



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China

- On September 11, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation of imports of steel wire garment hangers from the People's Republic of China (China).
- The petitioner for this investigation is M&B Metal Products Company, Inc. (AL).
- The scope of this investigation covers certain steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes. Steel wire garment hangers are produced primarily for use by the dry cleaning, industrial laundry, textile, and uniform rental industries.
- Steel wire garment hangers are classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS) under the HTSUS subheading 7326.20.00, and reported under statistical reporting number, 7326.20.0020. While HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- This investigation excludes wooden, plastic, or other garment hangers that are covered under separate subheadings of the HSTUS.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of steel wire garment hangers from China increased nearly 230 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$45 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about October 1.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determination on January 28, 2008.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
China	203% - 618%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	July 31, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	September 10, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	October 1, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination*	January 28, 2008
DOC Final Determination*	April 11, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	May 27, 2008
Issuance of Order***	June 2, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute, and will take place only in the event of a preliminary affirmative determination by the ITC.

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

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Import Statistics:

COUNTRY		2004	2005	2006
China	Value (\$US)	24,381,880	31,438,807	45,253,567
	Volume (pieces)	773,683,893	1,044,700,856	1,777,679,847

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 7326.20.0020)