

FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Polyester Staple Fiber from China

- On April 11, the Commerce Department announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty investigation of certain polyester staple fiber (PSF) from China. Dumping is when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair market value (which for companies in China is based on their production inputs valued at market-economy costs).
- Commerce determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold PSF in the United States at 3.47 to 44.30 percent less than normal value. Commerce has also determined that one respondent, Cixi Jiangnan Chemical Co., Ltd., did not sell PSF at less than normal value and will be excluded from any subsequent antidumping order. As a result of this final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect a cash deposit or bond at the rate of the final dumping margins.
- If the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order and instruct CBP to collect cash deposits based on this order.
- Dak Americas, LLC (NC), Nan Ya Plastics Corporation America (SC), and Wellman, Inc. (NJ), are the petitioners in the investigation.
- The merchandise subject to this proceeding is synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more in diameter. This merchandise is cut to lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The subject merchandise may be coated, usually with silicon or other finish, or not coated. PSF is generally used as stuffing in sleeping bags, mattresses, ski jackets, comforters, cushions, pillows, and furniture. The products under investigation are currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.
- From 2005 to 2006, imports of PSF from China increased by 18 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$111 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

• The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination on or about May 18, 2007. Under the law, the ITC examines whether the U.S. industry is injured or threatened with injury by imports of the subject merchandise. If the ITC makes negative final injury determinations, the investigations will be terminated.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE	
Petition Filed	June 23, 2006	
Initiation of Investigation	July 13, 2006	
DOC Preliminary Determination	December 26, 2006	
DOC Final Determination	April 10, 2007	
ITC Final Determination	May 18, 2007	
Issuance of Order*	May 25, 2007	

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

FINAL RATES:

EXPORTER	DUMPING MARGIN
Cixi Jiangnan Chemical Co., Ltd.	De minimis
Far Eastern Industries (Shanghai) Ltd.	3.47%
Ningbo Dafa Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	4.86%
Separate-Rate Respondents (See Attachment)	4.44%
China-Wide Rate	44.30%

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	32,332,508	88,393,411	107,817,694
Value (\$US)	29,708,186	93,260,470	110,824,479

Source: ITC Dataweb: HTSUS 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065

SEPARATE RATE RESPONDENTS

PSF FROM CHINA - WEIGHTED-AVERAGE DUMPING MARGINS		
Exporter & Producer	Weighted-Average Deposit Rate	
Cixi Sansheng Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	4.44 %	
Cixi Santai Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	4.44 %	
Cixi Waysun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd.	4.44 %	
Hangzhou Best Chemical Fibre Co., Ltd.	4.44 %	
Hangzhou Hanbang Chemical Fibre Co., Ltd.,	4.44%	
Hangzhou Huachuang Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Hangzhou Sanxin Paper Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Hangzhou Taifu Textile Fiber Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Jiaxang Fuda Chemical Fibre Factory	4.44%	
Nantong Luolai Chemical Fiber Co. Ltd.	4.44%	
Nanyang Textile Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Suzhou PolyFiber Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Xiamen Xianglu Fiber Chemical Co.	4.44%	
Zhaoqing Tifo New Fiber Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Zhejiang Anshun Pettechs Fibre Co., Ltd.	4.44%	
Zhejiang Waysun Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd	4.44%	
China-Wide Rate	44.30%	