



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China

- On August 8, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of steel wire garment hangers from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping is when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce determined that exporters of steel wire garment hangers from China have sold steel wire garment hangers in the United States at 15.44 to 186.98 percent less than fair value.
- The two mandatory respondents Shanghai Wells Hanger Co Ltd. and Shaoxing Metal Companies received final dumping rates of 15.44 and 94.06 percent respectively. Thirteen exporters qualified for a separate rate of 54.75 percent. All other exporters received a China-wide rate of 186.98 percent.
- As a result of this determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rates.
- 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 subheading 7326.20.00, and reported under statistical reporting number, 7326.20.0020. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- Excluded from the scope of this investigation are wooden, plastic, and other garment hangers that are not made of steel wire
- From 2006 to 2007, imports of steel wire garment hangers from China increased 52 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$68.5 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or before September 22.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative determination that imports of steel wire garment hangers from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If the ITC makes a negative injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

Final Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGINS
Shanghai Wells Hanger Co Ltd.	15.44%
Shaoxing Metal Companies	94.06%
China Wide Rate	186.98%
Separate Rate Respondents (See Attached)	54.75%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	July 31, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	September 10, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	October 18, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination	March 18, 2008
DOC Final Determination	August 7, 2008
ITC Final Determination*	September 22, 2008
Issuance of Order**	September 29, 2008

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

Import Statistics:

	2005	2006	2007
Value (\$US)	31,438,807	45,253,567	68,519,407
Volume (pieces)	1,044,700,856	1,777,679,847	2,697,369,183

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

SEPARATE RATES

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
Jiangyin Hongji Metal Products Co., Ltd	54.75%
Shaoxing Meideli Metal Hanger Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Shaoxing Dingli Metal Clotheshorse Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Shaoxing Liangbao Metal Manufactured Co. Ltd.	54.75%
Shaoxing Zhongbao Metal Manufactured Co. Ltd.	54.75%
Shangyu Baoxiang Metal Manufactured Co. Ltd.	54.75%
Zhejiang Lucky Cloud Hanger Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Pu Jiang County Command Metal Products Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Shaoxing Shunji Metal Clotheshorse Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Ningbo Dasheng Hanger Ind. Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Jiaxing Boyi Medical Device Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Yiwu Ao-Si Metal Products Co., Ltd.	54.75%
Shaoxing Guochao Metallic Products Co., Ltd.	54.75%