## FACT SHEET

## Amended Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Imports of Certain Lined Paper Products from the People's Republic of China

On May 19, the Department of Commerce (Department) issued its amended preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of certain lined paper products (CLPP) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). We preliminarily found PRC producers/exporters have sold certain lined paper products in the U.S. market at less than fair value, with margins ranging from 80.18 to 258.21 percent. As a result of this amended preliminary determination, the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise and to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rates.

Next Steps: The Department will consider all submitted comments from interested parties along with other record evidence before making its final determination, currently scheduled for August 2006. If the Department makes a final determination that imports were sold below fair value by PRC producers/exporters, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes a final affirmative determination that imports from the PRC materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order and instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits on imports of subject merchandise.

Application of Total Adverse Facts Available: The preliminary dumping margin for imports of CLPP from the PRC-wide entity ( 258.21 percent) is based on adverse facts available.

PRC Companies Qualifying for a Separate Rate: Based on the separate-rate applications submitted by PRC producers/exporters, the Department has preliminarily determined that 22 additional companies have demonstrated an absence of government control, a requirement for separate-rate status. The Department will apply the weighted-average dumping margin of the mandatory PRC respondents ( 137.62 percent) to these companies for purposes of the preliminary determination.

Critical Circumstances: The petitioners alleged that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of CLPP from the PRC. The Department has preliminarily determined that there is sufficient evidence to warrant a finding that critical circumstances exist with respect to all PRC producers/exporters except for the Watanabe Group, Lian Li, and 14 of the separate-rate respondents (see chart).

Petitioners: The petition requesting this investigation was filed by the Association of American School Paper Suppliers, an ad hoc trade association whose members are located in Ohio, Tennessee, and Georgia.

Product Description: The scope of this investigation includes certain lined paper products, typically school supplies, composed of or including paper that incorporates straight horizontal and/or vertical lines on ten or more paper sheets, including but not limited to such products as
single- and multi-subject notebooks, composition books, wireless notebooks, looseleaf or glued filler paper, graph paper, and laboratory notebooks. Merchandise subject to this investigation is typically imported under headings $4820.10 .2050,4810.22 .5044,4811.90 .9090$ of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The tariff classifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive. For a complete scope description, see the preliminary determination Federal Register notice.

Amended Preliminary Margins:

| PRC | EXPORTER | PRODUCER |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Shanghai Lian Li Paper <br> Products Co., Ltd. | Shanghai Lian Li Paper <br> Products Co., Ltd.; Sentian <br> Paper Products Co., Ltd; <br> Shanghai Miaopaofang Paper <br> Products Co., Ltd.; Shanghai <br> Pudong Wenbao Paper <br> Products Co., Ltd.; Changsu <br> Changjiang Printing Co., Ltd.; <br> or Shanghai Loutang |
|  | The Watanabe Group - <br> (Watanabe Paper Product <br> (Shanghai) Co., Ltd; Watanabe <br> Paper Product (Linqing) Co., <br> Ltd., or Hotrock Stationary <br> (Shenzen) Co. | The Watanabe Group - <br> (Watanabe Paper Product <br> (Shanghai) Co., Ltd; Watanabe <br> Paper Product (Linqing) Co., <br> Ltd.; or Hotrock Stationary <br> (Shenzen) Co. |
|  | Ningbo Guangbo Imports and <br> Exports Co., Ltd. | Ningbo Guangbo Imports and <br> Exports Co., Ltd. |
|  | Yalong Paper Products <br> (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. | Yalong Paper Products <br> (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. |
|  | Suzhou Industrial Park Asia <br> Pacific Paper Converting Co, <br> Ltd. | Suzhou Industrial Park Asia <br> Pacific Paper Converting Co, <br> Ltd. |
|  | $137.62 \%$ |  |
|  | Dongguan Shipai Tonzex <br> Electronics Plastic Stationary <br> Funshine International Group <br> (HK) Ltd. <br> Stationary Co., Ltd.; or Hua <br> Lian Electronics Plastic <br> Stationary Co., Ltd. | $\mathbf{1 3 7 . 6 2 \%}$ |
|  |  | $137.62 \%$ |


| Suzhou Industrial Park YouYou Trading Co., Ltd. | Linqing YinXing Paper Co., <br> Ltd.; Jiaxing Seagull Paper <br> Products Co., Ltd.; Shenda <br> Paper Product Factory; Lianyi <br> Paper Product Factory; <br> Changhang Paper Product <br> Factory; Tianlong Paper <br> Product Factory; Rugao Paper <br> Printer Co., Ltd.; or Yinlong <br> Paper Product Factory | 137.62\% |
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| You-You Paper Products (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. | Rugao Paper Printing Co. Ltd | 137.62\% |
| Planet International Company Ltd. | Shanghai Gloves \& Headwear I/E Co., Ltd.; Shanghai East Best Arts \& Crafts Co., Ltd.; Mengcheng County No. 3 Printing Factory; or Shanghai Huhui Paper Product Factory | 137.62\% |
| Planet (Hong Kong) <br> International Company, Ltd. | Shanghai Gloves \& Headwear I/E Co., Ltd.; Shanghai East Best Arts \& Crafts Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Arts \& Crafts Imp. \& Exp. Shanghai Pudong Co., Ltd.; Shanghai Xin Zhi Liang Cultural Product Co., Ltd; Mengcheng County No. 3 Printing Factory; Shanghai Huhui Paper Product Factory; or Shanghai Hongxiang Material Sales Co. | 137.62\% |
| Hajiang Stationary (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. | Hajiang Stationary (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
| Orient International Holding Shanghai Foreign Trade Co., Ltd. | Yalong Paper Products <br> (Kuhshan) Co., Ltd.; Shanghai Comwell Stationary Co., Ltd; Yeuzhou Paper Co., Ltd., or Changsu Guangming Stationary Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |


|  | Shanghai Foreign Trade Enterprise Co., Ltd.* | Shanghai Xin Zhi Liang Culture Products., Co., Ltd.; Shangyu Zhongsheng Paper Products Co., Ltd.; Shanghai Miaoxi Paper Products Factory; or Shanghai Xueya Stationary Co., Ltd.; | 137.62\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Anhui Light Industries International Co., Ltd. | Shanghai Pudong Wenbao Paper Products Factory; or Foshan City Wenhai Paper Factory | 137.62\% |
|  | Fujian Hengda Group Co., Ltd.* | Fujian Hengda Group Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | Changsu Changjiang Printing Co., Ltd.* | Changsu Changjiang Printing Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | Jiaxiang Te Gao Te Paper Products Co., Ltd. | Jiaxing Seagull Paper Products Co., Ltd.; or Jiaxing Boshi Paper Products Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | Chinapack Ningbo Paper Products Co., Ltd. | Jiaxing Te Gao Te Paper Products Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | Linqing Silver Star Paper Products Co., Ltd.* | Linqing Silver Star Paper Products Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | Wah Kin Stationary and Paper Product Limited* | Shenzhen Baoan Waijing Development Company | 137.62\% |
|  | Shanghai Pudong Wenbao Paper Products Factory* | Shanghai Pudong Wenbao <br> Paper Products Factory; <br> Linqing Glistar Paper Products <br> Co., Ltd.; Changshu <br> Changjiang Printing Co., Ltd.; or Linqing Silver Star Paper Products Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | Essential Industries Limited | Dongguan Yizhi Gao Paper Products Ltd. | 137.62\% |
|  | MGA Entertainment (HK) Limited | Kon Dai (Far East) Packaging Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |


|  | Paperline Limited* | Shanghai Pudong Wenbao Paper Products Factory; Linqing Glistar Paper Products Co., Ltd.; Changshu Changjiang Printing Co., Ltd.; Linqing Silver Star Paper Products Co., Ltd.; Jiaxing Te Gao Te Paper Products Co., Ltd.; Yantai License Printing \& Making Co., Ltd.; or Anhui Jinhua Import \& Export Co., Ltd. | 137.62\% |
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|  | PRC-Wide** |  | 258.21\% |

* Critical Circumstances were found to exist for these companies
** Atico International (HK) \& Atico Overseas Ltd., a mandatory PRC respondent that did not respond to the Department's antidumping questionnaire, is considered part of the PRC-wide entity.

Case Calendar:

| Event | Date (PRC) |
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| Petition Filed | September 9, 2005 |
| Initiation Date | September 29, 2005 |
| ITC Preliminary Determination | October 24, 2005 |
| DOC Preliminary Determination | April 7, 2006 |
| DOC Final Determination | August 28, 2006 |
| ITC Final Determination** | October 12, 2006 |
| Issuance of Order*** | October 19, 2006 |

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.
** This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination from the Department of Commerce.
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## Import Statistics:

| PRC | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Volume (units) | $198,342,549$ | $227,449,268$ | $\mathbf{3 3 4 , 2 7 6 , 5 1 0}$ |
| Value (\$US) | $108,440,632$ | $125,459,579$ | $163,864,427$ |

Source: U.S. ITC DataWeb under HTSUS subheadings 4820.10.2050, 4810.22.5044, and 4811.90.9000. In calculating the import volume for HTSUS subheadings 4811.90 .9000 and 4810.22 .5044 , the Department converted import data obtained from the DataWeb into a unit basis by dividing the reported total weight (in kilograms) by 0.491262 kilograms, the per unit weight of the most common filler paper product ( 150 -count filler paper), as indicated by Petitioner. See Petition, Volume I, page 9 , Footnote 1. HTSUS subheading 4820.10.2050 did not require conversion.

