhejiang Sanhua Co., Ltd.	28.44%
Zhejiang DunAn Hetian Metal Co., Ltd./ Zhejiang DunAn Hetian Metal Co., Ltd.	12.95%
China-Wide Entity	55.62%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE	
Petition Filed	March 19, 2008	
DOC Initiation Date	April 8, 2008	
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 5, 2008	
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 15, 2008	
DOC Final Determination	March 6, 2009	
ITC Final Determination	April 20, 2009	
Issuance of Order*	April 27, 2009	

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

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (pieces/units)	10,540,589	13,746,657	9,684,948
Value (\$US)	16,136,988	24,034,148	15,540,683

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 8481.80.1095). The HTSUS codes for this investigation are basket categories, covering subject merchandise and other products.